

Third Sunday in Lent



Christ Calls for Repentance, and Looks for Fruit



"I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD."" Psalm 122:1



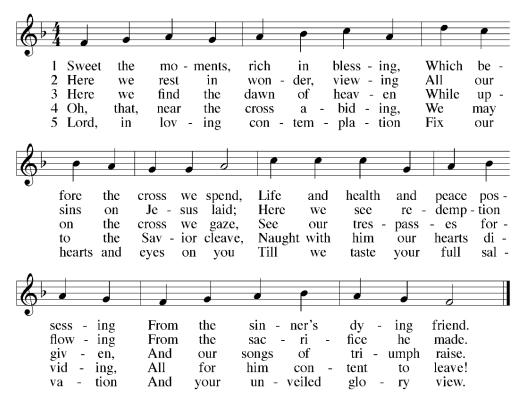
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

March 20, 2022

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 111)

Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing



Text: Walter Shirley, 1725-86, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

STAND

- **M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



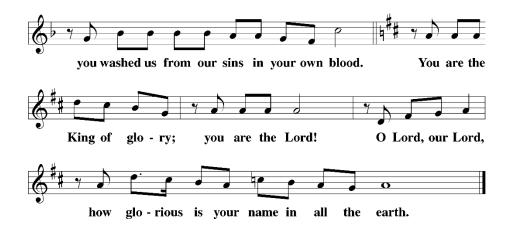
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Kyrie





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of

God.² The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up.³ So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here."

⁵ The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

¹⁴ So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." ¹⁵ God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

LESSON

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ² and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly." ⁸ And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ⁹ Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹² So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)



Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

SERMON

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³ I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too."

⁶ He told them this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?'⁸ But the gardener replied to him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹ If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.'"

In a World where Tyrants Kill and Towers Fall...Repent!

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 fully 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.

OFFERING PLATES BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, you order and number our days according to your wisdom. Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering, that we would hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they would turn and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of all, you establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, remember your people who cry to you for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort, *[especially* ______,] and strengthen them to look to you for help in their time of affliction. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Lord of life, you have brought us into your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for your patience, and grant that we would show your love and grace in all that we say and do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you led your people, Israel, through the sea and fed them in the wilderness until you delivered them to the Promised Land. You also have faithfully enlivened your people with Christ by means of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Receive our thanks for your kindness to the saints who now rest from their labors, and sustain us by your Means of Grace until you deliver us also to heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

> The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here. We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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 body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

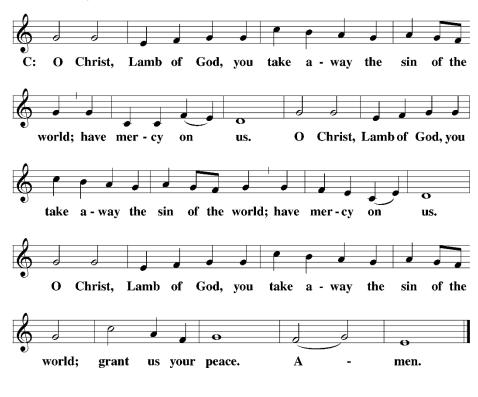
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future. **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 124)

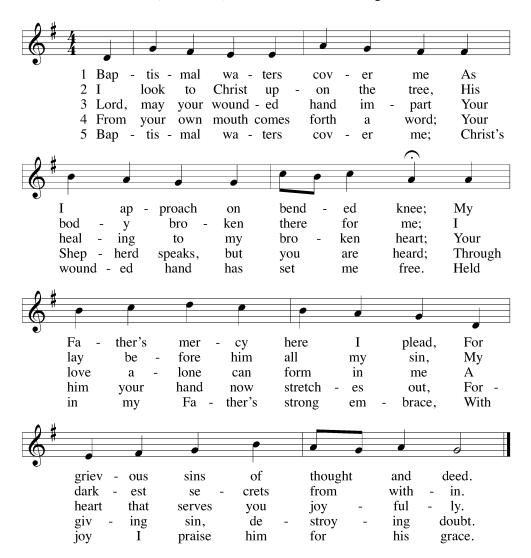
Savior, When in Dust to You



Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, abr., alt.

Tune: SPANISH CHANT (77 77 D) Spanish melody, 17th century, adapt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CWS 739)



The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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THANKSGIVING

STAND

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (Christian Worship: Hymnal 595:1, 3,4)

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, may we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, may we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, heaven's love and joy and peace.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday March 20: Third Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist/Pianist: Laura Rodrigue
- Councilman: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00) and *Councilman needed* (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

Wednesday Lent Worship - March 23, Services at 12:30 and 6:30 pm

- Pastor: Scott Schwertfeger
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 6:30 pm: Volunteers needed
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

• A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

• A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday March 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Mike Wilson and Roger LaGrange
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
 A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Ashley Chesmore (3/21), Ava Ehlenbach (3/21), Kassie Bartosch (3/23), Ron Fredrick (3/23), Matt Gotzion (3/23), Anka Kopplin (3/23), Fidel Mendez (3/23), Kenzie Johnson (3/25), Len Smith (3/25), Cameron Vinson (3/25) and Greg Zeman (3/25) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marilyn Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Wednesday Lent Services

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

March 23, 30 and April 6



Communion: We will be resuming our regular communion practice starting Easter Sunday (April 17). Communion will continue to be offered each Sunday, but the four stations at the front will be discontinued. Ushers will direct communicants forward and they will stand at the front on each side. (Our practice before Covid.) If you have any questions or concerns, speak with one of the Pastors or a councilmen. At the April open forum meeting, there will be a time for discussion regarding the frequency of communion.

Easter Breakfast Coordinator: We would like to offer our traditional Easter breakfast this year between services on April 17. Services are at 8:00 & 10:30 with the breakfast between at 9:15 am. Church has records of past meals to help with planning. If you are interested in coordinating or co-coordinating, contact the church office.

Offerings February 27 – March 5, 2022:

- General Fund: \$20,719
- Building Expansion Fund: \$35

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

YTD shortage/surplus as of Feb. 28: - \$30,670 (Budget year July 2021 – June 2022)



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of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(February 27 – March 5, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$4,061 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$25 to the building expansion fund.)

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