

Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Service Book Page 203 Divine Service Setting 4 Order Of Holy Communion



Confession and Absolution

861 Christ Be My Leader



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will perish. For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;* evil may not | dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;* you hate all evil- | doers. You destroy those | who speak lies;* the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.* I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;* make your way straight be- | fore 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 the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will perish.



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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.

Sit

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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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?' ¹¹Say 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. ¹³Though 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. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if 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. ¹⁶None 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. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹LORD, you were favorable | to your land;* vou restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your | people;* vou covered | all their sin. ³You withdrew | all your wrath;* you turned from your hot | anger. ⁴Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,* and put away your indignation | toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us for- | ever?* Will you prolong your anger to all gener- ations? ⁶Will you not revive | us again,* that your people may re- | joice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,* and grant us your sal- | vation. ⁸Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,* for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,* that glory may dwell | in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;* righteousness and peace kiss each | other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,* and righteousness looks down | from the sky. ¹²Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,* and our land will yield its | increase. ¹³Righteousness will go be- | fore him* and make his foot- | steps a way.

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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyer. ¹¹Now 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. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And 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?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then 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.

Nicene Creed

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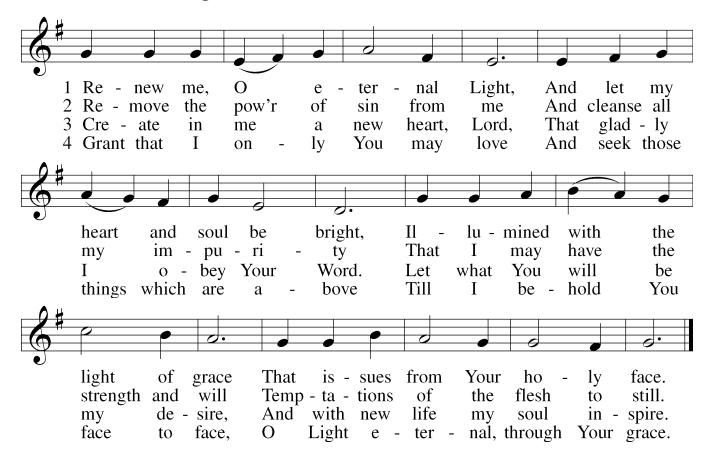
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

Sit

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



TITLE OF THE SERMON: **"The Correct Question"**

TEXTS: Luke 13:1-9 DATE: 3-23-25 LITURGICAL DAY: 3rd Sunday in Lent

Theme: What is the proper spiritual direction for the season of Lent? In the midst of disaster, what is the proper response? What is the incorrect and the correct question?

I. REPENTANCE

II. FAITH

III. BEARING FRUIT

CONCLUSION:

True spiritual discipline is being concerned first of all with your OWN spiritual state: Am I living a life of repentance, faith and good works?
We are saved by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ – crucified and risen.
The reality of our justification before God in the merits of Christ – as a healthy tree; will be evidenced in our lives by sanctification – as a tree bearing good fruit.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or blue (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you. Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses. The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

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Prayer of the Church

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Ember Ward, Kandie Darmody, Betty Tinney, Jean Faulkner, Doug & Gwen Gransberg, John Depe, Allen Smith, Steve Bute, Ken & Pat Ortgies, Mike Wendte, Amy Moeller, Steve Amendt, Gerry Hughes, Mike Knox, Fern Stine

Bereavement

Pray for the family of Lief Stratmoen's brother-in-law, David Pence, who passed away on March 18th.

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
- * Pray for the protection of the unborn.
- * Pray for rain and disaster relief for the victims of the wildfires.

Military Service Members & their Families

Gabe Stecker, Mike Gobble, Alex Laffin, Eli Wiley, Calvin Ullman Pray for peace for Syria, Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

Birthdays				
Trey Hines	3/25	Michelle Nehrenz	3/25	
Rick Grieshaber	3/26	Lupe Sepulveda	3/26	
Hadley Bruss	3/27	Emily Schuster	3/27	
Jan Merchant	3/27	Kathy Nehrenz	3/28	
Lawrence Rytlewski	3/28	n e spanne a la resta com 🕊 dan a resta consta de senten da		
Cadence Gobble	3/28			
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Frank & Maria Richartz	3/26/1988	37
Stan & Misty Sendelbach	3/29/2003	22

Missions

The Rev. Roberto and Kathryn Weber serve the Lord as career missionaries through The LCMS in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Roberto teaches at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba and serves as a pastor at a mission station in Santiago. He also brings along seminarians to Santiago to mentor them in pastoral practice.

Offering

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"Were You There?"

Service of the Sacrament

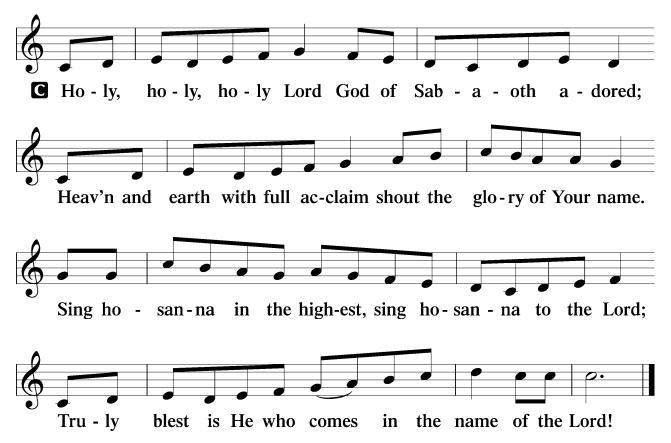
Stand **Preface**

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- **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.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

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."

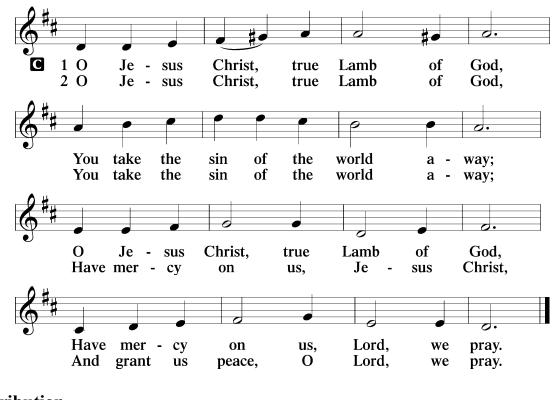
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



Distribution

Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

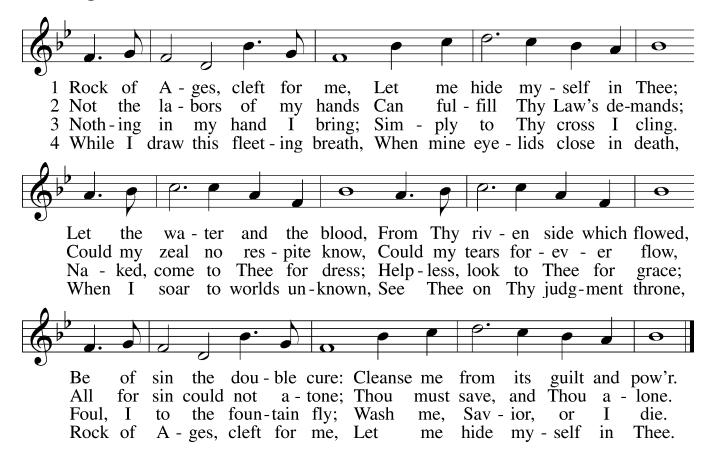
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart
 in peace.
- **C** Amen.

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- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.



421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

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.



Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

