

Third Sunday in Lent
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WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK: Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Patricia Willoughby

INVOCATION:

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

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 85:1-4a, 12-13*

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger

People: restore us again, O God of our salvation!

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

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

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

OPENING HYMN: "O God of Our Salvation" Melody: Valet Will Ich Dir Geben)

O God of our salvation,
show favor to Your land;
great Lord of restoration,
extend Your mighty hand.
Lead us to true repentance
that turns from evil ways
yet clings by faith to Jesus,
Whose holy name we praise.

O God of our salvation,
show favor to Your land;
great Lord of restoration,
extend Your mighty hand.
Be faithful to Your promise;
the way for us provide
to overcome temptation
through Christ, the Crucified.

O God of our salvation,
show favor to Your land;
great Lord of restoration,
extend Your mighty hand.
Our souls enrich and nourish
that we in faith increase
to bear, by Your good Spirit,
much fruit of grace and peace.

Walter Pohland, 2022

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Beloved, 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Most merciful Father, draw us in repentance to Your Son Jesus Christ that beneath His cross our sins may be forgiven and our faith may be strengthened for discipleship that honors Him and serves others in His name; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Ezekiel 33:7–20*

“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. 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. 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.

“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?’ 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?

“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. 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. 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, 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. 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.

“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. 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.”

RESPONSORY: Psalm 85:8

Lector: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, His saints.

People: but let them not turn back to folly.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

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

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 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.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 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. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 85:7, 9a

Lector: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1–9

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

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. 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?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN: “O Love, How Deep” (LSB, #544)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON: “More Manure, Please” (*Luke 13:6-9*)

OFFERTORY:

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

PREFACE

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE for Lent

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



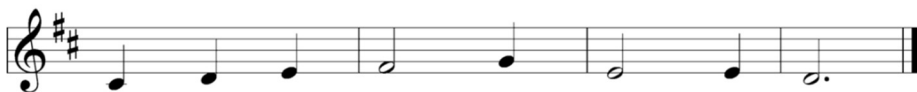
You take the sin of the world a - way;

You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be served in continuous stations. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who You are and fill me
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who You are and fill me,
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love;
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone,
And I will not be shaken.
(repeat)

Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who You are and fill me,
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Lord I Need You"

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord I need You, oh I need You.
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” (LSB, #623)

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,

The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones
home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: 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

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION: (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB, #923)

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here

May all at last in heav'n appear.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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DISMISSAL:

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Proclaimer & Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians:

Lauren Brezina (piano), Adam Perez (guitar), Codie Templeman (vocals)

Organist: Karen Darby

8:15 Lay Reader: Michael Weil

11:00 Lay Reader: Mike Whittaker

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch