

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2020



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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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DIVINE SERVICE: Setting Two

HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"LSB 427

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 84:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 84:5

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

P: Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

C: 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.

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING*Romans 5:1-8*

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – ⁸ but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.***C: Thanks be to God.****VERSE FOR LENT**

C 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*John 4:5-26*

⁵ So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the

well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

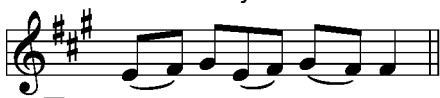
THE CONFIRMATION OF MARGARET PAIGE ERICKSON

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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

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:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all-availing 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive".....LSB 609

(During Lent, "Thank the Lord" is not sung.)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



HYMN "How Wide the Love of Christ"LSB 535

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/15/20 – 3/22/20)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am – Confirmation of Maggie Erickson;
Christian Education, 10:30am

Tuesday: Board of Elders, 6:00pm; Community Meal

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class, 5:15pm

Thursday: Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Friday: Jack Baumann Visitation, 9:30am; Funeral, 11:00am

Saturday: Barb Mueller Visitation, 12:00pm; Memorial Service,
1:30pm

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending March 8, 2020)

General & Building Funds: \$14,437.76; Blessings: \$19.19

Attendance: Thursday: 75; Sunday: 126

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: The Trial of Judas Iscariot: The Punishment Phase, Thursdays at 6:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Maggie Erickson as she is confirmed in the faith today!

WE HAVE COMPLETED the Operation Baby Bottle (OBB) fundraiser for this year. I wish to thank all who participated. I've returned the bottles to Hope Life Center. Two bottles are still outstanding. If you have these bottles please return them to me. – Sandi Michaelis.

THE COMMUNITY MEAL at St. Paul's will be March 17th. We have decided to have a soup supper with a ham sandwich this time. Bruce Anklam has graciously said he would make a Nesco of Chicken Dumpling Soup for us. We want a vegetable soup as the other choice. If there is someone who would be willing to make a Nesco of this let me know. Otherwise we will need 3 crock pots of vegetable soup. There is a signup sheet on the podium in the fellowship hall for donations and volunteers. We will mostly need monetary donations. Thank you. – Sandi Michaelis

THE HOPE LIFE CENTER BANQUET FUNDRAISER is April 27th. I have reserved a luncheon table under the name of Christ Lutheran Church. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rib Mountain and starts at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$28 per person. Keynote speaker is Kirk Walden who has 30 years of experience in the pro-life area. See me, Sandi Michaelis, if you wish to join our table.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option “6”.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God’s high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear.”
Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – (www.lutheransforlife.org)