

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

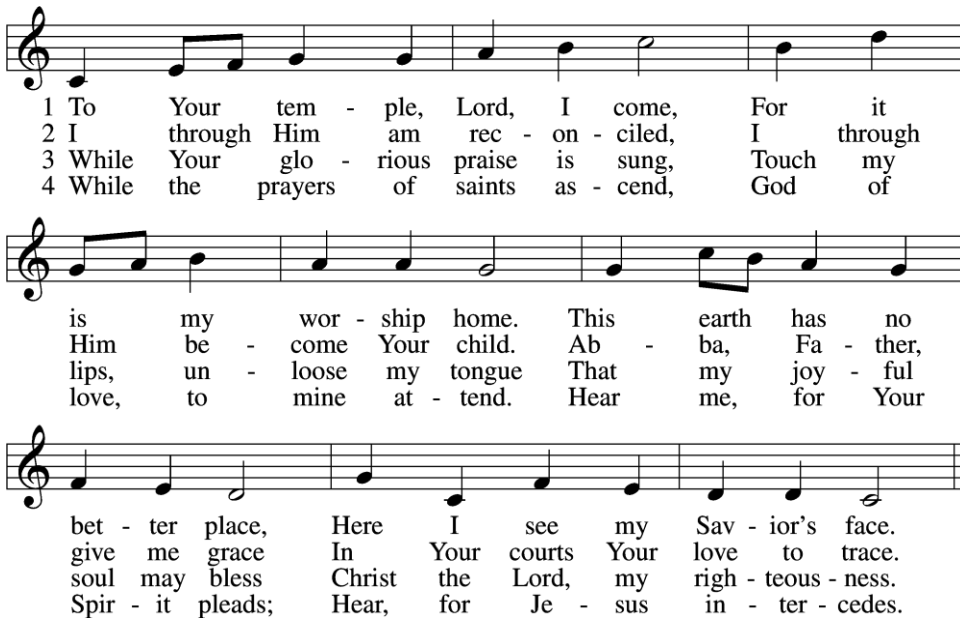
Fargo, North Dakota

Pre-Service Music, including "Praise and Thanksgiving" & "This Is My Father's World," arr. by Martha Meier

Welcome

Opening Hymn **"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"**

(LSB 981)



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

- 5 **While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.**
- 6 **While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.**
- 7 **From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."**

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Invocation, Confession & Absolution

LSB 151

Introit

Psalm 69:14-16; antiphon: v 9



**For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.**

Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*
or the pit close its mouth | over me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.**

Kyrie (*sung*)

LSB 152-153

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

R: The Old Testament reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, chapter twenty.

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of

those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

R: The Epistle is written in First Corinthians, chapter one.

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse (Lent)

(LSB 157)

G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the second chapter.

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451

Sermon

“Jesus Is the Temple”

Psalms 69:7-9

Creed (8) Nicene Creed; (11) Apostles’ Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering *(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)*

Special Music: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. by Amy L. Potter

+ Service of the Sacrament – 8 am +

(Guests and visitors please refer to guideline “Preparation for Holy Communion”, printed on the inside of the bulletin cover.)

Communion Liturgy

LSB 160ff

Distribution Hymns

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

LSB 624

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

LSB 529

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction

LSB 166

Announcements

Closing Hymn ***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*** ***LSB 426***

Service Without Holy Communion – 11 am

Hymn ***“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”*** ***LSB 529***

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect, Benediction

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The Board for Human Care is hosting a food drive for the Emergency Food Pantry over the month of March. All items will receive a proportional match through Minnesota

FoodShare! See display in the Welcome Hall.

Immanuel is hosting a week of volunteering at the Emergency Food Pantry April 8th-12th. Volunteer times run from 9:30am-12pm and 1-4pm. See sign-up in the Sign-Up Center.

