# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 23/24, 2025



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Please fill out a Communion/Visitor card and place it in the Offering Box. Visitors: Please see the statement on Holy Communion on pg. 16.

## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

## **Confession and Absolution**



## Opening Hymn: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

- P 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **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 wicked will perish.
- **C** For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
  - evil may not dwell with you.
- P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- **C** You destroy those who speak lies;
  - the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- C Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
- P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



#### **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.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

#### Ezekiel 33:7–20

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what

is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Handbell Anthem: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#### Epistle

#### 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**(A)** This is the Word of the Lord.

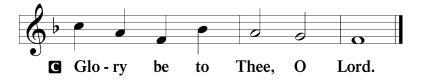
**C** Thanks be to God.

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#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 13:1–9* 

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



<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do

you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Nicene Creed**

**C** 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.

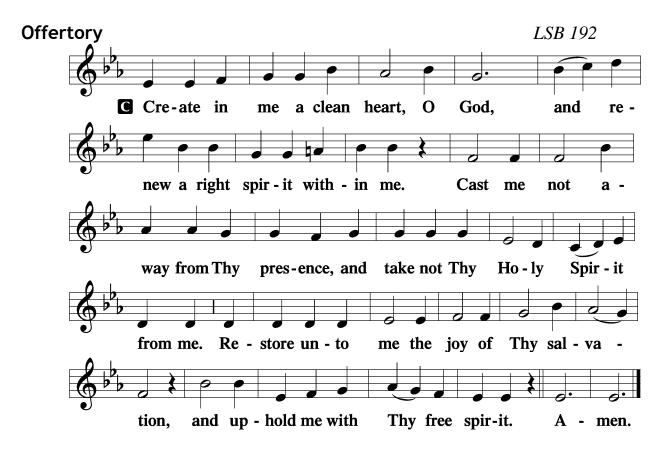
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#### Hymn: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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#### Sermon

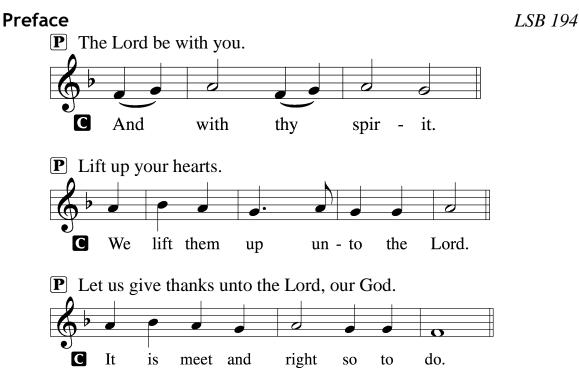
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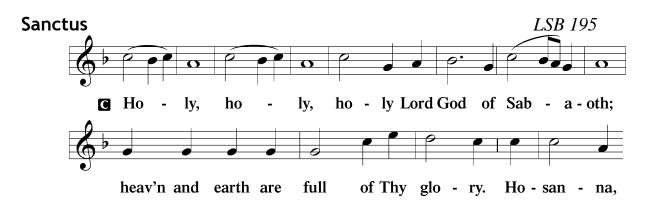
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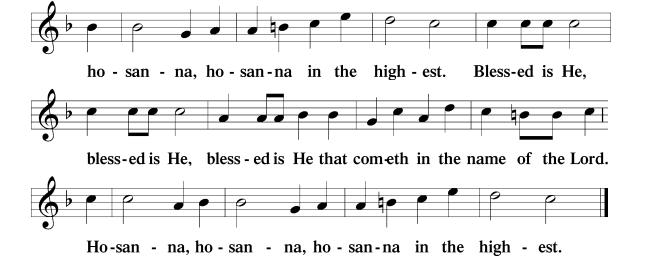




#### **Proper Preface (Full)**

 It is truly meet, 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:





## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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."

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."

#### Pax Domini

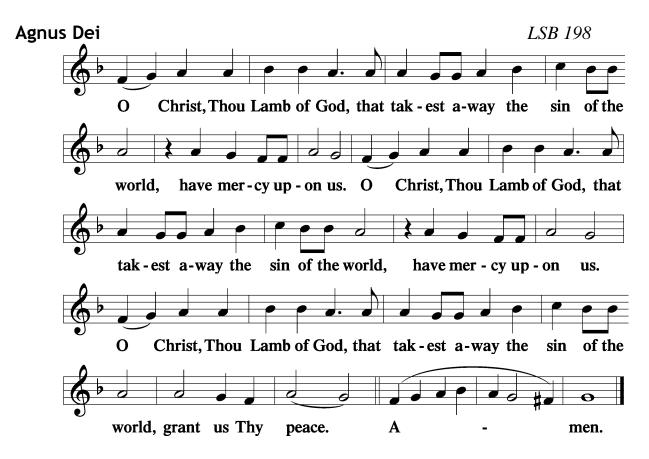
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

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#### Distribution

## Distribution Hymns:

#### 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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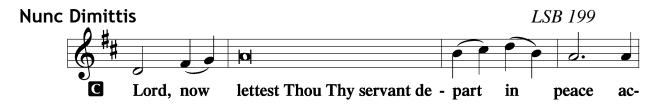
#### 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt.

#### 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Text: John Hus, c. 1369-1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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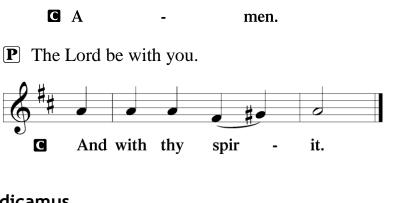




**A** Let us pray.

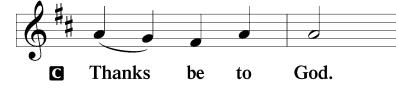
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your 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.



#### **Benedicamus**

**A** Bless we the Lord.



#### **Benediction**

**P** 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.



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## Closing Hymn: 426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

## **Welcome**

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time. Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, "Busy Bags" are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

**Hearing Problems:** New hearing devices are available to use for both worship and bible study. Please ask an usher for help.

**Pastoral Care:** If you need or know anyone from Redeemer that could benefit from pastoral care, please be sure to contact the church office and/or speak to Pastor Huehn.

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Communion Assistant Ken Kohlwey

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Prayers

- Michael Gregurich open heart surgery on Feb. 27
- Fordyce Rathjen health issues
- Harlas Luckow throat surgery on Wed. Feb. 26
- Sandra Jacobsen entered hospice care
- Karen Beke Prayers of peace and healing after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- + Elaine Waack + Comfort for Lisa Battin and family after her Mother fell asleep in Christ on Wed, March 5.
- Roger Gottschalk surgery on April 3

#### This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Worship Fellowship 10:20 am Educ. Classes

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am Finance No Bible Study

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Lenten Supper 5:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Little Sips Play Afternoon

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Worship Fellowship 10:20 am Educ. Classes

#### Lenten Wednesday Attendance: 58 Lenten Offering: \$435

Last Week Attendance: 100

Last Week Offering: \$3,122

## **Statement on Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

#### Lent Announcements

- Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center for our Lenten Suppers. These will continue for the Wednesdays throughout Lent. If any group would like to host a soup supper or multiple soup suppers, please sign your group up at the Welcome Center.
- Midweek Lent Worship The Places of our Lord's Suffering Redeemer will gather every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 P.M. to worship as we prepare our hearts and minds on our Lord's Passion.
- Lenten Devotional Resources
  - A select number of Lutheran Hour Ministries "Servant of the Lord Daily Lenten Devotions" are available at the Welcome Center. Go to lhm.org/lent for free audio or print devotions.
  - Holy Week Chronology: Passion History is also available at the Welcome Center.

## NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

New Sunday Bible Study led by Pastor Huehn began last Sunday. All are welcome! It is a chapter by chapter study through the Gospel of Luke. It is held after worship and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

## **Thrivent Choice**

If you are a member of Thrivent and have Choice Dollars to designate for 2024 you have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to contract Thrivent and direct your dollars to Redeemer, our preschool or any charity of your choice that Thrivent supports.

## 2025-26 Preschool Registration is Open

Preschool Registration for 2025-26 is open. All forms are available in the office or on our website. Please share this information with friends and family. Word of mouth is our best advertising!

#### Men's Night Out

Men of Redeemer are invited to meet at Timeout Sports Bar in Manitowoc on March 27th at 6 p.m. to enjoy dinner and to better get to know other men in the congregation. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us! Contact Pastor Huehn 309-706-9925 with questions.

## After Service Socialization

Gathering together after service on Sundays for coffee and treats is one of our favorite moments to socialize together as a congregation but we need your help to make this happen. We ask that you consider signing up for a Sunday to help serve so we can continue this wonderful opportunity to gather together. If you are not able to serve, please consider signing up to bring snacks that can be dropped off in the kitchen before service starts.



Save the Date! Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. More info will be coming soon.



#### Little Sips Play Afternoon

Redeemer is having a kids (Ages 0-6) afternoon out at Little Sips Play Cafe. This will be held on *Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm*. A private event has been set up for Redeemer Preschool and Redeemer Church families at a reduced cost of \$10 a child. Contact Beth Utecht with any questions.

#### Do you need a ride?

We know that the weather, or the time of an activity might make it hard for you to join us for events. We want to make sure that members of our congregation are able to take part in all the activities that we have on offer. If you need a ride, please reach out to the church office so we can make arrangements for you!

#### **Second Time Singles**

The next event will be the spring concert of the Clipper City Chordsmen. It is on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the afternoon at the Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance. As you know there are several members of our congregation in this very entertaining group. The cost is \$20 and can be paid by check payable to the Clipper City Chordsmen or by cash. Drop your payments in the offering box. There is a sign-up sheet in the rack, please sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions to Joanne Thompson.

#### **Portals of Prayer**

The April-June Portals of Prayer booklets are now available at the Welcome Center.

## **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily (or other flower) to help decorate the sanctuary for the celebration of the Resurrection, please make sure to sign-up at the Welcome Center by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please use a flower fund envelope found in your offering envelopes or an envelope found at the Welcome Center.

#### Preschool Rummage Sale

Ready to begin Spring cleaning?! Preschool will be hosting a Rummage Sale in May! More information will be coming soon but we will take your gently used items (no furniture or appliances, please). We will be collecting items beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, see Jaime Wiles.

