



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 3, 2024**

**Divine Setting 1**

## WELCOME TO FAITH

**We are celebrating the Lord's Supper.** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence, that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink of our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. [Also, page 329 in the hymnal can be helpful](#) (click to view on-line).

If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, please note that a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed there in the center of each tray for you.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book and on page 308 of the LSB. ("Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10a)*

*Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

*HYMN OF INVOCATION*

**Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow** (1 Corinthians) LSB 428

- 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!

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***(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 ✝ 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.**

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

**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.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*INTROIT*

Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en  
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 swal- | low 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 be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en  
on me.

*KYRIE*

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** 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 mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **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. Amen.**

*ANTHEM "Calvary's Mountain"*

*Moore*

*Parish Adult Choir Tim Dietrich, baritone*

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Exodus 20:1–17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

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

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

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

<sup>7</sup>“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.

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

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“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.”

**L** 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, despis-  
| ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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

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

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

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, 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.



**C** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13–22

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And 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. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

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

NICENE CREED

**C** 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.**

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

*Michael Yurk, D.C.E.*

*HYMN OF THE DAY*

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** (1 Corinthians) LSB 425

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
    On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
    And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
    Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
    I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
    Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
    Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
    That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
    Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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SERMON “Just a Word About the Cross”

OFFERING “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

Southwick

Bethany Olsen, trumpet

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on  
the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name  
of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all  
His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A** Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house  
of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences  
and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from  
every nation, language, and background. On our hearts  
imprint Your image,
- C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery  
in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so  
teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so  
that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On  
our hearts imprint Your image,
- C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and

death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**A** Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**A** Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**A** Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**A** Lord Jesus Christ, mercifully bless the Christian education of Your children in our parish that they may grow up in Your fear to the praise of Your holy name. Bless our Christian Day School and all other settings in which our children are brought closer to You. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**A** Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### *PREFACE*

LSB 160

**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 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*

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

**Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which

is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 163

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

**C** Amen.

*DISTRIBUTION*

*VOLUNTARY* “Wondrous Love”  
*Ensemble*

*Tipton*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN*

***How Firm a Foundation*** (Exodus)

LSB 728

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.



The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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*NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 165

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word  
has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have  
prepared in the sight of ev’ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your  
people Israel.  
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.

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

## *BENEDICTION*

LSB 166

- 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.**

## *CLOSING HYMN*

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory** (1 Corinthians) LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
    Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
    All the light of sacred story  
    Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
    Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
    Never shall the cross forsake me;  
    Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
    Light and love upon my way,  
    From the cross the radiance streaming  
    Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
    By the cross are sanctified;  
    Peace is there that knows no measure,  
    Joys that through all time abide.

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✠ THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN. ✠

✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠  
✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

Preacher	Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.
Assistant	Mr. Timm Leikip
Children's Message	Mr. Michael Yurk, D.C.E.
Music Director	Mr. Michael Neas, M.M.
Acolyte	Dominic Herrick
Lector	Pastor Marc Spaeth
Communion Assistant	Elder John Singelsether

*The altar flowers today have been placed by Ruth and Joe  
Armstrong in memory of loved ones.*

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