

# The Third Sunday in Lent

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*(In-Person & Live -Streamed)*



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## † Call to Worship †

### GREETING

### HYMN # 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

1 A - las! And did my Sav - - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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*Stand*

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

**Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**Exhortation**

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203*

- 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 merciful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

- 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***[John 20:19–23] LSB 203*

- 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 126***Psalm 126*

- P** <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**C** we were like those who dream.
- P** <sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**C** and our tongue with shouts of joy;
- P** then they said among the nations,  
**C** “The LORD has done great things for them.”
- P** <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
- C** <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
**P** like streams in the Negeb!
- C** <sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
**P** shall reap with shouts of joy!
- C** <sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
**P** bearing the seed for sowing,
- C** shall come home with shouts of joy,  
**P** bringing his sheaves with him.

**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***Mark 10:47 LSB 204*

**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*

### Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle: 1 Peter 1:14-19

<sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

### Reading Response

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Verse for Lent

*Joel 2:13 LSB 157*

**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.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, “**What do you want?**” She said to him,

“Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”<sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “**You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?**” They said to him, “We are able.”<sup>23</sup>He said to them, “**You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.**”<sup>24</sup>And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.<sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, “**You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.**<sup>26</sup>It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,<sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,<sup>28</sup>even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### HYMN # 350 "Come Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 You have paid a price for me that I can't be -  
 3 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 gin to fa - thom. Your blood was the pre - cious fee;  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 on - ly that can be my ran - som! Now that I have  
 'tough I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es

let me see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 been re - deemed Yours I am and much es - teemed.  
 will be mine when Thou art my guest de - vine!

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Verse #2 written by Rev. Phil Gruenbaum

Sermon Text: Galatians 3:6b –14

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... Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”[.]

<sup>7</sup>Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.<sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”<sup>9</sup>So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

<sup>10</sup>For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”<sup>11</sup>Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

<sup>12</sup> But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— <sup>14</sup> so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

### Sermon: " Blue Chip Redemption Center: Commerce Language"

*Stand*

#### Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

#### 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL** Amen

*Sit*

Offerings are brought to the Lord's Altar

## † Service of the Sacrament †

*Stand  
Preface*

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:

**Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208*



**C** 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### 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

**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.  
**F**or 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  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

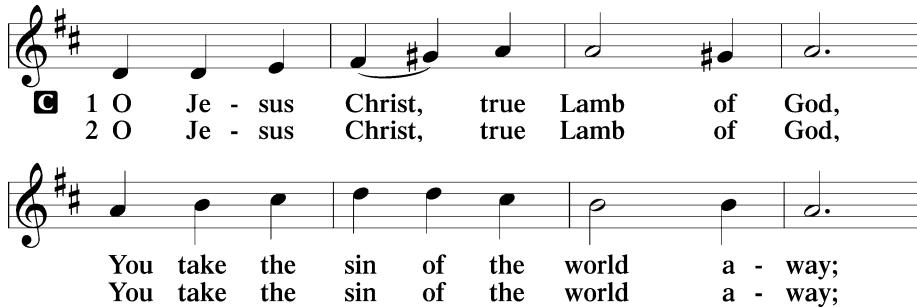
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

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

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 210*



**C** 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, O Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*  
**Distribution**

*Stand*  
**Nunc Dimittis**

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant depart  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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 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.

**C** Amen.

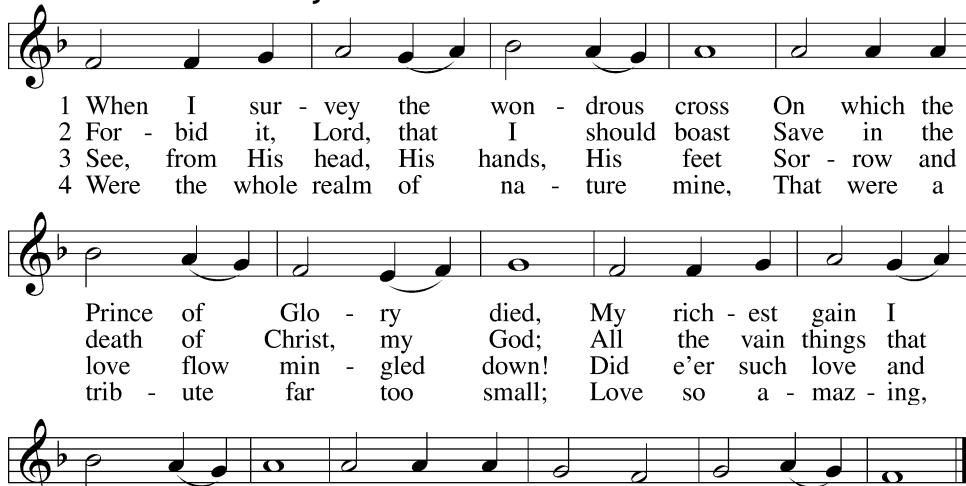
## Benedicamus & Benediction

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 212*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**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.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN # 425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*LSB*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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