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Sunday
in
Lent



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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Prayer Before Worship: We seek you in your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our Hope. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, *if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,*
we are glad to have you with us.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.

***Glory to God:**

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God,

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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is
no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up on my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under
the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the
cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same
spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock
was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were
struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they
did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual
immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We
must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by
serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer.

¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Verse:**

“Let Your Steadfast Love...”

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**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."
⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Hymn**

“Restore in Us, O God”

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**1. Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.**

**2. O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow’r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow’r.**

**3. Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.**

**4. Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 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:**

Each petition ends with:

God of mercy....**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

... our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

“The Waters of Grace”

Choir

Flute - Victoria Brady

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and Generous God,

we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of Institution

The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

There is bread enough, there is wine enough for all,
Come, brothers and sisters, to the feast where all are welcome!

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music

Rhonda Boettcher

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need. **Amen.**

✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠

***Benediction**

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

**(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School during the singing of
the sending hymn.)**

***Sending Hymn:**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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vv. 1-3**

**1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus promises to meet you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Shirley Schuldies** (covid, eye & heart procedures), **Dick Heidingsfelder** (recovering from hip surgery), **Jude Walker** (recovering from a fall), **Andrew Miller, Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Larry Stahla** (Virginia Pickett's brother) and **Reuben Gorr**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)



Brian Christeleit, 3/20; Derek Smith, 3/23; Larry Spomer, 3/23;
Randy Schafer, 3/24; Paul Bueide, 3/26

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Sauces

BACKPACKS: Fruit Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW MARCH MISSION PROJECT:

Food for meals at the Lakota Center

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan "designated giving" envelopes and mark them for CLCW.

Coffee and Fellowship



Coffee and fellowship has started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



March 23rd, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is Scalloped Potatoes & Ham sponsored by the Calvary Lutheran Church Women.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We are excited to announce Sunday School will start TODAY!



Laundry Love

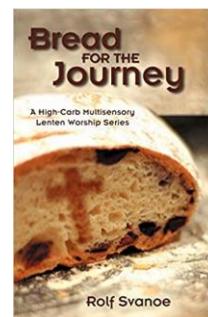
Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is April 16th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

"I am the Bread of Life"

---Jesus

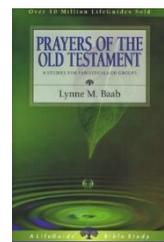
Bread for the Journey is the theme for our Wednesday night Lenten services this year. Bread is present throughout the pages of the Bible, but especially at key times in Israel's salvation history. This series will give us an opportunity to reflect on those 'bread' stories in ways that are particularly appropriate for Lent. As well, each week we will sample different breads as we explore together themes of hospitality, generosity, sufficiency, and trust which are like slices in the loaf of bread being served each week.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights for a high-carb, multi-sensory Lenten Worship Experience!



Prayers of the OLD Testament NEW Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m. (8-week study starting March 16th)

Having just finished up a study on the prayers of the New Testament, we will now turn our attention to some of the "Prayers of the Old Testament." Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers from the Old Testament (prayers from Moses, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah and Habakuk). You need not have attended the New Testament study to benefit from this new study. Everyone is welcome.





We're updating our church directory!!!
(Dates for getting your picture taken are listed below)

It's been 4 years since we put together our last church directory and in that time the makeup of our congregation has changed. The Outreach Committee would like to give everyone the opportunity to have their picture taken (for those who are new to Calvary or perhaps didn't get their picture taken the last time around) or updated if you did have your picture and you or your family look different now!). In order to be as inclusive and accommodating as possible we have come with the following options:

1) Wednesday, March 16th and the following Wednesdays of Lent, during the Lenten Meal hour, a member of the Outreach Committee will be available to take your picture for the directory using the church camera. **2)** For those who would like a more professional photo taken, Brooke Samuelson has again agreed to take photos for us on **Saturday, April 2nd from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** before the Saturday night service and then again on **Sunday, April 3rd after worship from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Additional times will be added if needed. Sign-up sheets will be placed outside the church office for those who wish to sign up for the 'professional pictures'. **3)** OR, if those two options don't work, you may submit a photo of your own choosing to be included in the directory.

Any questions, talk to Pastor Sheryl or a member of the Outreach Committee: Becca Pierce, Dawn Holub, Deb Brown, Tracy Steele or Tammy Lutz.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – March 20

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub
LAY READER: LaDonna Schmidt
COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle
POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow
ACOLYTES: Josh Miller & Andrew Miller
MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten
AUDIO: Jack Martin
ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler
ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Kent & Dawn Holub

Lenten Wednesday – March 23

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle
POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow
ACOLYTE: Jacey Cochran
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
AUDIO: Val Rahrs

Next Sunday – March 27

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen
LAY READER: Susan Martin
COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey
POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne
ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran
MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten
AUDIO: Val Rahrs
ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh
PIANIST: Dee Brady
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 20

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March

5 p.m. – Elders
6 p.m. – Worship & Music
6 p.m. – Stewards

Tuesday, March 22

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Study @ Calvary
12 p.m. – Women’s Study @ Calvary
1 p.m. – Quilting
7 p.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study

Wednesday, March 23

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal/
Directory Pictures
6:30 p.m. – Worship
7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, March 26

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, March 27

10 a.m. – Worship
11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

MARCH 20, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



To repent is to seek and thirst for God.

..... DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Abundant life
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings from Israel's history
Wednesday	Luke 12:54-59	Knowing what to do
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-13	David's psalm of thanksgiving
Friday	Acts 3:17-26	Peter speaks in the temple
Saturday	Psalms 63:1-8	Comfort in God's presence
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

..... SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Psalm 63:1 (NRSV)*

..... PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us a thirst for your presence in our lives and world that we may live in peace and confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, may this food remind us that you promise us a feast that costs us nothing and shows your great love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 55:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a repentant heart, peace, and joy.



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MARCH 20, 2022 HYMN OF THE WEEK *Restore in Us, O God*



..... WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tall or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

..... CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would you describe what life is like in today's world?
- What do you think God sees that is lacking in the world today?

..... DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 13:1-9.

Lent is a season of repentance. Repentance is not first and foremost a moral change on our part; it is a changed way of seeing that influences one's actions. Jesus sees human tragedies caused by tyrants (like Pilate) or by accidents (like a tower that falls on people) as part of life. Life is fragile for lots of reasons. To see the world as Jesus sees it is to see the need for all of us to repent, that is, to turn to God and see God's care for us in the world. To repent is to turn toward God. It is to turn away from a thirst for acceptance from others, power, prestige, or wealth. The life of repentance Jesus wants for us bears the fruit of God's ways that is full of mercy and forgiveness (see Isaiah 55:7).

Discuss: How does knowing of God's care for us change your way of thinking and behaving in the world?

Pray: Forgive God, help us to see as you see and to desire what you desire through Christ our Lord. Amen.

..... SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how does repentance influence your actions towards others?

..... RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. When reading a newspaper or watching the news, we learn about tragedies and sad events happening in the world. After reading or seeing the news this week, sit in silence and pray for those situations and the people involved. Light a candle and say: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome. The Bible gives us models for praying. Close by reading Psalm 63:1-8 as a prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org