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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

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Confession & Forgiveness Rite

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

P. 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.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

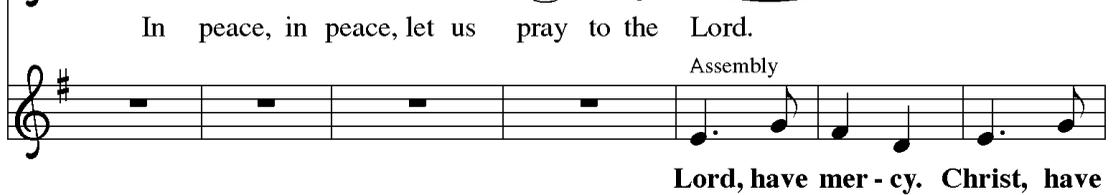
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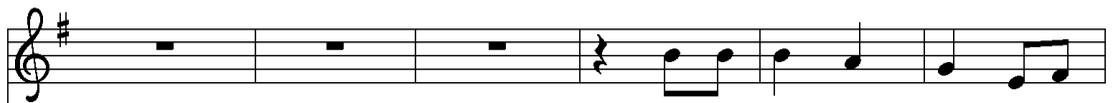


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

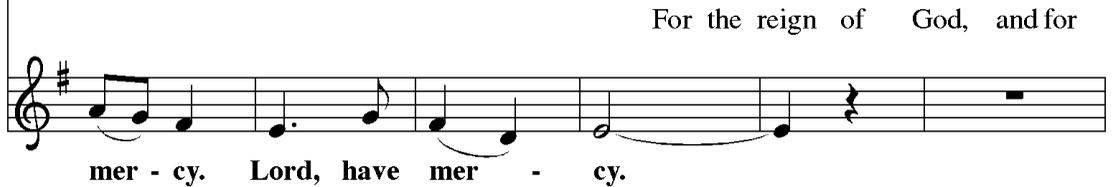
Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



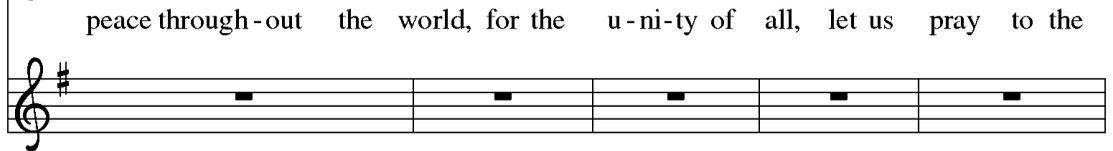
For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie Continued..

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

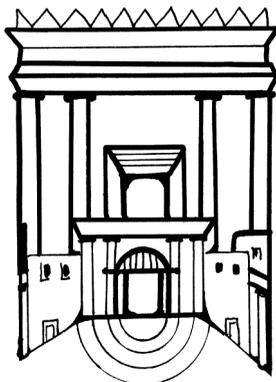
¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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Hymn of the Day con't

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

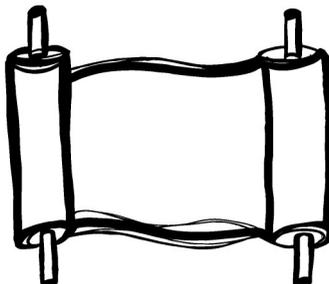
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Thanksgiving

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Lent, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially Bonnie, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Sandie, Julie, Sandy, Dave, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts [*pause for names*]we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering & Anthem

“Grief” by William Grant Still

*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude
as we prepare for communion.*



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Offertory Hymn

ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The 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.

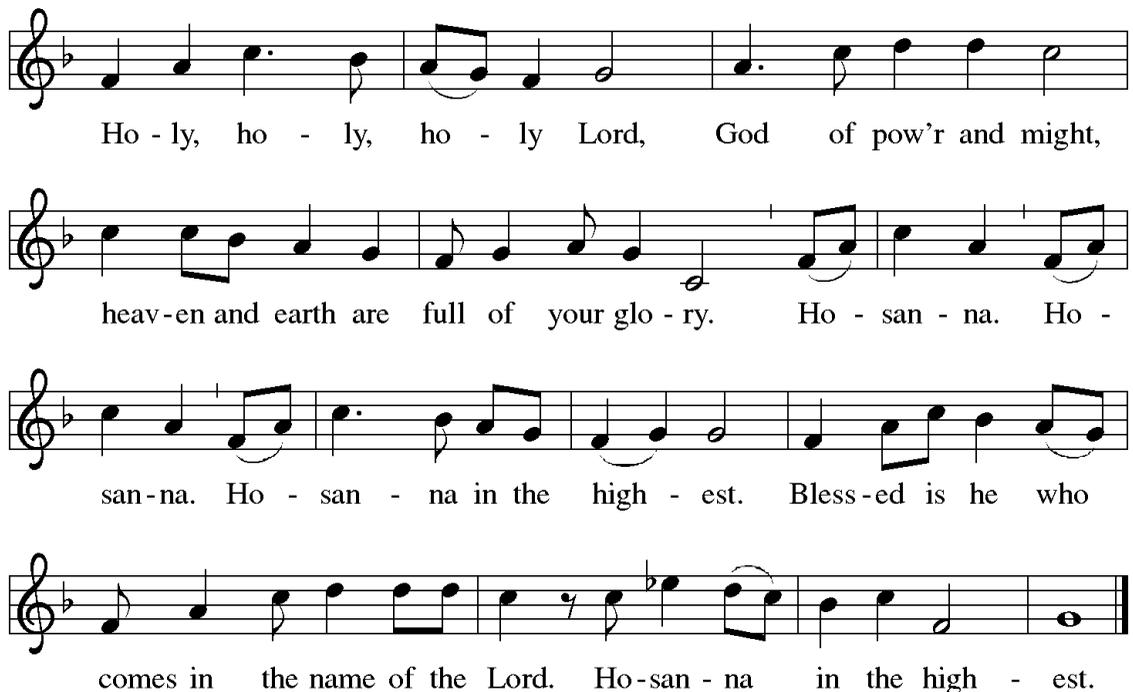
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- 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.
- P: 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.
- P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: 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.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

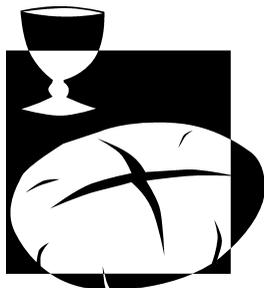
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **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.**

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.



Communion Hymn

ELW 357 "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



- 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Elegy for ‘Dr Mattilda Middleton’ by Paul Fey

We thank today’s celebrants:

Deacons: Leanne Morris & Chris Formeller

Lectors: John DeCorah & Jocelyn Lemish

Greeter/Usher: Guenter Seidel

Announcements

Important Dates to note:

- **March 3rd & 17th:** Sunday School during 10am worship
- **March 10th:** Second Sundays concert at 12pm
- **March 24th:** Palm Sunday worship at 10am
- **March 29th:** Good Friday soup supper 6pm | Worship service 7pm
- **March 31st:** Easter Sunday
 - Easter Concert at 9:30am
 - Easter Worship at 10am

5 Week Lenten Book Study

February 18th – March 17th

Sundays 9:00-9:45 AM with Zoom Option

We will host a 5 week Lenten Book discussion of “Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times” by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. We live in a changing climate of polarizing politics and opposing value systems. Rabbi Sacks examines the underlying roots of divisiveness in our global culture and its impact on the loss of a shared perspective of the common good. The impact of social media, wealth and personal over communal goals erodes relationships of mutual care and respect. Looking to a pathway toward the common good, Rabbi Sacks focuses on rediscovering our most important aspects of our human identity.

Our 5 week study will take up a chapter a week:

March 10th Being Human

March 17th The Way Forward

We will meet in the church office Sundays in Lent starting at 9 AM. For those who want to join via Zoom, a link will be available. A copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon for \$14.33. Please let Pastor Zook know if you would like the Zoom link.

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We invite you to donate new items from the list below to be shared with migrant families in our community.



- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine products
- Band-Aids
- Shampoo
- OTC medications
 - Acetaminophen (adults & children)
 - antihistamines
 - decongestants
 - antacids
 - laxatives
- Thermometers

- Body Wipes
- Body Lotion
- Lice Kits
- Bras (sizes A-D for adults)
- Bralettes (preteens & teenagers)
- Leggings
- Undershirts & tank tops
- Sandals (adults & children)
- Thick blankets
- Pillows



Please bring donations to Concordia Church or any Concordia Place location by Sunday, March 24th.

OR

Scan or click the QR code to shop the Amazon Wish List & have your item(s) automatically delivered!



Join us during Lent

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Mardi Gras Potluck on *Sunday, February 11th*

Bring a dish to share!



Kid's seasonal activity + cookie bake-off



Ash Wednesday

February 14th

Worship Service 7:00pm

Includes Imposition of Ashes



Adult Book Study

February 18th—March 17th

9:00am in church office

*"Morality: Restoring the Common Good
in Modern Times"*

by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Zoom option available

Reach out to Pastor

Zook for more

details or to get involved.



Sunday Lenten Services

February 18th—March 17th

at 10:00am

All services available in-person, via
livestream, or by recorded viewing
on our YouTube channel: Concordia
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For all details and livestream links,
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March 24th

Palm Sunday

10:00am Worship

Join us in the Procession of Palms and hear the story of Christ's passion



Good Friday

March 29th



6:00pm Soup Supper

Fellowship together over a light meal of soup & bread

7:00pm Worship

Reflections on the 7 last words of Chris on the cross

March 31st

Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Concert

10:00am Worship

Join us as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



All services available in-person and via livestream.
Worship details can be found at concordiafaith.org/worship



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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" Setting 3

Hymn of the Day

ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Offertory Hymn

ELW #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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Sanctus

Setting 3

Communion Hymn

ELW #357 "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"

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Closing Hymn

ELW #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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