



Third Sunday in Lent

We gather this evening to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

P = Pastor **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader

Prelude: With influences from Italian organ writing of the day, this adagio by Johann Sebastian Bach could have been written for a string instrument and harpsichord accompaniment. A plaintive or mournful melody is heard first, and four-part writing concludes this movement from Bach's "Toccatà, Adagio, and Fugue."

Prelude

"Adagio, BWV 564b"
Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

A Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us return to God with all our hearts, confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Sin holds us captive. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Through water and the Word, Spirit and saving Son, we are cleansed from sin, joined with the communion of saints, and brought to new and abundant life. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Hymn: As St. Paul wrote, so we also glory in "blessing, peace, and joy" found in the cross of Jesus Christ, where our Lord forgives sin.

Entrance Hymn 324

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
RATHBUN

Apostolic Greeting

A Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. May the grace of God, through Jesus Christ—our crucified and risen Savior—be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie: During the season of Lent, we turn to Setting 1 of Holy Communion from the red hymnal. We sing the Kyrie remove the Canticle of Praise as signs of these penitential weeks.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - - - men.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray. Eternal God,
- C** your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: *To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness because God's ways are not our ways.*

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

OT page 702 in the pew Bible

- L** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

Michel Guimont

Refrain sung by all; verses sung by choir/cantor.

Refrain: My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord, thirst-ing for you my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
Refrain sung by all.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
Refrain sung by all.
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
Refrain sung by all.
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.
Refrain sung by all.

Second Reading: Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

Gospel Acclamation: During the penitential season of Lent, "alleluia!" meaning "praise the Lord!" is omitted from the liturgy. A sung verse replaces the typical three-fold acclamation.

Gospel: Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

✚ Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

Evening Hymn: Today Jesus tells his disciples that those who died when the tower of Siloam fell were not guilty of a worse sin than any others living at the time. Like Christ's first disciples, we often limit God's grace. In stanza three of this hymn, we sing of this truth: "But we make [God's] love too narrow by false limits of our own."

Faced with such difficulty, where do we turn? Stanza four tells us to "take God at [His Word]." Turning to God in repentance is first an admission of sin but secondly a trust in God's Word to forgive. When we take our Lord at his Word, "then our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

NT page 164 in the pew Bible

- Ⓐ Word of God, Word of Life.
- ☩ Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Choir/cantor: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

Gospel Announcement

- Ⓐ The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Luke 13:1-9 ✚

NT page 71 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

- Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

"When Really Bad Things Happen: From Siloam to Sioux Falls"
Pastor John Christopherson

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Evening Hymn 587

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Stanza 1 – Cantor 2-4 – All
ST. HELENA

Apostles' Creed

- Ⓐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- ☩ 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 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

- Ⓐ Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Following each petition:

- Ⓐ Hear us, O God.
- ☩ **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

- Ⓐ Trusting in your promise of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- ☩ **Amen.**

Offering Presentation: This paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 51 is first a confession: "Create in me a clean heart." At the same time, we recognize the power of God's Spirit, which gives us faith. Because of this, we join in asking with the Psalmist: "Take not your Holy Spirit from me."

Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Worship assistants:

Cantor

Kris Herbst

Lector and Usher

Anita Paulsen

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Sharing of the Peace

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

Please be seated.

Offering

Offering Voluntary

Please stand.

Offering Presentation 188

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- 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** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** Let us receive the bread of life and cup of salvation.

Please be seated.

Communion

Please stand.

Blessing

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- A** May God, who has called us forth from the dust of the earth and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you with His Word of life. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn 803

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
HAMBURG

Dismissal

- A** Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Lent is a season of confession, repentance, and return to God's Word. During Lent, we omit postludes to reflect the penitential nature of the season.

it BB10: Keesha's Birthday BB11: Chima's Expulsion. But I <3 chima BB12: Kathy stuck in caramel or Ragan vs Rachel
BB13: Rachel following Dani after Brendon eviction BB14: Dan evicting Shane in F4 BB15: Andy getting Mccrae to evict Elissa BB16:
Frankie's face when he lost AFP BB17: Austin's Blindside BB18: James's face when he lost AFP to Natalie. Not Including
BB9 (which would fill the list), BB7 (good players all around), and BB1 (different format). (Winner) Best: Dan Gheesling/Dr. Will | Worst:
Jordan Lloyd. KO4BB. Manuals, Timing, Ham Radio, Test Equipment. Toggle navigation. Contact N4BB on Messenger. N4BB.com.
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