LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Third Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Worship! Jealousy...shame...anger.... We're used to thinking of these emotions in a negative light. But can these emotions be good—even holy? The answer is a resounding, "Yes!" In the Old Testament reading from Exodus, God says, "I the LORD your God am a jealous God." God is rightfully jealous of our affections, because in Baptism, we belong to Him. How about shaming others? In the Epistle Paul says God shames those who are wise and the strong in the world's eyes. His purpose in shaming them is ultimately that those who falsely believe they are wise and strong would turn to the LORD for their wisdom and strength. Then comes the devotion and anger Jesus demonstrates in today's Gospel as He drives out the money-changers. God's anger warns, invites, and wounds us for His greater work of redemption.

All of these emotional reactions from God have one thing in common: they demonstrate God's passion for His people, and also His intenseness in wanting to give them every gift He has for them. When the Psalmist says, "Zeal for Your house consumes me," we see a picture of the devotion and love God has for His people.

Today's hymns allude to God's passion as well. The Entrance Hymn asks God that He would "shame our wanton selfish gladness." The Hymn of the Days requests, "While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with humble awe." The Sending Hymn asks that God would lead us on the delightful road of His commands.

Jealousy...shame...anger...awe...delight. Those are some of the reactions today's worship invites us to ponder. It's a great opportunity to take in God's holy passion and revel in it. After all, it demonstrates His fondness and favor for you!

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in which He feeds us with His body and blood. The Lutheran Church recognizes the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in this Sacrament, and we ask all who attend the Sacrament to share this faith with us. Members of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune. **If you are a guest and want to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder before the Service prior to communing.** Please indicate your attendance at communion by signing the communion registration sheet on the desk by the outer door. At the center of the communion

tray, there are glasses with a reduced amount of wine for those who don't wish to have as much wine when they commune. Please speak to the pastor before the service if you wish to receive a gluten-free communion wafer.

Divine Service Setting 1

Pastoral Greeting

+ Confession and Absolution +

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

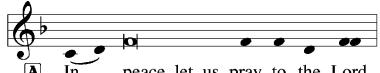
+ Service of the Word +

850 God of Grace and God of Glory



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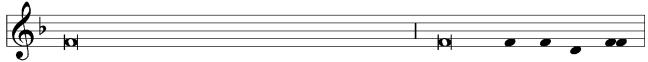
Kyrie Mark 10:47



peace let us pray to the Lord. In



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

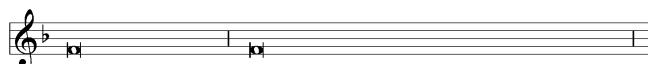




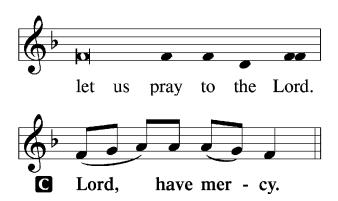
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

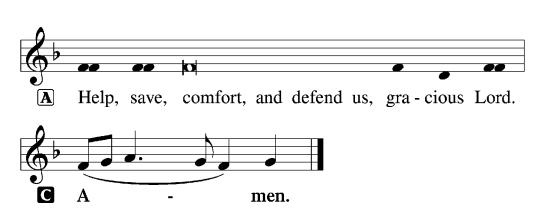




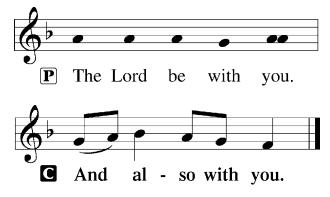


and for all who offer here their worship and praise For this holy house





Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"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.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but 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. ¹¹For 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.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel John 2:13–22

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



¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my

Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CATECHISM The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

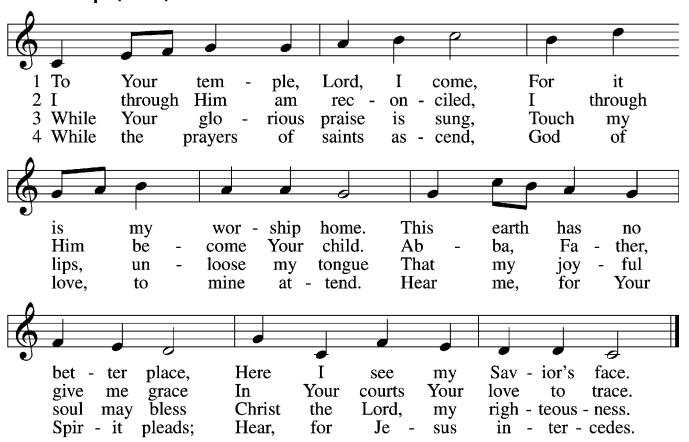
AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

P: How can water do such great things?

C: Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." [Titus 3:5–8]

Sit

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- 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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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...In thanks to You, Jesus, for the holy passion You have for each of us, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- P For Your guidance upon our President, Joseph, our Governor, Anthony, and our city leaders; for the defeat of terrorism, and for protection for those who serve in the military and for those who serve as police and firefighters, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- P For all Christians who are persecuted, that they would remain faithful to You, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.
- P In praise and thanks to You, Lord, for the countless blessings You freely give us, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- P For the growth of Living Savior that our numbers and faith would increase, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

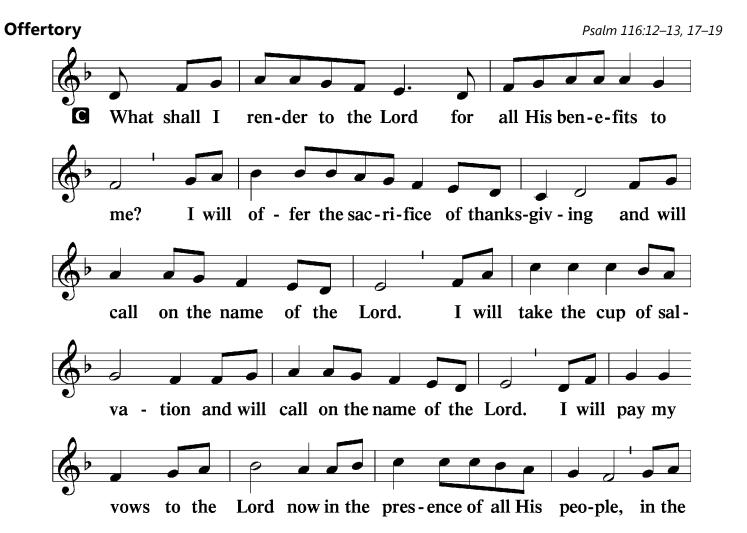
- P For all Your people on the campus of UWW, that you would bless the work of their hands, Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
- P For all who need Your help in any way especially, ..., Lord, in Your mercy,
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Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering

Stand





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

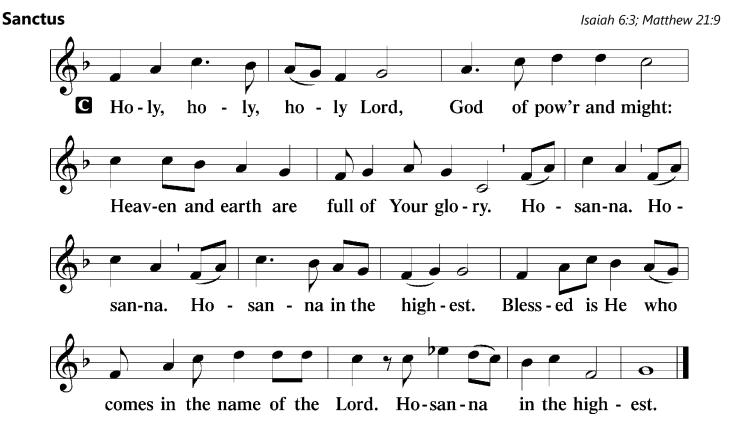
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast

in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

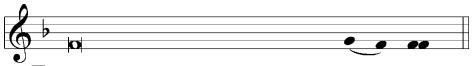
The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
 - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

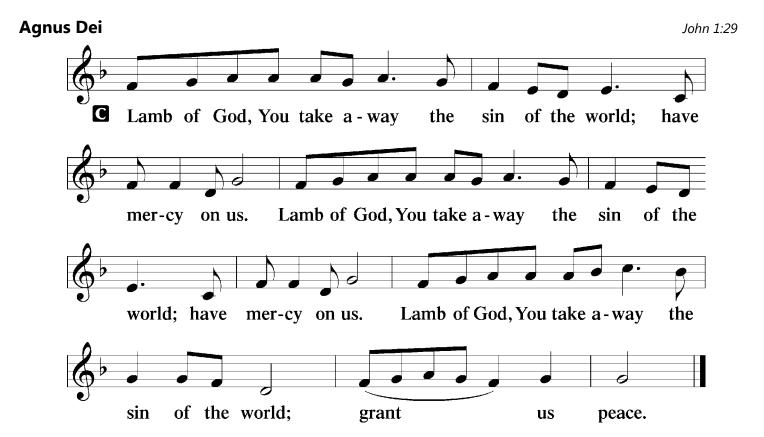
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways





Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

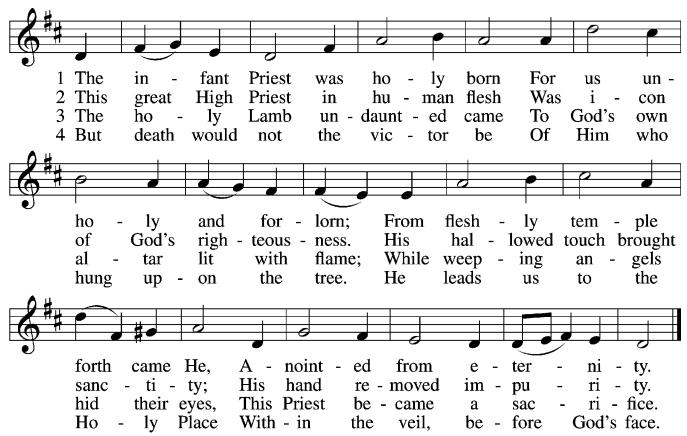
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.
- With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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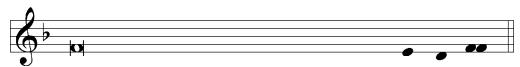
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

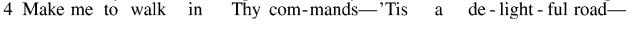
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—





that my God would grant me grace To know and do Oh. His will! do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear. sin have no for - get Thy way, And should I e'er Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep. heart or hands Of-fend a-gainst my Nor let my head or God.

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