

Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021



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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen 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 swallow 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 beginning,**

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You 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. ⁷You 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. ⁸Remember 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. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING (10 am) “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (arr. Zabel)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

428 CROSS OF JESUS, CROSS OF SORROW

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

- 2 Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.
- 3 O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!
- 4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

SERMON "Destruction All Around" John 2:13-25

CREED Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service – Apostles' Creed
(Creed can be found on the screens)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

Late service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly meet, 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:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

MUSICAL OFFERING “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (arr. Zabel)

707 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

G Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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.

G Amen.

850 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

POSTLUDE "God of Grace" (arr. Manz)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13

Monday: Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32

Tuesday: Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50

Wednesday: Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12

Thursday: Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31

Friday: Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52

Saturday: Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, health issues

Rick, hospitalized

Larry, heart issues

Del, health issues

Camilla, 8 year old with brain cancer

Jack, ongoing health issues

Dave, recovery

Eunice, Health Issues

Blake

Al, health issues

Jim, cancer

Larry, health issues

Tony, hospice

Patrick, health issues

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Carrie, healing from a stroke

Linda, brain cancer

Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer

Julie, pancreatic cancer

Jerry's sister, Pat, recovery

Vonna, eye

Lauren's mother

Mara's brother, cancer

Michael, accident recovery

Berklee

Janette's father, Dan, hospice

Tom, cancer

Ken, health

The Wilson family, house fire

Savior Families: Devin, Bill & Gail, David & Family, Roger & Caroline, Gerhard & Hilde, Marilyn

Hymn of the Week "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction