

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00am**

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Prelude

-Lorraine Mix

Welcome – Announcements

## GATHERING

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



*Refrain*  
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**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. Amen.**

Special Music: " " -Senior Choir

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words:

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

You 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. You 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But 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. For 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.

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

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**their 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.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It 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. The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above 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.

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

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where 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? For 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Lenten Response**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making 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. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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. The gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

*Pastor Becky Sogge*

## Hymn of the Day

## "Canticle of the Turning"

ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## **Baptism**

*Calvin Lee Thofson*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

### **Sharing of Peace**

### **Offering Prayer**

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. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

## **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**

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

**Amen**

### **Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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.**

## Closing Hymn

## “Send Me, Lord”

ELW 809

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 (2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 (3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End

mi - na, So - man - dla.  
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ**

### Postlude

- Loraine Mix

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## Please leave your offering in the offering plate

Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
February 28	88	\$1,285

**Mission Project for March**  
**Lutheran Services of Iowa**

## Announcements

**Congratulations to Tyler and Katelyn** Thofson on the baptism of their son, Calvin Lee Thofson. His sponsors are Kael Julseth and Mason Thofson.

**The Shell Rock Cemetery Association** meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Harlan and Barb Helgeson’s home.

**If you or someone in your family** is hospitalized and would like to be put on our prayer list, please notify the office at [flc@flcnorthwood.org](mailto:flc@flcnorthwood.org) or call 641-324-2984.

**Easter Lily** order forms are available, the cost is \$14 and are due to the office by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The First Lutheran Church Quilters could use more helpers.** If you are interested in helping quilt, please come on Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30am. We have a variety of tasks so you can choose if you’d like to pin, tie or sew. Please consider joining us, we also have a fun coffee break with snacks every week! For more information, call Lois Hogen at 324-1722 or Fran Olson at 324-2278.

**Organist/Pianist/Vocalist:** Loraine Mix & Lauren Severson  
**Special Music:** Senior Choir  
**Lay Reader:** Patti Irons  
**Counters:** David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins  
**Sound/Video:** Eli Mix and Mark Willand  
**Altar Guild:** LEAH Circle

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	9:00 am	Worship Service with HC
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
<b>Monday, March 8</b>	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	7:30 pm	AA –Al-Anon
<b>Wednesday, March 10</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	After Worship	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday, March 11</b>	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
<b>*Sunday, March 14</b>	9:00 am	Worship Service with Noisy Offering
	10:00 am	Church Council Meeting

**\*Remember, Daylight Savings on Sunday, March 14,  
we lose an hour of sleep as we “spring forward.”**