

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
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5:30 PM

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 5:30 PM & 8:00 AM services. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder, or Worship Assistant.

PRE-SERVICE AND GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please fill out Friendship Pads)*

OPENING HYMN “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB 609, sts. 1-3, 5-6*

Please stand

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. **Amen**

CONFESSION

P. Let us 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.**

ABSOLUTION

P. People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and on His behalf, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. **Amen.**

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PSALM 85 (*spoken responsively*)

P. ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

C. ²**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.**

C. ¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P. ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

P. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

C. ⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**

C. ¹²**Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

P. ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

P. ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

C. ⁶**Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

**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.**

Please be seated

P. ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

C. ⁸**Let 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.**

FIRST LESSON

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.
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P. You are welcome to come to the Lord’s Table.

C. **Amen.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809, sts. 1-3

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

LSB 421, sts. 1-5

After the distribution—please stand

DISMISSAL

P. The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life † everlasting.

C. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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

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.
In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen**

Please sit

CLOSING HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB 761, sts. 1-4*

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

Please be seated

TITHES AND OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

P. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

THE 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 glory forever and ever. Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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,

SECOND LESSON

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

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."

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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.

(continued...)

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 destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down

HOLY GOSPEL

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C. 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."

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.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Luke 13:1-9

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.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704, sts. 1-4

SERMON "TRAUMA, TRAGEDY, TORNADOES, AND REPENTANCE"

(Text: Luke 13:1-5) The Rev. Peter Gueldner

Please stand

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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.**