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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 7, 2021 – 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

**Divine Service 2**



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*"And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ." –1 Corinthians 10:4*

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*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen. ("Before Worship" Collect, LSB inside cover)*

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

### Glorious Things of You Are Spoken – Robert A. Hobby

#### Opening Hymn

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

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#### 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.
- 4 Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

### STAND

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Psalm 69:14-16 (Antiphon Psalm 69:9)

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

P Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

**C let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,

**C or the pit close its mouth over me.**

P Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

**C according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

**ALL 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.**

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

### Kyrie (3 times)

#### *Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Christe e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*SIT*

### Old Testament Reading

**Exodus 17:1–7**

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said

to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

P The heavens declare the glory of God,

**C and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

P Day to day pours out speech,

**C and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P There is no speech, nor are there words,

**C whose voice is not heard.**

P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**C In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

**C and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

**C and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**C the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

P the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

**C the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

**C the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

P More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**C sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

P Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

**C in keeping them there is great reward.**

P Who can discern his errors?

**C Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

P Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

**C Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

**C O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>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>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

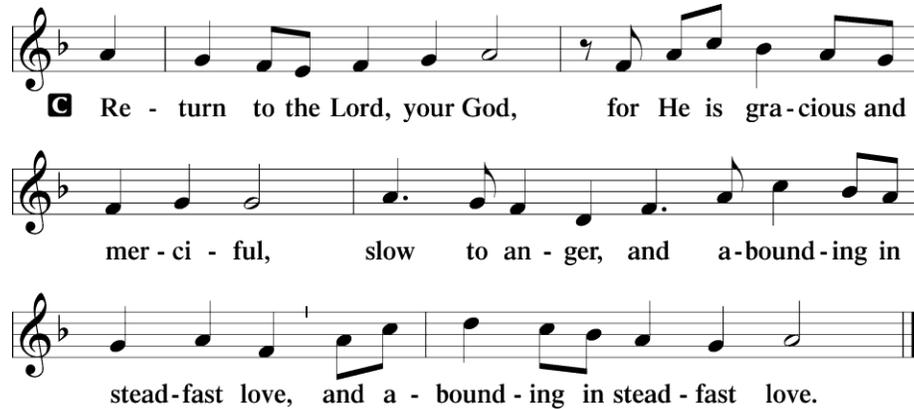
A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

**Lenten Verse**

**LSB 173**



■ 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.

**Holy Gospel**

John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



■ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



■ Praise to You, O Christ.

*SIT*

## Hymn of the Day

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

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## 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

## Sermon

## "The Rock in the Wilderness" (Exodus 17:1-7)

*STAND*

### Affirmation of Faith (8:00 a.m.)

**Aaron DeWitt**

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded You; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

P Aaron, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\text{†}$  everlasting.

R *Amen*

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing Your son to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*SIT*

### **Offering**

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.

### **560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed (Cantor will sing verses 1 and 2)**

3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.

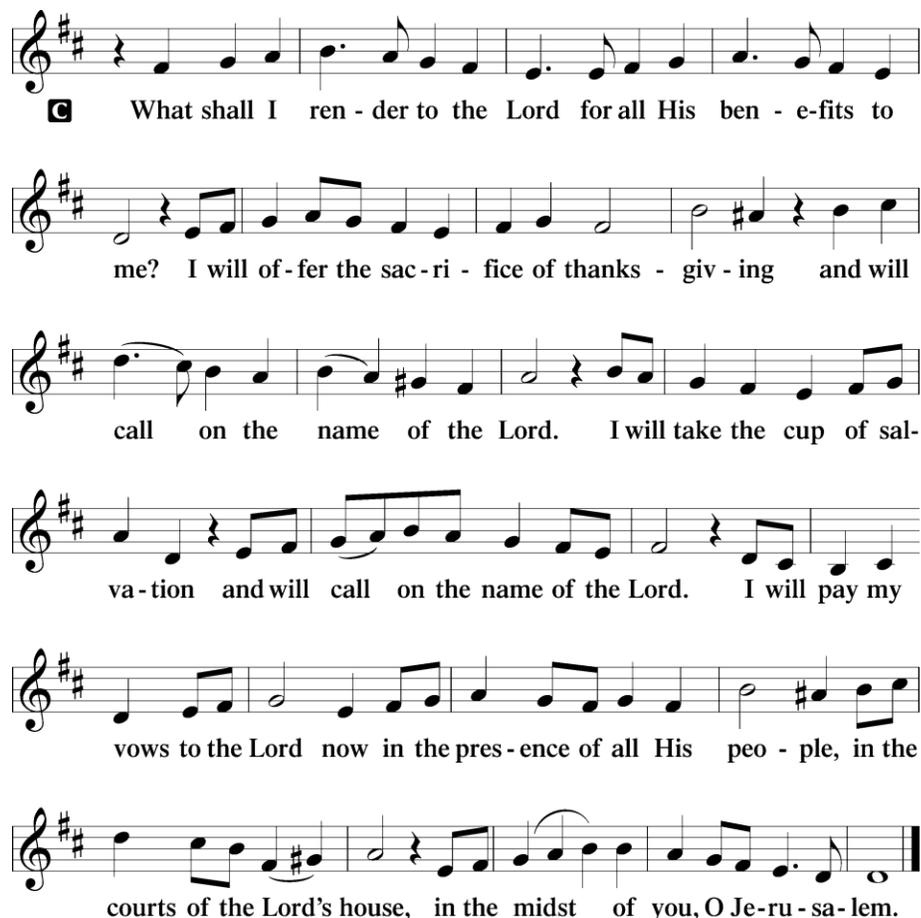
4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

(Your offering can be left in the large brown box at the back of the nave, mailed into the Church Office at 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122, or given through the online Vanco link at the bottom of the [www.EGL.org](http://www.EGL.org) website.)

*STAND*

**Offertory**

**LSB 176**



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**EGLC Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

**Preface**

**LSB 177**

**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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

**LSB 180**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

**LSB 180**

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*SIT*

**Hymns During Communion Distribution**

**770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

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### 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
 Perfect God on thee has bled!

3 O mysterious condescending!  
 O abandonment sublime!  
 Very God Himself is bearing  
 All the sufferings of time!

2 Here the King of all the ages,  
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 Robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
 Crucified by sin for me.

4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
 Perfect God on thee has bled!

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
 Depart ☩ in peace.

**C Amen.**

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung your praise in the sanctuary may glorify you in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of your song may be closed to the voices of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 183

P 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.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Postlude

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – Charles W. Ore

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Dorothy Hilgendorf in loving memory of her daughter, Tracy. CREDENCE TABLE FLOWERS: Placed by Tom Alles in thanksgiving to God for hearing our prayers and improving his conditions.

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

### Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Preacher

Vicar Sam Lee

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Jason Krueger

Chancel Assistant

(8:00) Jim Olson (10:45) James Drabiszczak

Usher Team on duty

(8:00) Pam Ganswindt, Megan Hedtke, Madeline Hedtke, Josh Hedtke,  
Andrea Kysely, Cathy Tuttrup, Terry Tuttrup

(10:45) Grace Dennis, William Dennis, Matt Diven, Amalia Seeger,

Ben Seeger, Eric Seeger, Ben Thompson, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner,  
Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner, Maddie Wilinski, Jeff Wilinski, Luke Wilinski

Altar Guild

(8:00) Luanne Schaefer, Sharon Boudro (10:45) JoAnn Randall, Rose Lee, Jean Kruse

## About the Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: *We Preach Christ Crucified*  
+ *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* +

**H**aving brought His people up out of slavery, the LORD now lovingly lays before them the full intent of His heart. (Exodus) In the Ten Commandments He describes and proscribes the boundaries of the godly life. Though He punishes unrepentant sin, He shows boundless love to a thousand generations of penitent sinners who love him and keep his commandments. Such grace is disclosed to the world in the preaching of Christ crucified for sin, the life of all penitent sinners. (1 Corinthians) Though that gospel is offensive to unbelievers, to those who are being saved it is the very power and wisdom of God. As the temple was God's earthly dwelling, so He has now taken up residence in the incarnate flesh of His own Son. (John) Jesus is the true temple of the LORD; though His body would be destroyed in death, in three days He would raise it up again. As He cleared the earthly temple from defilement of sin and sinners, so He sanctified Himself for sacred duty as both priest and sacrifice.

### WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Exodus 20:1-17 What did the LORD do for Israel, His people? What therefore is His intent in the Ten Commandments? What has the LORD done for the church, His "new Israel?" Why should we then live within the boundaries of His Law? How is this done? Why is the Gospel (God's forgiving love in Christ His Son) always central to the Christian life?
- Monday** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 What is it about the preaching of Christ crucified that is so offensive? What is it to those who are being saved? Why does it appear foolish and weak? What is it actually? What does this mean?
- Tuesday** John 2:13-22 Why did Jesus cleanse the temple? Whose House was it? What temple did Jesus plan to raise? Who lived in the earthly temple? How is Jesus' physical body the true dwelling place of God? Where is He now? Where in the world is God? What does this mean?
- Wednesday** Psalm 19 Note the various words for the Word of the LORD: law, statutes, precepts, commands, etc. What is the result of God's Word for the soul? For the simple? For the heart? For the eyes? What ought therefore be the focus of prayer and meditation? What is the danger of hidden faults? Of willful sins? Why are mouth and heart both vital to spiritual health? Who alone is both Rock and Redeemer? What does this mean?
- Thursday** Numbers 21:4-9 What was Israel's sin in the wilderness? What was their penalty? What was the antidote to sin in the wilderness? Where do we find healing from spiritual death in the wilderness of this world?
- Friday** Ephesians 2:1-10 How did God bring us to life from spiritual death? How have we been saved? Through what? Where does faith come from? For what are Christians newly created? How is this done?
- Saturday** John 3:14-21 What was the Old Testament precedent for Jesus' crucifixion and death? What is the key to eternal life? Who alone stands condemned? When and how has light come into the world? Why do humans prefer darkness to light? How may we confidently come into the light? Who alone is the cause of the good things we do? How is this done?

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## Third Sunday in Lent

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### Opportunities for Worship and Service at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (various classrooms)  
9:30 a.m. HS Youth (Rm 228)  
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS2)  
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Public School Confirmation (Rm 228)  
6:30 p.m. Ganswindt (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Church Council (CLC)  
7:00 p.m. LWML (Rm 228)
- T 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)  
5:45 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
- W 9:00 a.m. Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Class (BAAC)  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service (Evening Prayer)  
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
- TH 9:00 a.m. Library Committee (FL)
- S 4:00 p.m. Evan/Burakowski Wedding

#### OFFICE HOURS

The offices are open Mondays-  
Fridays, 8-4.

#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Wed. March. 10, 6:30 p.m. "Lessons Learned on  
Maundy Thursday" Pastor Skovgaard, Preacher  
Sun., March 14, 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. (DS2) Pastor  
Skovgaard, Preacher**

#### Key:

CLC – Christian Life Center  
FH – Fellowship Hall  
BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activity Center  
MC – Music Center  
FL – Friendship Library

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 258** attended services last weekend and Wednesday's Lent service in person. **143** households streamed the service for a total of **401**. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

**LCEF PRESENTATION:** Diana Raasch, District Vice President for Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), will be visiting with the Evangelism Team after worship to review a demographics study of our community. She will also be joining us at Bible Study to give an infomercial on how LCEF has and continues to support the Church through COVID-19. Make sure to stop by and say hello.

**LIFE QUOTE FOR MARCH 7:** "Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.' That will lighten the way for you, for us all." *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour*

**NEW LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PLANNED:** With support and advice from the District Office, a new, additional Lutheran High School is being planned out of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Allis, with Pr Brandon Koble as the point of contact. The idea here is that this new high school would follow the "Classical" education model. If you are at all interested or curious about what this means, Pr Skovgaard will put you in contact with Koble.

**CHURCH SERVICES:** Your Board of Elders is looking for your input on worship services. Because of concerns over COVID-19 many EGL regulars stayed away from public worship in 2020. However, the Elders have noticed that attendance is picking up again on Sunday mornings. They want to continue providing some reasonable measures for social distancing, so that means the question of restoring the regular Saturday evening service has come up. Here is your opportunity to give your Elders some positive feedback. Would you attend a Saturday evening service, if it were restored? [Curious who your Elder is? See the March Seasons for an alphabetical breakdown of the congregational membership.]

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Orders are now being taken for our Easter flower chancel display. A variety of plants are available for purchase. Order forms are available in the tract racks or in the March SEASONS. Plants will be available for pickup after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday. If you are not able to pick up your plants on that day, please make advance arrangements with Linda Haut. Any questions, please call Linda (262-782-7356 or 424-254-2918).

**SPRING CLEANING AT EGLC:** We are looking for volunteers to come and help do a deep clean of our Church nave, lobby, mailroom, bathrooms, etc. It is a huge job and we cannot do it alone. Please bring your mops, buckets, rags and we will provide the cleaning products. We will also provide lunch. Please help us on Saturday, March 27, from 9-12. Please let Amy in the Church office (262-797-2970 or [astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)) know if you are

