The Lutheran Church of the Savior A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Order of Worship

March 7, 2021 9:45 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

Divine Service

Invocation	
P	In the name of the Father and of the + Son Matthew 28:19 and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P C	In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. <i>Psalm 5:3</i>
P C	My mouth is filled with Your praise,And with Your glory all the day.Psalm 71:8
P	O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth will declare Your praise. Psalm 51:15
Opening SongOnly By GraceGustafson	
Verse, Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus x2, Verse	
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Prayer of Confession

- Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- **C** We have not lived our lives according to your will.
- P We have failed to live up to your expectations.
- **•** We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession and Absolution

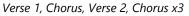
- P Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you:
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- 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.

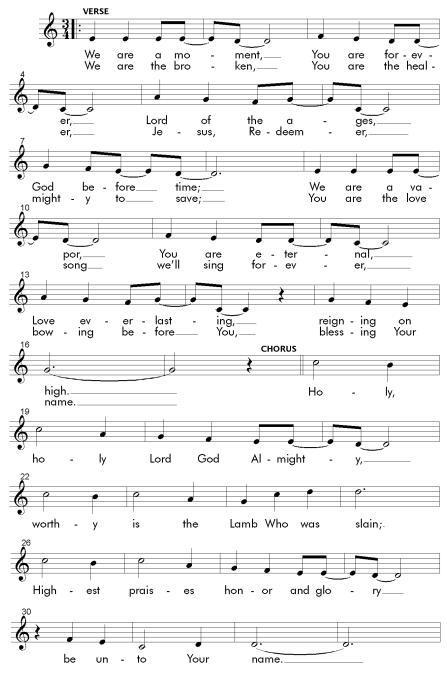


Song

Be Unto Your Name

DeShazo, Sadler







Psalm

Psalm 19:7–14

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
8the procents of the LORD are right

 ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

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

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

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

⁷"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.

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

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the

power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

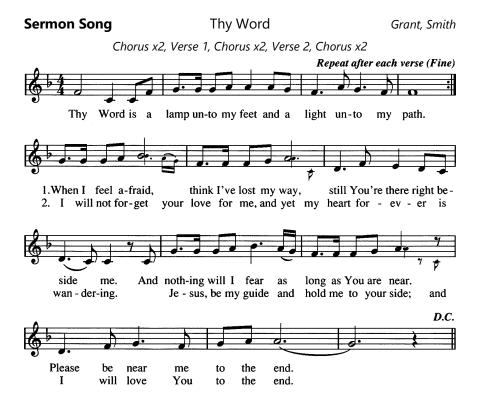
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

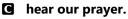


Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,



- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

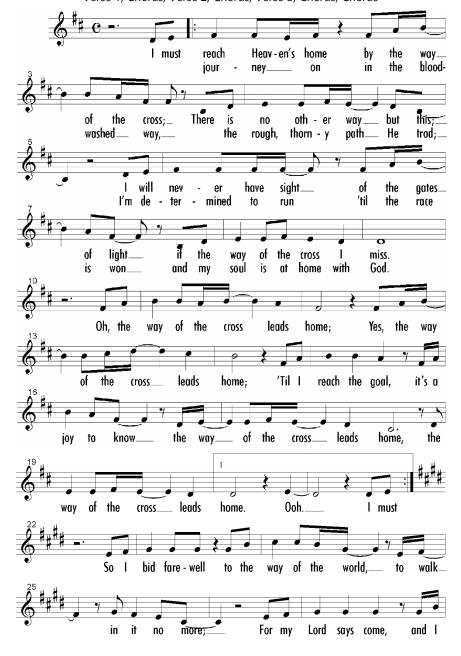
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P The grace of our Lord
 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.



Song The Way Of The Cross Leads Home Brown Pounds, Dearman Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Chorus



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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7 March 2021

Readings

Exodus 20:1–17 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 John 2:13–22 (23–25)

The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord

The Lord rescues His people, Israel, *"out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having *"no other gods"* before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is *"jealous"* for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father's house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not *"a house of trade"* (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up *"the temple of his body"* to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes *"wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:30).



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings

Numbers 21:4–9 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14–16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17–19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4–6).



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season











Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 28th at 8:00 am & 9:45 am

Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Easter Services

Sunday, April 4th at 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 9:45 am