

Third Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:3

– “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance. It is about turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we turn to the Lord for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

Stewardship News
Attendance last Sunday: 30

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$4,245.00
Weekly 2022 Budget: \$3,019.53

GF offerings YTD: \$27,096.00
2022 Budget YTD: \$33,214.73

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Sermon Notes...**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT****† PREPARATION †**

HYMN “As Surely as I Live, God Said” LSB #614 (*Stand for last verse*)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

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: **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: **Amen.**

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

Pastor: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
People: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Pastor: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
People: **evil may not dwell with you.**

Pastor: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
People: **you hate all evildoers.**
Pastor: You destroy those who speak lies;
People: **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
Pastor: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
People: **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**
Pastor: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
People: **make your way straight before me.**
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**
Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Pastor: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
People: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

KYRIE HYMN "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh" *Tune: LSB #614*

**With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free—O God, be merciful to me!**

**I smite upon my troubled breast, With deep and conscious guilt opprest;
Christ and His cross my only plea—O God, be merciful to me!**

**Far off I stand with tearful eyes Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see—O God, be merciful to me!**

**Nor alms nor deeds that I have done Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee—O God, be merciful to me!**

**And when, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
People: **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. Amen.**

Sit

POST-COMMUNION HYMN "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB #422

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

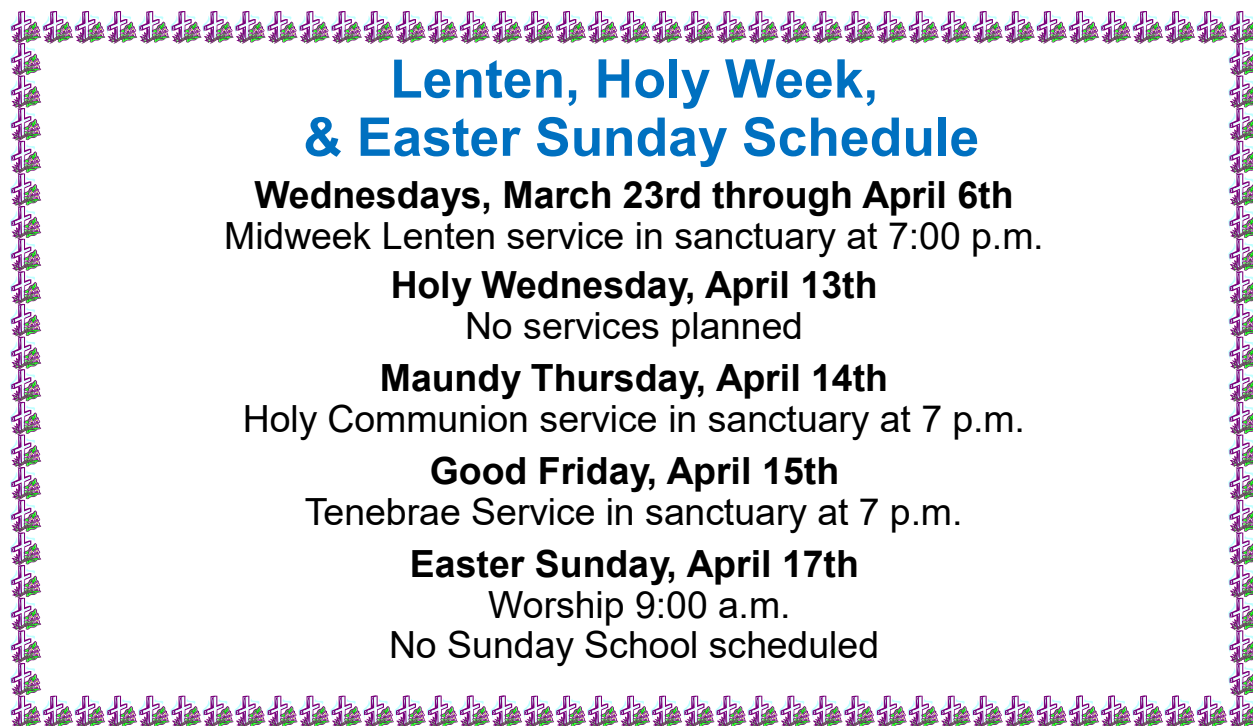
Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments that we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus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

HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB #918

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**Lenten, Holy Week,
& Easter Sunday Schedule**
Wednesdays, March 23rd through April 6th
Midweek Lenten service in sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Wednesday, April 13th
No services planned
Maundy Thursday, April 14th
Holy Communion service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.
Good Friday, April 15th
Tenebrae Service in sanctuary at 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17th
Worship 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School scheduled

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” LSB #691

“Your Love Oh Lord – Psalm 36” *(with guitar)* Brad Avery, David Carr, Mark Lee & Mac Powell

**Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean’s tides**

**Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean’s tides**

**And I will lift my voice to worship You my King;
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings**

**Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean’s tides**

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**Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean’s tides**

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“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” LSB #761

Stand

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–20*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *2 Peter 3:9b, c*

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 13:1–9*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" LSB #823

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **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 *(p. 161 in hymnal)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Once we were no people, O Lord, but now we are Your people in Christ, our Savior. By His own self-offering, He paid our debt of sin and released us from the curse of death. Rejoicing in all that He has accomplished on our behalf, we call upon You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Prepare us by Your grace to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood, that no sin may prevent us from receiving to our salvation this most precious Communion. Hear us for the sake of Your Son.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 covenant 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: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**