

The Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday – March 6, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Stand

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

Invocation

LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then 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 neglected to do. 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

LSB 203 [John 20:19–23]

- P** 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.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 69:1-18

P ¹Save me, O God!
C **For the waters have come up to my neck.**
P ²I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
C **I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**
P ³I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.
C **My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**
P ⁴More in number than the hairs of my head
C **are those who hate me without cause;**
P mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies.
C **What I did not steal must I now restore?**
P ⁵O God, you know my folly;
C **the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.**
P ⁶Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
C **O Lord GOD of hosts;**
P let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me,
C **O God of Israel.**
P ⁷For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
C **that dishonor has covered my face.**
P ⁸I have become a stranger to my brothers,
C **an alien to my mother's sons.**
P ⁹For zeal for your house has consumed me,
C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**
P ¹⁰When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
C **it became my reproach.**
P ¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
C **I became a byword to them.**
P ¹²I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,
C **and the drunkards make songs about me.**
P ¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
C **At an acceptable time, O God,**
P in the abundance of your steadfast love
C **answer me in your saving faithfulness.**
P ¹⁴Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
C **let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**
P ¹⁵Let not the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
C **or the pit close its mouth over me.**
P ¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
C **according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**
P ¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; for I am in distress;
C **make haste to answer me.**
P ¹⁸Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
C **ransom me because of my enemies!**
ALL **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.

Kyrie

LSB 204 Mark 10:47



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

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

The Solemn Reading of 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. {R: Lord, have mercy.}"***

³***"You shall have no other gods before me. {R: Christ, have mercy.}"***

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. {R: Lord, have mercy.}"***

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. {R: Christ, have mercy.}"***

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. {R: Lord, have mercy.}"***

¹²***"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. {R: Christ, have mercy.}"***

¹³***"You shall not murder. {R: Lord, have mercy.}"***

¹⁴***"You shall not commit adultery. {R: Christ, have mercy.}"***

¹⁵***"You shall not steal. {R: Lord, have mercy.}"***

¹⁶***"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. {R: Christ, have mercy.}"***

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." {R: Lord, have mercy upon us.}"***

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.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

LSB 157 Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

John 2:13–22

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.”

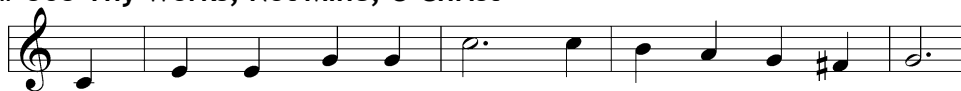
¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, ***“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*** ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;
 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruise - ed soul;
 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crush - ing load.
 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;
 5 Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.
 Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
 No right - eous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.



Refrain
 To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sermon "Tearing Down and Building Up" John 2:13-22

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
 Lamb of God who has taken away our sin.

C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 629:1-2 "What Is This Bread"

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y -
 2 What is this wine? The blood of

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.

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Preface

LSB 208 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P 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:

Hymn # 629:3 "What Is This Bread"

3 So who am I, That I should

live and He should die Un - der the rod?

My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en

me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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

LSB 209 Matthew 6:9–13

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

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.”

Pax Domini

LSB 209 John 20:19

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

Hymn # 629:4-5 “What Is This Bread”

4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211 Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212 Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

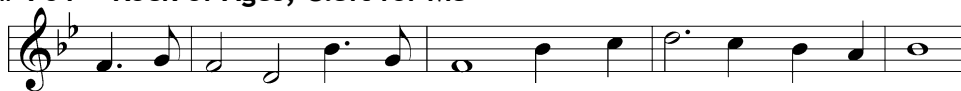
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

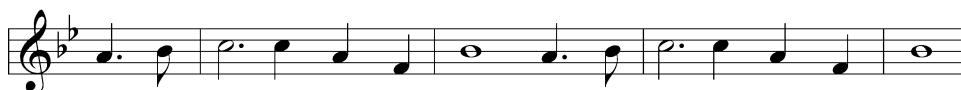
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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