



Third Sunday in Lent
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
March 23 & 24, 2019



THE PRELUDE:

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN – “Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(please stand if you are able)*

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.

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.

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.

We share God's peace with and greet one another.

“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?’ 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?”

“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.’ 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. 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, 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. 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.

“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. 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.” P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, **C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 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.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 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. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**Luke 13:1-9**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

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. 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?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. 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. **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED – “We All Believe in One True God”**LSB 953**

(*please be seated*)

(*5 p.m. and 8 a.m.*) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation, He took upon Himself the sins of the nation.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen, And He will share with us His heavenly vision.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices; Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

(*10:30 a.m.*) **ANTHEM:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name”

Nursery-1st Grade Sunday School

SERMON: “How Can We Live? Turn Back and Live” Ezekiel 33:10-11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand if you are able*)

Each petition ends, “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “**Lord, have mercy.**”

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, Helen Winkelman, Eunice Snyder, Orville Liefer, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, June Lawrence, Jean Menke, Lisa Kloepper, Don Kueker, Loren Harms, Pat Byer, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Pastor Koen, John Hemmer, Norma Preston, Wayne Liefer, Scot Heller, Madison Falkenhain; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning,

Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Henry Hunter, Keith Dial, Josh Ritter, David Uchtmann, Tina Aubuchon, Harlow Leedle, Tyler Pratt, Sharon Kuhn, Dan Vollmer. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+thanksgiving for the 49th wedding anniversary of Clifford and Arlou Papenberg on March 28th

+those who mourn: the family of St. John's member Alvin Moeller who died in the Lord on Thursday

(please be seated) **OFFERING:**

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Hymn 824.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *(please stand if you are able)*

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 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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**

SANCTUS – “Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old” - LSB 960



I - sa - iah, might - y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir - it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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THE 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.
- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with
His own words, we receive His testament:

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."

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI – *"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"* -LSB 434

- 1** Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS – *(please be seated)*
761 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

Please stand if you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617, st. 2)

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee that Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

BENEDICAMUS AND 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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

LSB 824

THE POSTLUDE:

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