



**March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**9:00 AM**

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,  
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



Welcome to Worship! All words will be displayed on the screen.  
Kids, don't forget your Praise Packs! Children's Bulletins are available in the Praise Packs!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRELUDE

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

John Behnke



### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to do and be as members of Christ's body. (pause) God forgives and heals us.

**C: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

P: God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: be at peace.

**All: Amen**

### KYRIE

# 157



### OPENING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

#324, verses 1,2 & 4



### FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*R: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**


**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**
**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*P: This is the Gospel of our Lord*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Monte

**SERMON HYMN**

"Canticle of the Turning"

#723, verses 1 &amp; 4

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven.  
 He is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“Lord, listen to your children praying”

#752



## PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always*    **C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you.”*



## OFFERING

*Pew Pads are located at the far end of each pew.*

*Please fill them out and pass them, noting those seated around you.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”    Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Voices of St. Luke’s*

*Children are invited to gather at the back during the anthem and help bring forward the offering.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Open your hearts.*

**C: We open them to God and to one another.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



## 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.



**P: Bread and wine: the gifts of God for the people of God.**

**C: May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

**DISTRIBUTION** - You will be invited to stand or kneel at the altar.

*If you wish to have the Pastor bring communion to your pew, please notify an Usher.*

*All are Welcome!*



## COMMUNION HYMN

“Lamb of God”  
“How Great Thou Art”

Page #154  
#856, verses 1,3 & 4



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God

**C: at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen**



## BENEDICTION



## CLOSING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#803, verses 1,2 & 4



## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God’s Beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

John Behnke

**+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED DURING WORSHIP TODAY! +**

You can now **GIVE ONLINE**, by scanning the QR code:



***Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the life and ministry of the church!***

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by The Ziller family, in thanks for all God’s Blessings especially grandchildren: Jena, Emylee, Gabriel and Rocky.

**ETERNAL FLAME** for the second half of the month of February is given by ***Tom and Pauline Sneed in honor of their 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and to wish the congregation a blessed Lent~***

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Monday, March 4**

9:00 am Quilters

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

**Tuesday, March 5**

11:00 am Music Camp Meeting

**Wednesday, March 6**

10:00 am Village Quilters

1:00 pm Wednesday Worship

6:00 pm Handbell Choir

6:30 pm Soup Supper for the Soul

7:30 pm Choir

Thursday, March 8 9:00 am Retiree Breakfast @ Melrose Restaurant

Friday, March 7 Church Office Closed

Sunday, March 10 **Flower Orders Due!**  
9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:15 am Education Hour



We Look Forward to the Season of Lent

**Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024,**

\* *Cantata* in-person and online worship service at 9:00am.

**Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2024,**

\* Agape Dinner & Worship 6:30pm

**Good Friday: March 29, 2024,**

\* Cross Walk at 2:00pm

\* Ecumenical Service at St. Alphonsus - 3:00pm

\* St. Luke's in-person and online worship service - 7pm

**Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024** in-person and online worship service at 9:00am.

## Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL ONLINE SIGN-UPS CAN BE FOUND AT:** [www.slchurch.org/sign-ups](http://www.slchurch.org/sign-ups)

### **FLOWER ORDERS:**

Be sure to order your Easter flowers asap! The final orders are due on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **FORGIVENESS: A LENTEN STUDY**

Join Jeri Smith in this Lenten Study with Marjorie Thompson's book on Forgiveness. Books are available at the Welcome Center. We will meet during Education Hour **Today**, March 10, and 24. Join us!

### **HELP GET US TO NEW ORLEANS**

You may have seen the board in the gathering space. In efforts to make the National Youth Gathering more affordable for our students, we are asking for your help to get us there. Take an envelope from the vine, to place your donation, and hand it to Heather (or put it in the offering plate). Watch the "speed" increase, to assist in transportation costs.

## SAVE THE DATE:









- Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> :  
All-ages Education Hour. Make an Easter Garden to take home.
- Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> :  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt ~ Rain or Shine! 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Choir Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am
- June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Music Camp
- July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> - Vacation Bible School

Let the little children come to me ...  
it is to such as these that the  
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



### **\*\* LENTEN PRAISE PACKS \*\***

-  • Light your candle when the candles are lit at the front of the church and hold it up high. At the end of the service turn your candle off.
-  • Take out the smooth stone and hold it tight during times of prayer. This stone symbolizes the tomb Jesus was put into on Good Friday.
-  • Wave the Palm leaf to move to the music.
-  • Look at the booklet in your bag. Look at the pictures for today to follow along with the readings.
-  • While listening to Pastor's Sermon, take a look at your children's bulletin. Can you make any connections between what is on there to the sermon?
-  • Fill out a prayer slip or two (attached on your clipboard) and place them in the offering plate. Help our Lenten prayer chain grow!
-  • Greet those around you with a handshake, wave, fist bump, peace sign, or say hello
-  • Place the sticker on your shirt to remember that you are a child of God and He loves you!