

# LENT



*The kingdom of God is at hand.*

Mark 1:15

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 7, 2021**

*Prelude*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Pause for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer...imploring your grace for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

**“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”**

**Insert**

**Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### First Reading

### Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <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 a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, 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 his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,\*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,\*  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**Their sound has gone out into all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;\***

**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;\***

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;\*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends?\***

**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion  
over me;\*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight,\***

**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel Acclamation

P: Please rise for the reading of the gospel.

**C: Return to the Lord, our God, for He is merciful and slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John 2:13--25

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

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

Sermon

Sermon Song

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Insert

Nicene Creed

P: Join me as we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, one of Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. WE acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the Faithful

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**We continue to pray for the following:**

**Church Leadership; LCMC National; Augustana District;**

**International Missions Ministries—Augustana World Missions**

Chuck Cederman	Harold Haseley	Lester Walck	Carol Harbart
Britt Gamache	Mark Lendway	Ralph DeVantier	Shane
Lori Haseley (St. James)		Nancy Thorstad	Dan Wendt

**Serving in the Military**

Nate Allen      James Garavaglia      Jillian Kelkenberg      Phillip Messina  
Seth Spitler      Ben Thorstad      Justin DeVantier      Jeremy Ditto  
N.F. Air Base

**Those in nursing homes and shut-ins**

Edna Walck      Paul Greinert      Nora Hingle      Marge Kordzikowski

**Sharing of Christ's Peace**

**Offering of Gifts**

P: Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and the redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***Great Thanksgiving***

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 indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

***Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

**C: who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

Lamb of God

**C: 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, grant us peace.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

Post Communion Prayer

**Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of your people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

P: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Insert**

*Postlude*

**GO IN PEACE AND REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE.  
WE SHALL REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE.**

**WELCOME** to St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call the his office at 731-4433 or his cell phone 990-6244.

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### **Holy Gospel—John 2:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <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, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore 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. [<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.]