

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 7, 2021**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN No. 324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**First Lesson: 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.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**C: 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,

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

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

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: 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.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 2:13-22**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

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 the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY No. 733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION HYMNS: No. 479, 542**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through the mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**GOD'S PEOPLE SENT FORTH**

**BENEDICTION**

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN No. 836 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (vs. 1 & 3)**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Welcome!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

**We Welcome Keaton David Kirlin into our Church family.** A private baptism held Saturday, March 6, 2021. Keaton is the son of Laura Thode and Jake Kirlin. The Sponsors for Keaton are Wyatt Kirlin and Mike & Jennifer Thode. May God’s blessings be upon Wyatt and may God guide his days and deeds.

**THE WORSHIP BROADCAST** today is sponsored in loving memory of Bill by Joyce Kunz & family.

**🕯 Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Dennis Hazelton, Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde and Darrell & Carol Foss as they deal with health issues; and Mike & Cristy Appel on the deaths in their family.

**This Week’s Schedule – March 7, 2021**

**Today 9:30am** Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

**Tuesday 8:30am** Ministerial Association meeting; 8:00pm Council meeting

**Wednesday** 5:30pm Lent service

**Thursday** 9:30am Quilting; 4-5:00pm Second Harvest

**Sunday 9:30am** Worship at Church and live streamed

**Ministers** Members of First Lutheran Church

**Pastor** Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp

**Organist** Paul Henriksen

**Sound** Mark Zinnel

**Reader** Dawson Kellen

**Communion Assistant** Brenda Kellen

**February 2021 Offering**

<b>Monthly Income Needed to Operate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,800.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Feb 7</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,086.38</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Feb 14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,421.08</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday – Feb 17</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>560.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Feb 21</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,822.57</b>
<b>Lent – Feb 24</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – Feb 28</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,197.69</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,602.72</b>

**Our Theme for Lenten Worship Services will be: “THE BODY OF CHRIST.”**

Our worship service will help us to consider our Lord’s humanity, the human body in which He lived, suffered and died. The question of us for this Lent is, “How are we to live as the body of Christ today?” Another question we will seek to answer is, “How do we use our body to serve Christ?” Join us for this time of worship and meditation.

**The weekly topics during Lent will be:**

- March 10th: Mouth of Christ
- March 17th: Ears of Christ
- March 24th: Eyes of Christ
- April 1st (Maundy Thursday) Blood of Christ
- April 2nd: (Good Friday) Body of Christ
- April 4th (Easter) The Risen Body of Christ

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**2021 Pipestone Area Kindergarten Roundup** will be held on Friday, March 26th at the Brown Elementary School. If you've not been contacted & your child will be 5 yrs. old on or before Sept. 1st, 2021, please contact Lori at Brown school as soon as possible. Lori can be reached between 8:30am-3pm, Mon- Fri. @ 825- 6756 ext. 4202. Please leave a message if no one answers.

**2021 Offering Envelopes**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2021 Offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex. Please stop to pick up your Offering envelopes before or after Church. The 2021 envelopes are not numbered, so be sure to include your name on the envelope to enable you to receive credit.

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