

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022



THIS IS HOW YOU WILL KNOW
THAT THE LORD HAS SENT ME

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VERSE OF DAY - “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: (Numbers 16:28)

WORSHIP NOTES At its heart, our Lenten journey must be one of Spirit-wrought repentance. Here is the Lenten invitation: Be fully confident of the Lord’s deliverance turning from sin.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper to assure us of forgiveness and provide us a “Holy Communion” with him and with one another. That communion includes an understanding that Jesus’ body and blood are given us with bread and wine, and it means that receiving the sacrament together is an expression of oneness in belief. Out of love for our guests we ask that they speak to a pastor or staff minister before receiving the sacrament, to discover whether they share the convictions of this Lutheran congregation. We welcome any communicants who, for health reasons, require receiving gluten free wafers during the Lord’s Supper to please inform an usher of this need. Gluten free wafers are available on table.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far (south) side of the entry area.

Parents’ Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

OPENING HYMN “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

CW21, 702:1-3



1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my
2 “I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly
3 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,
soul’s sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.
of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; (sts. 1–2): Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677, abr.; (st. 3): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695 Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

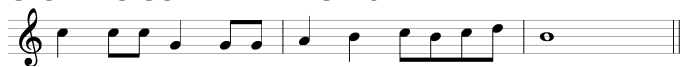
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BAPTISM 10:30am Service

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on




us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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THE WORD

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 16:23-40

Korah led a rebellion of 250 Israelite men against Moses. After the Lord commanded them to appear before him, he commanded the rest of the assembly to separate from them. Then the ground opened up and swallowed them, and a fire consumed all 250 men. At the Lord's commands, their golden censors were hammered into sheets to overlay the altar, a reminder that no one except a descendent of Aaron should come to burn incense at the altar, "or he would become like Korah and his followers."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'" Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. He warned the assembly, "Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins." So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents. Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt." As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense. The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy—the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the LORD and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites." So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, as the LORD directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the LORD, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN RESPONSE "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"
Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
we may to the Savior cleave,
naught with him our hearts dividing,
all for him content to leave!

CW21, 400:4

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.³ They all ate the same spiritual food⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN RESPONSE “Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”

CW21,400:5

Lord, in loving contemplation
fix our hearts and eyes on you
till we taste your full salvation
and your unveiled glory view.

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Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any.

Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN

“Delay Not! Delay Not”

CW21, 712



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

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SERMON Numbers 16:23-40 “God Sets the Boundary Lines of Life”

Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering plates forward to the altar at this time

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

CW21, 661

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.

With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now.

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Stand

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

CW21, 702:4

4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the
cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM

We welcome Cameron Michael into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Camron’s godparents are Sarah Wojciechowski & Matt Zizelman and his parents are Zach & Alyssa Zizelman.

Intro: Instead of caustic complaining, orient your life with prayer (recall that it's a 2 way communication process). In Israel the question, "Who's in charge?" led to a discovery. It wasn't Moses. It wasn't those who grabbed for power. It was God.

God Sets the Boundary Lines of Life

1. Separate yourself from the wicked.

- 1.1 Wake up when the alarm sounds...
- 1.2 Or you will be destroyed.
- 1.3 This group defied God's command and leadership under a disguise of spirituality.

App: These men were "loose cannons." God is the one who chooses the workers he wants to serve him by means of the divine call. At some point in each person's life this warning becomes quite personal.

2. Come back to the One who purifies.

- 2.1 Moses interceded to plead for those who opposed him.
- 2.2 This story hints of another, when the earth opened up and swallowed ONE.
- 2.3 Only Jesus can step into the bondage of sin and come out with life.

App: Note the symbolism of the bronze censers - it's an act of love. The LORD is explaining the value of his priestly system and how it leads to His High Priest.

Conclusion: Ever heard of a "come to Jesus meeting?" God has a plan to save us, but it is a very distinct and narrow path. Only through Jesus. If you've been trying to make things right with God any other way, it will fail. Come clean. Come to be cleaned. Come into and under this boundary line of love.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

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| Sunday (3/20) | 8:00 AM | Worship Service w/Communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult & Teen Bible Class |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service w/Communion |
| Tuesday | 10:30 AM | Senior Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 4:00 PM | Public School Confirmation Class |
| Thursday | 3:30 PM | Lenten Service |
| | 7:00 PM | Lenten Service |
| Sunday (3/27) | 8:00 AM | Worship Service |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult & Teen Bible Class |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 11:45 AM | Call Meeting |

Next Week's Readings

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| First Lesson | Numbers 21:4-9 |
| Second Lesson | Ephesians 2:4-10 |
| Gospel | John 3:14-21 |
| Psalm | Psalm 38 |

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
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FIRST LESSON:

Numbers 16:23-40

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 13:1-9

THE SERMON:

Numbers 16:23-40

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