

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: It seems that much time is spent deciding which sins are worse and which sinners are worst. In the Gospel for today, Jesus is confronted with this question and turns it into a call for all sinners to repent. But this is not only a call to confess your sins, it is a call to turn away from those sins and become the fruitful trees of the Spirit's planting. These fruits are displayed in us when we turn away from our self-interest and benefit and behold our neighbor in need. The call of the day is to repent and live the righteous life that flows from repentance and faith under the power of the Holy Spirit. Repentance always involves turning and this turn is away from sin and to life!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please Stand)

HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" *LSB 525 vs. 1,3,4*

**Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king**

Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 1:6; 5:4, 7, adapt.*

Pastor: The LORD knows the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Pastor: You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with You.

**People: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
I will enter Your house.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**People: Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of
all people, we poor sinners confess to You that
we have turned away from You. We have not
done the good You desire but have done the evil
You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought,
word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the
sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts
away from sin and its temptation and grant us by
the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our heart,
mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus,
we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to
die for you and for His sake forgives you all your
sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ
and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and
unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue
in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins
and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn
from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and
trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

People: (spoken) Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b*

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

Women: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

Men: For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

People: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Women: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Men: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: 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.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have shown patience with us sinners who deserved Your wrath; turn our hearts away from sin and to the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may know the power of His life in us and bear the good fruits of Your kingdom in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Though the Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent bring warnings to those who refuse the Spirit and remain impenitent, they also promise that God will work in us the healthful Spirit of His grace, forgive our sins, and equip us to bear the good fruits of His kingdom in our lives. From the prophet Ezekiel, we learn that God finds no pleasure in judging the wicked but rejoices in their repentance and faith. From 1 Corinthians, we are warned by Paul against the pride that goes before the fall and assured that in Christ temptation cannot overcome us. In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a tragedy from the news and points the hearers to their own repentance and faith, that they may bear the good fruit of His Kingdom.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–20 ESV*

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot

away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 10:1–13 ESV*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

VERSE *2 Peter 3:9b, c*

Pastor: The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:1–9 ESV*

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig

around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704*

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.

Remove the pow’r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

++ SERMON ++

“Turn to Life “

Text: Luke 13:1–9 (Gospel Lesson)

Theme: Turn toward Jesus, for in him there is life.

Goal: That all listening would in repentance turn away from the struggles of sin that present themselves every day and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in them bearing good fruit—acts of love and service to one another.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)

**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.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Restore us, O Lord, according to Your promise, and hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in need. Blessed Lord, it is Your good and gracious will not to condemn but to save the sinner through the merits of Christ alone. Open our hearts to the voice of Your call, lead us to repentance, and grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may show forth the good fruits of that repentance in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we live in a world filled with temptation, fear, and threat. Grant us a refuge in Your Word that our hearts may not despair. Deliver us from all our enemies and bring us to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, the tragedies and disasters of this life unsettle our hearts and feed our anxieties. Remind us of Your great compassion and faithfulness, and support the victims of such events as well as the emergency personnel who imperil themselves on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, our world cries out in search of hope; grant to those who preach Your Word the grace to proclaim it faithfully, and bless the missionaries far and near who bring Your Gospel to those who sit in the darkness of sin and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, bless us with good and faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your Word. Move us to have compassion on the oppressed, to seek justice for those who suffer wrongly, and to sustain goodness in our life and conduct. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver, O Lord, the sick from their afflictions, the sorrowing from their grief, the troubled in mind from depression, and the dying from fear. Hear us [*especially for . . . and*] for all who cry to You in need. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have given us the comfort of Your Word and the food of Your Son's body and blood that we may be sustained in trial and strengthened in faith. Forgiven by Your mercy, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we show forth in holy lives our Savior, whom we here receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, all things are Yours and yet You show Your great mercy in giving us all we need for this life and for eternal life. Give us also a grateful heart, so that we may respond with gratitude and return to You the tithes and offerings You are due for all Your kindness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: With hearts emboldened by Your mercy, we come, O Lord, to give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us sinners, who deserved only Your wrath. We rejoice that You delivered up Your own Son to the cross and have forgiven us all our sins by His one, all-sufficient suffering and death. As He is risen from the dead, raise us up from sin and its death to praise Your goodness and worship You with all our hearts, minds, and strength. Recalling the saints of old who have gone

before us, we join with their voices and the whole heavenly host, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (sing) LSB 195

**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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful

the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

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

Pastor: Giving thanks for all that You have accomplished for our salvation, we pray You to keep in our remembrance Your holy Word and to teach our hearts to desire Your goodness in all our thinking, speaking, and doing, that in this life we show forth the good works of Him who has called us from darkness into Your marvelous light and in the life to come may praise Your glory without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (sing) LSB 198

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” LSB 761

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments that we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

**Guide me O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand**

**Bread of heaven bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliv'rer strong deliv'rer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

**Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

**We are looking for donations of candy to fill eggs.
Please place donations in box in the narthex.
Deadline is April 3rd**

Important Information

The board of Elder's decided to **ADD** a 12:00pm service for Good Friday

Are you in need of

Snow Removal

Spring Clean Up

Grass Cutting

Small Landscaping jobs

Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr** @ 947-252-0363

April, May, June Newsletter

Deadline is **March 30th**.

NEWS FROM THE ZONE LWML

The Spring Rep meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of March, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Christ the King (the Trenton Road location (15600 Trenton Road, Southgate) in the West Gallery. This is an important meeting because information will be shared concerning the upcoming LWML Convention in Frankenmuth.

Also save the date of the Spring Rally, April 19, 2022, also at Christ the King the Trenton Road location.

Attendance

Sunday March 13TH 9:30 am 33

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

All the people of Ukraine;

Verna m. Lattimore, hospitalized;

Mr. D. Nicholson, ill;

Nicholas, Laurie's nephew, heart tests;

Sharon Lozon, friend of Pam Benford, hospitalized;

**The Myer's family, Kim Armstrong's Aunt ,in the death
of Aunt Reitha**

Shari Ballard & family, in the loss of her father;

Todd Allendorf, Sally Trout's brother;

Chris Sloan, Glenn Cairn's, nephew;

Veronica Sanders, ill;

Paul Utcai, recovering from surgery at home;

Gail Lafave, recovering from surgery;