



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, Third Sunday in Lent – March 11th, 2018

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: As we enter into the Season of Lent, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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

ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 488 - Make Me a Captive, Lord

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Our Dearest Lord Jesus, today we celebrate the verse in John that God so Loved the World that he gave His only-begotten Son to die for us that we might have eternal life with You in Heaven, Thank you Lord for this precious gift to us. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

The Bronze Serpent

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-9 (ESV) *(Recited responsively whole verse by whole verse, Congregation in **Bold**)*

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Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. End

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

By Grace Through Faith

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **For God So Loved the World**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON: 'For God So Loved the World', Pastor Steve Dygert

SERMON HYMN: 280 – Amazing Grace, vs 2,4,5

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – The Old Rugged Cross – Dean Carson

The Doxology will be sung as the offering is brought to the altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 585 – Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing, vs 1,2

AARONIC BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL- Congregational Song- Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	Let there be peace on earth
	And let it begin with me

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

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EASTER BRUNCH: We have had a request to postpone our Easter Brunch due to having so many families in town for Easter. We will discuss this after worship today in order to make a final decision.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: During Holy Week there will be no worship after Bible Study on Wednesday. Maundy Thursday services will begin after our Soup and Sandwich Meal at 5:15. The Good Friday Service will be held at 6 pm and will finish in a darkened room. Our Easter Service will be at our regular time of 10 am, and there will be no Bible Study after Easter Services. We have an exciting event planned for Easter Sunday with a small brass group performing Easter Morning. Plan to join us for an exciting week of worship

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

We Serve Today, February 11th:

Reader: Sheryl Sinico

Offering: Jeff & Bev Cisco

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson

Greeter: Jeanne Keyser

We Serve Next Sunday, February 18th:

Reader: Tina Mennenga

Offering: Jeff & Bev Cisco

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson

Greeter: Jeanne Keyser

We Serve Next Sunday, February 18th:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert

Asst. Pastor: Rev Tony Alonzo

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Bible Study 1: Sunday 11 A.M. Sunday

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M

Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC

