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8:45 AM 3rd Sunday in Lent
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"I have come
seeking fruit
on this fig tree ..."

Luke 13:7, ESV



March 24, 2019

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara & Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Invited into the wilderness of our lives, we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors.

All: We will journey to a land flowing with milk and honey.

L: Invited to wander as we search for deeper meaning, we follow in the footsteps of Christ.
All: We will journey without fear through the temptations of life.
 L: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
All: Let us worship with thanksgiving and praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
 the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.
All: Amen
P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God at the margins,
All: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.
P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care.
All: Like manna in the desert, God feeds us with surprising mercy.

P: Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day,
All: forgiving our sins for the sake of Christ, leading us from death into life. Amen.

HYMN . . . "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" vs 1, 4
 Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux - Tune: W. Gardiner - ELW #658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our
 life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -
 parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
All: Amen.

KYRIE

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.
 We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

All: 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.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “*Lord Have Mercy*”

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: Teach us your ways and your paths.

Reader: Into whatever journey lies before us,

All: lead on, Holy Spirit; lead on.

READING . . . *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

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.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors 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, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down

in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they 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. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

L: *The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.*

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 13:1-9

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.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . “Growing into Lent” - Carmen Blair

Please Stand

HYMN . . . “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” vs. 1, 2

Text: Frederick W. Faber - Tune: North American – ELW #588



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide -ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;



there’s a kind -ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . **MEAL** . . . SENDING

Please Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

All: 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty
 God has given us.

All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's
 work in this congregation and the world.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

The children will be circulating with buckets to collect
 "Luther Loose Change" to help fund our AV upgrade.
 Make those buckets ring with a joyful noise!



Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "We Place upon Your Table, Lord" vs. 1, 3

Text: M. F. C. Wilson – Tune: W. Walker – LBW #217

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our dai - ly hum - bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er". The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics: "work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign. use we of - fer up as you com - mand."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
 and you provide for our every need.

All: Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
 and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in
 Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we
 offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and
 for all of creation. Holy God, build up the body of Christ
 and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us.
 Lead us to recognize your saving work through the
 spiritual practices you encourage. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to
 Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in
 our communities, help us to overcome our limitations
 and increase our understanding of ourselves and others.
 Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Provide relief for those suffering and in pain. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given

for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has prepared the feast.

All: We come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion is open to all.
 Grape juice is white, wine is red.
 Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
 If you desire communion brought to you,
 please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Text: Omer Westendorf - Tune: Robert E. Kreutz - ELW #484

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Nothing Can Ever Come”

Text & Tune: Taizé Community

Noth-ing can ev-er come be - tween us and the love of God, the
 love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.

All: Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,

P: mending broken hearts, working for justice,

All: and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Compassionate God, you have fed us with bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

All: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT “Jesus, Still Lead On” vs 1, 2

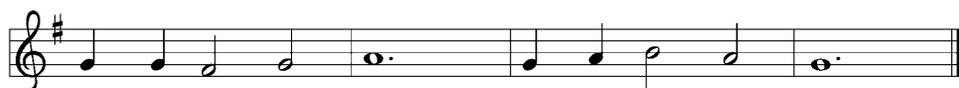
Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf - Tune: Adam Drese - ELW #624



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve God.



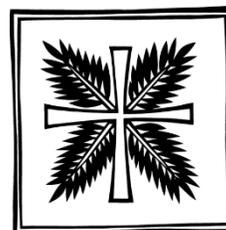
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Midweek Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENT

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2019

- 6:30 to 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music
- Drama: “Voices of Lent”

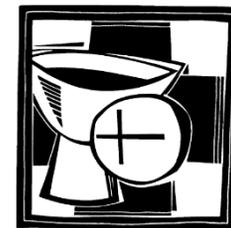


April 14, 2019 - PALM SUNDAY

- 8:45 & 11 AM Services
- Palm Procession (1st Service)
- 5 PM Seder Meal

April 18, 2019 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7 PM Service
- With other local Lutheran churches
- At Christ the King Lutheran Church
1301 Mowry Avenue, Fremont



April 19, 2019 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 7 PM Service
- Mary's Reflections on the Stations of the Cross
- Taizé Music

April 21, 2019 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM 21st Cent. Trad. Service
- Easter Breakfast between Services
- 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 AM Service of Living Praise

