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3rd Sunday in Lent



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

### **Lutheran Worship**

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

### **As we adjust to live worship**

We are taking many precautions to make our regular Sunday service as safe as possible. In keeping with our Governor's mandate, please wear a facemask while inside the building. Masks are available on the table by the bulletin announcements, if you forget your mask. If you socialize before or after the service please do so outside or in the fellowship hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding worship or ministry please inform Pastor or our elder, Ken Leib.

# HYMN: FORTH IN YOUR NAME, O LORD, I GO



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly, ful - fill The task your  
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see  
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry  
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly  
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and  
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at  
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -  
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.  
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!  
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.  
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.  
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

Tune: LAKEWOOD (LM) Barry L. Bobb, b. 1951. © 1981 Barry L. Bobb. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

*Stand*

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## **FIRST LESSON**

## **EXODUS 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."



M: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

C: **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

M: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

C: **The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

M: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

C: **The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

M: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

C: **The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.**

M: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

C: **By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

M: Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

C: **Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.**

M: Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

C: **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

C: **Glory be 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.**

*REFRAIN*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

### Verse of the Day:

**C: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. That everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)**

## GOSPEL

## JOHN 2:13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

**M:** This is the gospel of our Lord.

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

*Be seated*



# HYMN OF THE DAY: THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE



1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his  
 2 The law is good, but since the fall Its ho - li -  
 3 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 4 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of right - eous -  
 ness con - demns us all; It dooms us for our sins to  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at his



ness, But dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 die And has no pow'r to jus - ti - fy.  
 tate And seek re - lief be - fore too late.  
 throne, Saved by his grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, abr., alt.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

**Fear, Love and Trust in God Above All Things**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

# HYMN: ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE

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On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,



King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no



pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -



da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.