THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 20, 2022 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU EXCEPT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN; **BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL** WHO WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BE TEMPTED **BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE ABLE,** BUT WITH THE TEMPTATION WILL ALSO MAKE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/ Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church Gracious Father, You have shown patience with me a sinner who deserved Your wrath; turn my heart away from sin and to the Lord Jesus Christ, that I may know the power of His life in me and bear the good fruits of Your kingdom in my daily life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, I pray. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER -** How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit,

the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

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WELCOME

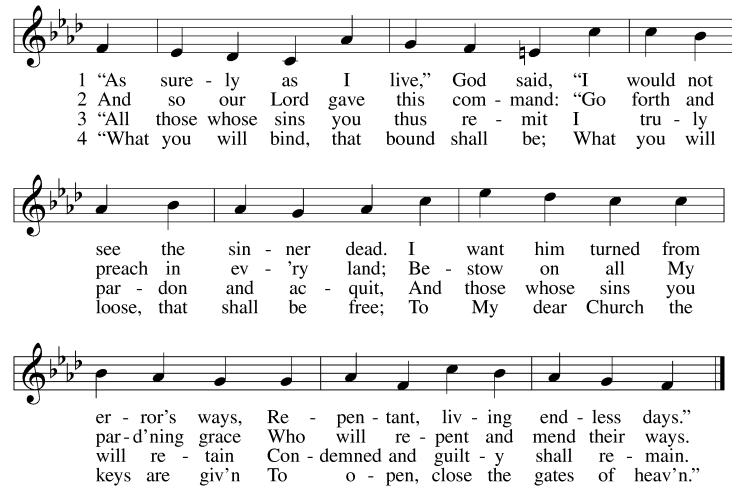
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN

"As Surely as I Live," God Said

LSB 614; VV. 1-5, 8



The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.



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Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 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. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

- P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
- C For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You.
- P The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.
- C You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
- C Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face.
- P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER 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.

Please sit

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P 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* (The Lord seeks not the death of the sinner but that he turn from his wickedness and live.)

7 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

10 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?" ' 11 Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.' 13 When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. 14 Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful

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and right, 15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16 None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17 "Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! 18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. 19 But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. 20 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 8*

(Surely God's salvation is near to those who hear Him.)

- P I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- C Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- P You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin.
- C You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.
- P Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease.
- C Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

- P Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?
- C Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.
- P I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- C Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- P Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.
- C Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- P Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.
- C Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.
- P I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

(God is faithful; He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability.)

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we

should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. This is the Word of the Lord. Ρ

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

(Unless you repent, you also will perish.)

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

C Glory to You , O Lord.

1 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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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 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. Please sit



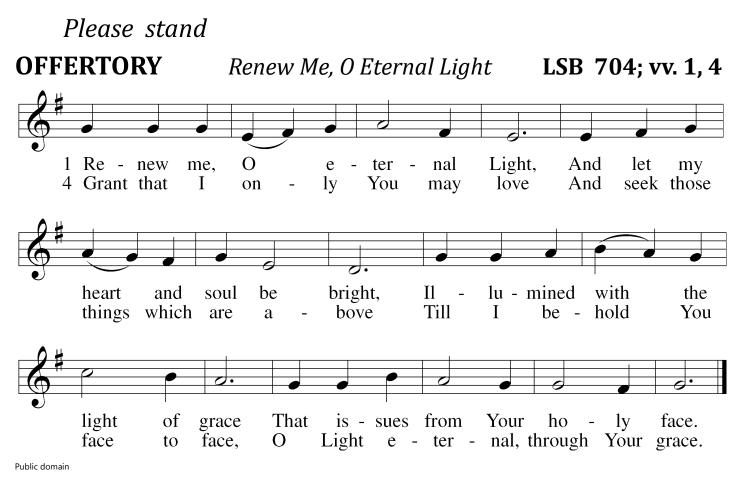
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SERMON *"God is faithful to keep us from falling"* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

OFFERING



SHARING OF THE PEACE"Peace be with you"(John 20:21)[using ASL (American Sign Language)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

P 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,

C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- P 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.
- C Amen.

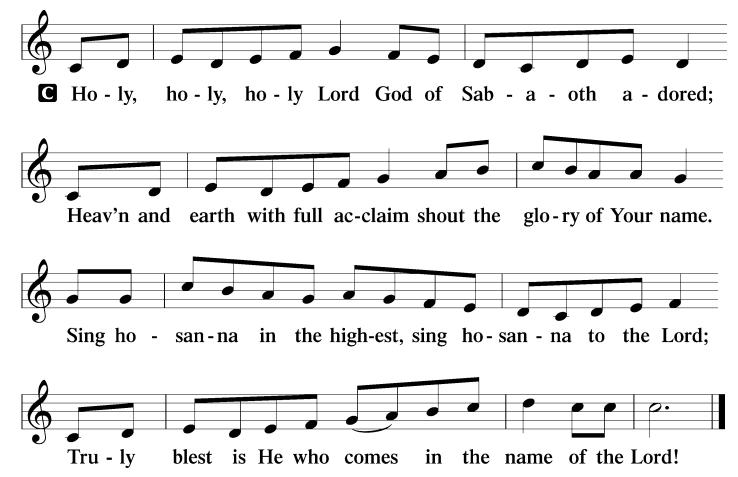
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His

life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten 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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P 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."
- P 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."

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. THE DISTRIBUTION



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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Merciful God, for freedom You have set us free through Christ's liberating death and resurrection. In this freedom, teach us to live in the fruit of the Spirit given us in our Baptism that we may bear in our bodies the fulfillment of the Law as we love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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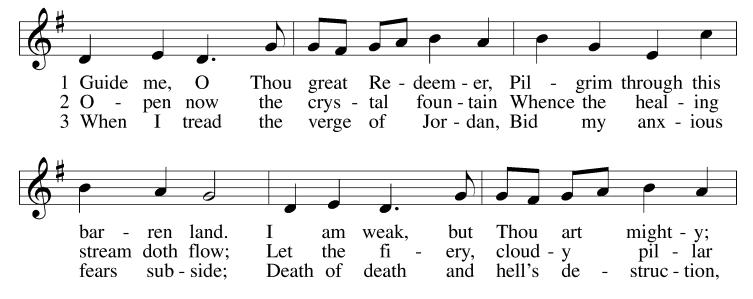
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

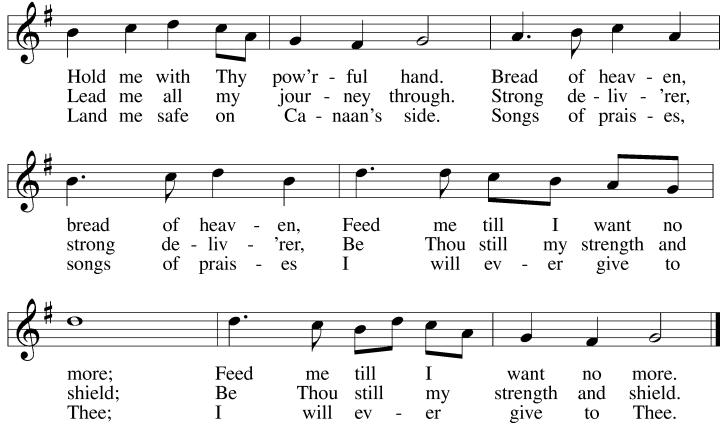
BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.
 - Please sit

SENDING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer LSB 918





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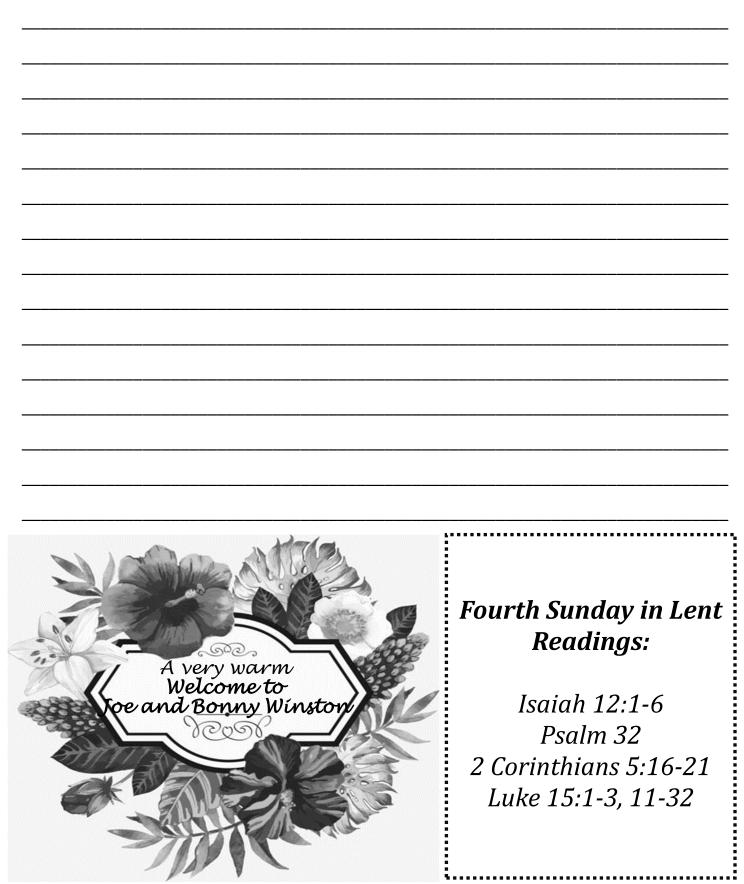
- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes:



From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer January to March 2022 are available in the Narthrex or office.



Adult Bíble Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

Mí**d-week 4**, Wednesday, March 23rd **"Judas and the Hígh Príests"** (Matthew 27:3-10) Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m. **Servíce @ 6:00 p.m.** by Rev. Goetz

Announcements

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Mark your calendar for March 27th!

Gideon speaker will be visiting our church and speaking to us after the service and at the beginning of the Bible class.

The **Soup Supper Sign-up Sheet** is located on the kitchen counter in the Social Hall.

This week's memory verse: *Romans 8:38–39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule					
	March Sunday Servants	April Servants:				
Elder:	Dan Wehling Ken Eilers					
Altar Guild:	D. Jackson & L. Marchant BJ Neuhaus/M Perez					
Music:	Bonny Winston					
This Week	Third Sunday in Lent					
Usher:	Don Vogel					
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Ser	rvice 9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible S	Study 10:30 am				
Next Week	Fourth Sunday in Lent					
Usher:	Dan Wehling					
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible S	Study 10:30 am				