The Third Sunday in Lent Divine Service, Setting Four March 20, 2022

Regarding the Lord's Supper – Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING

Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning

LSB 421

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Keep me from its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard,
 Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
 That the tempter flee confounded.
- If the world my heart entices
 With the broad and easy road,
 With seductive, sinful vices,
 Let me weigh the awful load
 You were willing to endure.
 Help me flee all thoughts impure
 And to master each temptation,
 Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
 By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
 When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
 Granting new life to my soul.
 Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
 Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
 For Your all-atoning passion
 Has procured my soul's salvation.
- O my God, my rock and tower,
 Grant that in Your death I trust,

Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

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

INVOCATION LSB 203

- In the name of the Father and of the

 Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free

ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

LSB 203

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

INTROIT

- For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

- Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
- 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.
- For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE LSB 204

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. 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, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, 15 if 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."

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

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

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 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.

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 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.

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

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told him 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."

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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

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.

Sit

CHRIST BE MY I FADER

LSB 861

- Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
 Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
 Gladly I follow, my future His care,
 Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
 Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
 Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
 Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
 Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
 Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of

Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

- 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

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

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

> O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

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JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR LSB 627, sts. 1–5

1 Jesus Christ, our blessèd Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

- As His pledge of love undying,
 He, this precious food supplying,
 Gives His body with the bread,
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
- Jesus here Himself is sharing;
 Heed then how you are preparing,
 For if you do not believe,
 His judgment then you shall receive.
- Praise the Father, who from heaven To His own this food has given, Who, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.
- Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,

By hearts that long for peace and rest.

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LSB 809

- Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain
- ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

 Morning by morning new mercies I see;

 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain
- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
 Refrain

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ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

LSB 761

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

- 2 Not the labors of my hands
 Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears forever flow,
 All for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- Nothing in my hand I bring;
 Simply to Thy cross I cling.
 Naked, come to Thee for dress;
 Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly;
 Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When mine eyelids close in death,
 When I soar to worlds unknown,
 See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

O Lord, now let Your servant

Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

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 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

LSB 212

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

BENEDICTION LSB 212

C Amen.

Sit

SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
 With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
 Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
 Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements

"Spuds-n-Suds" Luncheon – Stick around after worship for a great lunch here at CTK! In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we're having a potato bar luncheon, and some, um, suds, if you want. All are invited to join us!

Easter Lillies – If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please consider donating an Easter Lily. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to sign up. The lilies are \$8 each and are yours to keep after the Easter Sunday services.

We Need YOUR Help! - We keep our church clean because we volunteer our time to care for the Lord's House. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you can help with the simple, regular cleaning.

Lenten Worship Services – Join us for our Wednesday services at 7pm, with the theme of "This Is Love", from 1 John 4. "What Jesus did, He did in our place; what evil He suffered was endured for our good; what love is found in us, we confess, comes only from Him. 'This is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins' (1 John 4:10)" (from the LCMS website)

Lenten Suppers – A Simple Supper is provided on Wednesdays, beginning at 6pm for those coming to our Midweek Lenten services. All are welcome. Please see the signup sheet on the back resource table.

Memory Verse Challenge this Week: Romans 8:38-39 – For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, not powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, the 4th Sunday in Lent:

Isaiah 12:1-6 – The LORD ... has become my salvation. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 – Parable of the prodigal son.

Prayer List – Dave; Brad; Jim and Noah; Donald; Jim; Mike; Loretta; Lois; Peggy; Lois; Christine; Judy; Lisa; Dave; Barbara; Isabel; Roma; Ruth; Mireya; Cathy; Marjorie; Daliza; Barbara.

<u>EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS</u> ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Responding to the Arguments for Atheism & Agnosticism; Humanism vs. Faith in the Holy Trinity; LGBTQ+ Ideology in Public Schools; The Post-Resurrected Jesus Appears in Galilee and more. You can listen on-demand at <u>issuesetc.org</u>, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study "Augsburg Confession Article XI: Confession" on Concord Matters (3/26 at 10:00 a.m. CT), hear Luke 18-19 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 24-25 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs live and on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Serving Today (3/20):	Serving Next Week (3/27):
Elder – Mike C.	Elder – Charlie T.
Ushers – Ted C. and John H.	Ushers – Tom G. and Tony C.
Organist – Lisa T.	Organ – Shelley R.
Greeter – Schell	Greeter – Schicke
Acolyte – Lauren S.	Acolyte – Katie S.
Altar Guild – Kathy Y.	Altar Guild – Shelley R.
Camera – Lisa T.	Camera – Angela F.
Tellers – Jim T. and Walt B.	Tellers - Ted C. and Melissa S.

Upcoming Calendar

3-20-22	9am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	11:30am	"Spuds-n-Suds" Luncheon
	NO YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS	
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
3-21-22	7pm	Church Council
3-22-22	2pm Book	of the Month Bible Study: Revelation 7
3-23-22	6pm	Lenten Simple Supper
	7pm	Lenten Midweek Service
3-27-22	9am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	10am	Divine Service
	NO YOUT	H CONFIRMATION CLASS
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
3-29-22	2pm Book	of the Month Bible Study: Revelation 8
3-30-22	6pm	Lenten Simple Supper
	7pm	Lenten Midweek Service

<u>"This Is Love"</u> Midweek Lenten Services Based upon 1 John 4

March 9 1 John 4:1-6
March 16 7 pm
March 23 7 pm
March 30 1 John 4:17-21
Apríl 6 1 John 5:1-5
April 10Palm Sunday
April 147pmMaundy Thursday
April 15Good Friday
April 177am Easter Sunrise Divine Service
8amEaster Breakfast
9amChildren's Activities
10amEaster Divine Service