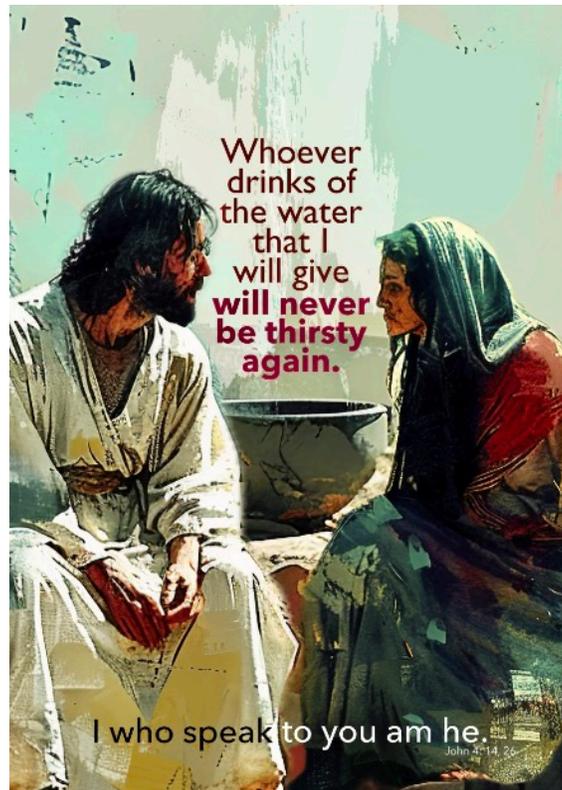


Third Sunday in Lent



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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion: We ask that all visitors speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 245 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! Amen.

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [*Responses Sung*]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: [*Sung*] **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!**

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

P: Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And with thy spirit!

(prayed together) – **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.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gradual

During Lent, the Hallelujah is omitted

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – John 4:5-30, 39-42

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...`

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn TLH 469 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst t'assuage—
Grace, which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age?**

**Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading, Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding Which He gives them when they pray.**

**Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know. Amen.**

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC–MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 324 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve— Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim. Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe— Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherde e’er foresaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live— Jesus sinners doth receive.

Come, ye sinners, one and all, Come, accept His invitation;
Come, obey His gracious call, Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession;
Savior, mercy show to me Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know; Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter Passion:
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace, From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev’ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve— Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive. Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave— Jesus sinners doth receive. Amen.

TLH 316 “O Living Bread from Heaven”

O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!
The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o’erflows;
For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food,
My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.

My God, Thou here hast led me Within Thy temple’s holiest place
And there Thyself hast fed me With all the treasures of Thy grace,
Oh, boundless is Thy kindness, And righteous is Thy power,
While I in sinful blindness Am erring hour by hour;
And yet Thou com’st not spurning A sinner, Lord, like me!
Thy grace and love returning, What gift have I for Thee?

A heart that hath repented And mourns for sin with bitter sighs,—
Thou, Lord, art well contented With this my only sacrifice.
I know that in my weakness Thou wilt despise me not,
But grant me in Thy meekness The blessing I have sought;
Yes, Thou wilt hear with favor The song that now I raise,
For meet and right 'tis ever That I should sing Thy praise.

Grant what I have partaken May through Thy grace so work in me
That sin be all forsaken And I may cleave alone to Thee
And all my soul be heedful How I Thy love may know;
For this alone is needful Thy love should in me glow.
Then let no beauty ever, No joy, allure my heart,
But what is Thine, my Savior, What Thou dost here impart.

Oh, well for me that, strengthened With heavenly food and comfort here,
Howe'er my course be lengthened, I now may serve Thee free from fear!
Away, then, earthly pleasure! All earthly gifts are vain;
I seek a heavenly treasure, My home I long to gain,
My God, where I shall praise Thee, Where none my peace destroy,
And where my soul shall raise Thee Glad songs in endless joy. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: *TLH Pages 30-31*

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 178 “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

**We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross;
The sinners' Hope let men deride, For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon that cross we see In shining letters "God is Love."
He bears our sins upon the tree, He brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross!--it takes our guilt away. It holds the fainting spirit up,
It cheers with hope the gloomy day, And sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light.**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinners' refuge here below, The angels theme in heaven above. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, March 11th @ 7:00pm

Join us as we meditate on Psalm 51!

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. . .”

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Hymn #245: Scripture: John 3:16; Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt; God Loved The World So That He Gave; Author unknown: (1791, cento); Translator: August Crull († 1923, alt.); Tune: St. Crispin; Composer: George J. Elvey (1862).

Hymn # 469: Scripture: Isaiah 33:20,21, Psalm 87; Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken; Author: John Newton (1779, ab., alt.); Tune: Galilean; Composer: Joseph Barnby (1883).

Hymn #324: Scripture: Luke 15:2; Jesus nimmt die Sünder an; Author: Erdmann Neumeister (1718); Translation: composite; Tune: Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht; Source: "Neuverfertigtes Gesangbuch", Darmstadt, 1699.

Hymn #316: Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29; Wie wohl has du gelabet; O Living Bread from Heaven; Author: Johann Rist (1651, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt.); Tune: Nun lob, mein' Seel'; Source: "Concentus Novi", Augsburg, 1540.

Hymn #178: Scripture: Galatians 6:14; We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died; Author: Thomas Kelly (1815) Tune: O Jesu Christ, mein's; Source: "Nürnbergisches Gesanbuch", 1676.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Mar. 9th:** Hebrews 2
- **Tuesday, Mar. 10th:** Hebrews 3
- **Wednesday, Mar. 11th:** Hebrews 4
- **Thursday, Mar. 12th:** Hebrews 5
- **Friday, Mar. 13th:** Hebrews 6
- **Saturday, Mar. 14th:** Hebrews 7
- **Sunday, Mar. 15th:** Hebrews 8

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Lord's Prayer: Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."