

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:30 am

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION (Please Stand)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and
sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

Hebrews 10:22

(You are invited to kneel, or to be seated)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: (Sing) **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: (Sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

People: 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.

Pastor: 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 of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please Sit)

THE FIRST READING *Exodus 20:1-17 ESV*

And God spoke all these words, saying, “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 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. You 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, but showing steadfast love to thousands^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments. “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. “Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. 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. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, 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 his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ESV*

For the word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification

and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

(Please Stand for the Gospel)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

People: (Sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:13-25 ESV*

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And 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. And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When 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. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to

bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Reader: Here endeth the Gospel.

People: (Sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All: 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 shall 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 worshipped 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 (Please Sit)

“God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392

**God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**I was in slav'ry,
Sin death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free.**

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

**He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free**

**Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.**

Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed.

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will Praise You
All my life long.

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

+++ SERMON +++

“Stop and Rest, Fevered Child”

Text: *Exodus 20:1-17 (The Old Testament Reading)*

Theme: The Third Commandment is an invitation to life

Our Goal: That each present, would long and thirst for the Sabbath in Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain seated)

Reader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves
and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

(Please rise for the Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**All: 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**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Spoken by the Pastor)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (Kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured
Offered was He for greatest and for least
Himself the victim and Himself the priest**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now**

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

People: (Sing) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

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

People: (Sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

LSB 917

**Savior again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease
Then lowly bending wait Thy word of peace**

**Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way
With Thee began with Thee shall end the day
Guard Thou the lips from sin the hearts from shame
That in this house have called upon Thy name**

**Grant us Thy peace Lord through the coming night
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light
From harm and danger keep Thy children free
For dark and light are both alike to Thee**

**Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife
Then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease
Call us O Lord to Thine eternal peace**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, *Pastor*

Marie Brown, *Organist*

Dave Hamilton, *Elder/Comm. Assist*

Dave Hamilton, *Reader*

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, *Ushers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday April 3, 2021 from 10am to 12pm.

We are in need of donations of plastic eggs, candy, toys
that fit in the plastic eggs. Please have your donations in
to the office no later than Wed. March 31st.

Postcards to handout will be available by the bulletins.

Looking for a car?

We are selling a 2002 Lincoln Town Car

4 door, 143,723 Miles,

No rust, well maintained, runs good

Asking \$5,600

Contact Frank at 313-383-4883

Next Sunday March 14th



ATTENDANCE

Sunday Feb. 28 th	9:30am	36
Wednesday Mar. 3 rd	12:00pm	14

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

Marie Brown – March 10th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Jim Morneau, brother of Pam Benford's Friend- Leukemia and Covid-19

Brother of Marilyn Switter- Recovering from surgery

The Family of Jenny Amsis, age 39, leaving behind amongst other family members, her stepsister Anita. Jenny was laid to rest Friday, the 19th.

The Family of Stella Milewski, leaving behind amongst family members, her close friend Gayle French.

David Bates, Pat Bates son, In need of prayers

Leann Gibbs, Pat Bates Daughter, In need of prayers

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Our Website: www.mthopelutheranchurch.com

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17th

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM
(With Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3rd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24th

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

PALM SUNDAY—March 28th

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1st

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY—April 2nd

In person worship 12 Noon
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am