

Lent 3

March 7, 2021

Prelude

Welcome – Pastor Len Hoffmann

Worship Leader - Pastor Martha Neff Stum

***CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor:	Blessed be the holy Trinity, 🕂 one God,
	the keeper of the covenant,
	the source of steadfast love,
	our rock and our redeemer.
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- People: Amen.
- **Pastor:** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
- Pastor:Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #666

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

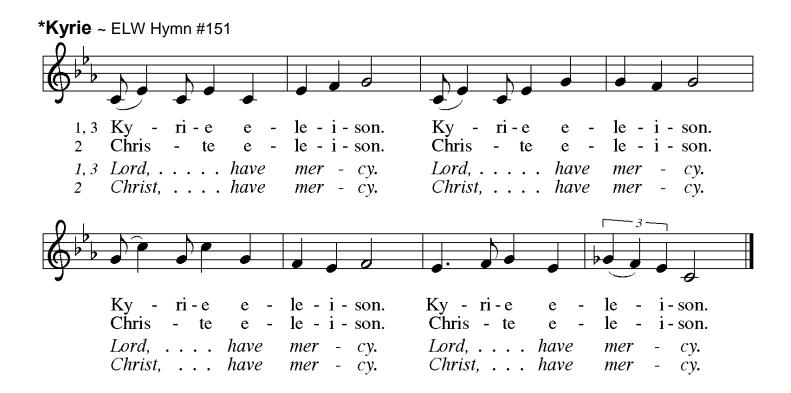
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WONDROUS LOVE



Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.



*Prayer of the Day (pray together)

Pastor: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

WORD⁺

First Reading A reading from Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and 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; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,

and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,

and their voices | are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. **R**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R
- ¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Second Reading A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor:

We proclaim Christ | crucified,* the power of God and the wis- | dom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

The Gospel Reading

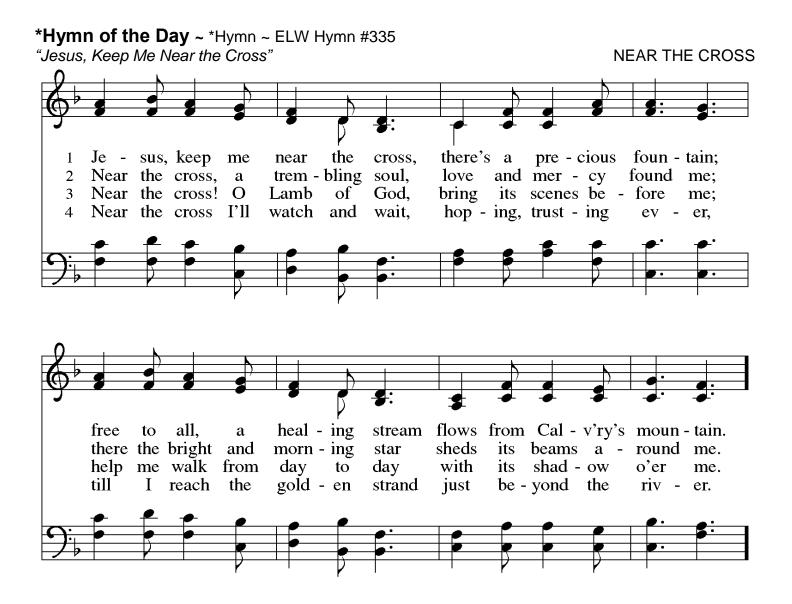
The Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

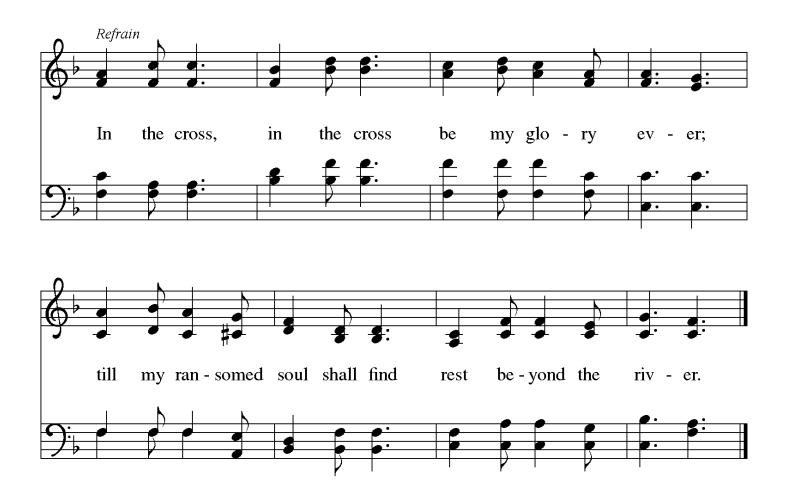
¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a

whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

Lector: The Holy Gospel of the Lord, People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann





The 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: People:	Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Lector:	We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People:	Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:And also with you.

*Offering Prayer

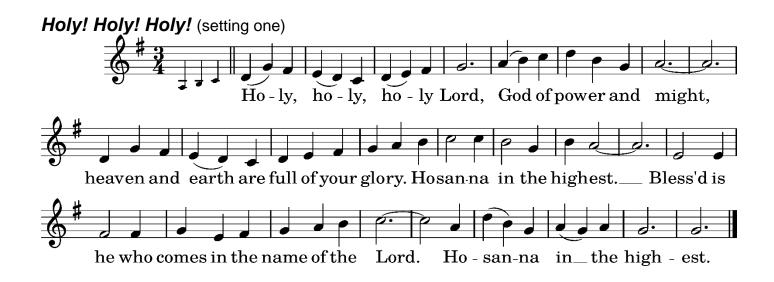
Pastor:	Faithful God,
	you walk beside us in desert places,
	and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
	Accompany us in this meal,
	that we may pass over from death to life
	with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
People:	Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor:It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy. and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. People: Amen, amen, amen.

Pastor: Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

*The 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.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

Distribution Special Music ~ ELW Hymn #785 "When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)"

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*Prayer after Communion

Pastor:	God of steadfast love,
	at this table you gather your people
	into one body for the sake of the world.
	Send us in the power of your Spirit,
	that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
	in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
People:	Amen

*Blessing

Pastor:You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

*Dismissal

Pastor:	Go in peace to grow, share the good news.
People:	Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at... <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-</u> <u>NSGadIffLHnDxG</u> And they are linked to the church website.

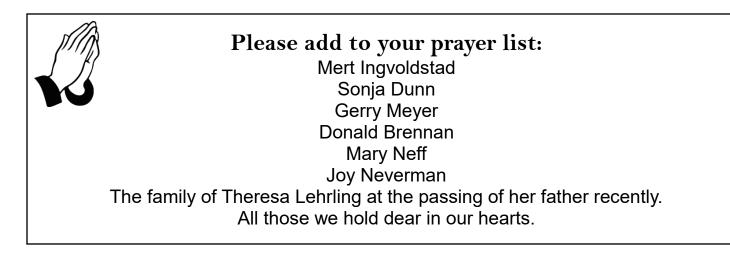
www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

(520) 327-6521

For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Sunday, March 14, 2021 Lent 4 Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13], Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

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