

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24, 2019



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

C: You call Your people to turn to You and live.

P: Therefore, we turn to You, Father, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Hear us as we come before You in the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

P: Father, Your voice of truth confronts us in our sin.

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

P: Your Son stands as the watchman over Your house, calling us to repentance and faith.

C: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: Your Spirit leads us to acknowledge our rebellion against You so that, confessing our sins, we might receive Your pardon and peace.

C: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

INTROIT

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

P: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C: For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.

P: The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

C: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.

C: Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷ “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions

and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? ¹² "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³ Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴ Again, though I say to the wicked, You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵ if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷ "Yet your people say, The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹ And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. ²⁰ Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

*P: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,*

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹ I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the

spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "The Law of God is Good and Wise" *LSB 579 vs. 1,2,5,6*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE and THANKSGIVING

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 is the Son of Man who stands as a watchman for all of God's children. We give thanks that this watchman is the only-begotten Son of God who offered His life upon the cross so that we might turn from sin and live.

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.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

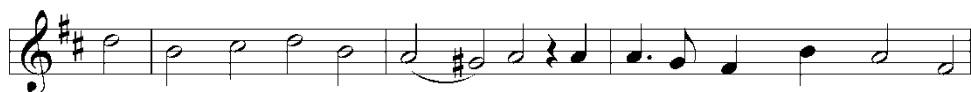
AGNUS DEI LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" LSB 627

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN "Rock of Ages" *LSB 761*

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/24/19 – 3/31/19)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Wednesday: 2nd year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1st year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending March 17, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$8,058.25; Blessings: \$22.00

Attendance: Thursday: 42; Sunday: 134

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES are taking place on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Join us as we delve into the Lenten theme: "The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!"

BLOOD DRIVE has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2 from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. A sign-up sheet is located on the podium in the fellowship area. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING Bible class this week.

BOOK DRIVE is being held through March. Please donate new or gently used books for all ages to fill a new lending library being placed at Airport Park on Lakeshore Drive, Schofield. Books and bookmarkers will also be distributed to Little Lambs Daycare and multiple other organizations throughout the community. Elsie Brzezinski is promoting reading at early childhood in the community as an effort to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award for Leadership & Volunteer work. THANK YOU for your participation!

Christ Lutheran Church is one of the supporting congregations of **GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES**, a local organization which offers jail and nursing home ministries. Brian Otten's three year term on the GWCS board ended in January. If you would like to represent our congregation on this board, please see Brian.

THE HOPE LIFE CENTER 2019 BANQUET will be held in Wausau on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain. This year we will be offering two options, an 11:30am lunch or a 6:00pm dinner. Our keynote speaker will be Kurt Dillinger, executive director of LIFE International located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. See Sandi Michaelis if you are planning on attending.

MARCH HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will be going to Children's Service Society.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"The Virgin Mary's womb became the dwelling place of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word by whom all things were made. Within the first month, the heart of the Logos in human flesh was beating, like ours, with electrical impulses, pumping blood through His body, blood He would later shed for our sins. But the full miracle of the Incarnation was not just in seeing the Man in the flesh but much more: in Mary's Son we saw with our eyes real things that are only visible by their effects: divine mercy, love, compassion, faith, meekness, and justice." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James –* (www.lutheransforlife.org)