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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

I Am Thine, Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *(please rise and sing)*

Lord, to You I Make Confession

Hymnal p. 608

Lord, to You I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.
Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.

Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face;
Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in Your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath not overtake me.

For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue me, Died to
save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free. Jesus' cross alone
can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

Lord, on You I cast my burden—Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let Your Spirit leave me never; Make me only Yours forever.

CONGREGATION GREETINGS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION¹

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in
prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our
unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have

sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

P: Heavenly Father, Your only begotten Son overcame Satan, sin, and death by His patience and suffering. Help us, we pray, to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has borne for us that we would be inspired to patiently persevere in true faith unto life everlasting.

C: (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

L: The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from chapter thirty-three of Ezekiel.

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

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 85

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
For He will speak peace to His people, but not let them turn back to folly.

**C: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
For He will speak peace to His people, but not let them turn back to folly.**

L: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness meet,
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**C: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
For He will speak peace to His people, but not let them turn back to folly.**

L: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
And righteousness looks down from the sky.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
And our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before Him
And make His footsteps a way.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

For He will speak peace to His people, but not let them turn back to ...folly.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

L: The second reading is from chapter ten of 1 Corinthians.

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

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke, chapter thirteen.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

There is no salvation without repentance.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Hymnal p. 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 You 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.**

SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Lamentation

David Kidwell

OFFERING SONG

Hymnal p. 422

**On My Heart Imprint Your Image
On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,**

**That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymnal p. 427

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story**

Gathers round is head sublime.

**When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Leoni”

Karen Beaumont

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: “Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God’s commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.” (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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