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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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Divine Service III

Hymn: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* LSB 531

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation (p.184)

Kneel or stand as you are able

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent)

Collect of the Day

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1–17

1And God spoke all these words, saying,
2"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
3"You shall have no other gods before me.
4"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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

13"You shall not murder.

14"You shall not commit adultery.

15"You shall not steal.

16"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (LSB 19) (responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

18The word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the

wisdom of God. 25For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 31Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory be the Thee, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:13–22

13The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." 17His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume Me."

18So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21But He was speaking about the temple of His body. 22When therefore 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.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
℃ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Sit

Office hymn: *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* *LSB 421*

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

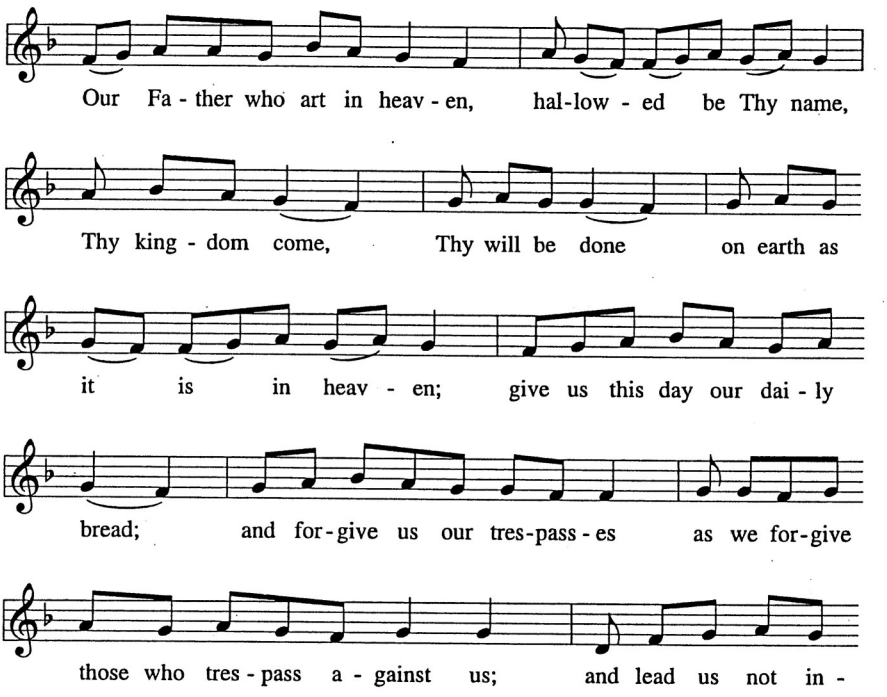
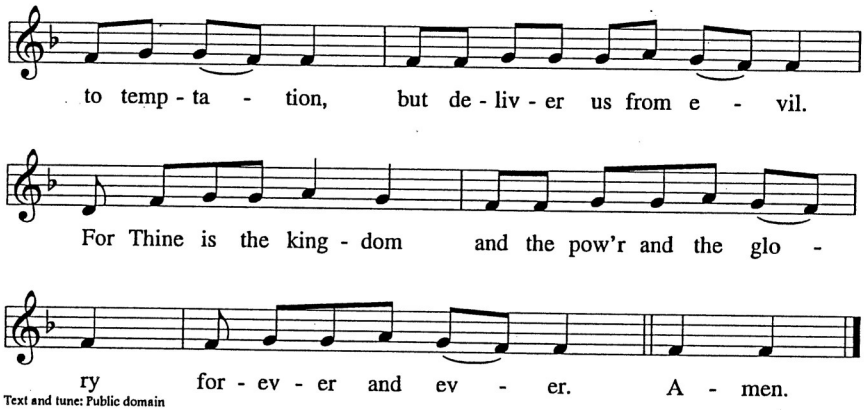
Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer *LSB 957*



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The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way	*LSB 857*
The Law of God Is Good and Wise	*LSB 579*
Be Strong in the Lord	*LSB 665*

Stand

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *Come unto Me, Ye Weary* *LSB 684*

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

- Elizabeth Kirchner
- Wyatt Kirchner
- Leta Ebben
- Joe Cornelius
- Megan Neumann

Easter Lilies: Bethlehem & St. John are taking orders of Easter Lilies. The cost is $10. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Bethlehem Meetings: Monday, March 8 there is an Elders Meeting at 6pm and the Council Meeting at 7pm.

St. John Meetings: Tuesday, March 9 there is an Elders Meeting at 6pm and the Council Meeting at 7pm.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Agnus Dei (AGH-nyoos DAY-ee): Latin for "Lamb of God," this hymn in the communion liturgy draws on the words of John the Baptist who pointed his disciples to Jesus, the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29). In the context of the communion liturgy, we are praying to Christ who is there present in His body and blood to have mercy on us and grant us peace.

From the Small Catechism

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not _____.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not _____ or harm our neighbor in his body, but _____ and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit _____.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually _____ and decent life in what we _____ and do, and husband and wife love and _____ each other.

The Small Catechism starts on p.321 in the LSB