

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024
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Prelude

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution (*stand*)

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Entrance Hymn "For All the Faithful Women"

LSB 855, sts. 1, 3, 4
soloist/choir st. 1

Kyrie

music: Amanda Husberg

congregation responds to each petition with the following:



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect for Missions Observance

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *The Ten Commandments*

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."

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual for Mission Observance

Psalms 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us;
and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Epistle *Christ the Wisdom and Power of God*

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The 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.”

P This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse for Mission Observance (*stand*)

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Holy Gospel *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

John 2:13-25

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

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Sermon (*sit*) "Church. Who Are We?"

John 2:13-25

Hymn of the Day "O God of Light"

LSB 836, *soloist/choir sts. 1, 3*
text by Sarah Taylor

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

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Offering (*sit*)

Preface (*stand*)

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Sanctus "The Only Son from Heaven"

LSB 402, st. 4
text by Elisabeth Cruciger

4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei "O Lamb of God"

LSB 550, v. 1 and refrain
text and melody: Twila Paris

Distribution (*sit*) "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 542
congregation sings refrain only
text and melody: Almaz Belhu

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) "O Living Bread from Heaven" tune: AURELIA
translation: Catherine Winkworth

**O living Bread from heaven, how well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.**

**Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, where joys unmingled flow.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benedicamus

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- P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

congregation responds "Amen"

Closing Hymn "Lutheran Women, One and All" tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

All **Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.**

**Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope and love
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.**

Postlude