

# FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

3/12/2023

**WE PRAY:** We stagger, almighty God, whose justice demands death for sin—we stagger at the height and depth of Your love for us sinners, for by it we have been snatched from judgment and death for freedom and for life in the reconciliation effected by Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE – “Adagio” – T. Albinoni**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 245**

*God Loved the World So that He Gave*

1. God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All that confide in Him alone  
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die,  
His Son with saving grace is nigh,  
His Spirit in the Word doth teach  
How man the blessed goal may reach.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which thou hast done,  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.
  
5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,  
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.
  
6. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

## **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVOCATION**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE INTROIT**

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

### **GLORIA PATRI**

**C: Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **THE KYRIE**

**A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Lent*

### **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

### **COLLECT**

P: 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.**

## **LESSONS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

#### ***Ex 17: 1-7***

Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?" And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

### **EPISTLE**

#### ***Romans 5: 1-8***

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and

perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John, beginning at the 5<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

#### ***John 4: 5-30,39-42***

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her,

“Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.” And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**THE NICENE CREED** (*In Unison*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM – “Psalm 130” – K. Sadowski**

**SERMON            “By Comparison, Where do you            Romans 5: 1-8  
stand?”**

**OFFERTORY**

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS**

**OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)**

**THE PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 430

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

- 1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
My friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way  
And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease  
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.

This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT**

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C And His mercy endureth forever.**

**P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**LSB 763**

*When Peace, like a River*

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain

ref It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

## **BENEDICTION**

**ALL: “Amen, Amen, Amen.”**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **RECESSIONAL**

## **POSTLUDE – “Moderato” – G.B. Campodonico**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

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Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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2023

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Good morning and welcome to worship today!** In today's Epistle from Romans chapter 5, we see that compared to Jesus Christ the Righteous Son of God and our Savior, we stand sinful and unclean. But Paul helps us make another vital comparison! As we stand before the cross of Jesus, we hear and see God's love for us demonstrated by Jesus' atoning death for our sins. Standing by the cross, we find ourselves made righteous in the blood of Jesus, and rejoicing in that divine love, we live with confidence knowing we are God's children, and we can even face

suffering in life knowing that God will bring us through and work His purposes in us during those challenging times. Standing next to the cross in Word and in Sacrament today, we are given confidence in God's love for us, and we rejoice that His love has given us a new standing before Him!

**Please plan to join us next Sunday** for worship and Bible Class. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy, Bishop and District President of the English District. Pastor Hardy will speak to our members in Bible Class about the Divine Call, and about the process of calling a new pastor in the Lutheran Church. Please plan to be with us for worship and Bible Class, and to welcome our District President!

### **Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Lou Mueller** – who is recovering at home with Pneumonia

**Gail Meldrum**- whose husband George died after a hospitalization and a brief stay in hospice care.

**Nancy Josefiak**- who is continuing her recovery at home and making good progress.

**Jim Ropes**- who will have knee surgery Monday in Grand Rapids.

**Chris Gowman**- who was hospitalized last week, but is now home resting comfortably.

**The family and friends of Sharon Selby**- who died in the Lord this past week.

**Joann Demos**- who is moving to American House on Common Road in Roseville, MI

**Carl and Kelley Hauschulz**- for continued healing.

**Roger Parke**- who is to be returning to Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township.

**Doreen Riley**- aunt of Pastor Boelter, who has been hospitalized with Covid 19 in South Dakota.

**Those with cancer:** Lisa Zimmermann, Sheila Rice, Betty Zayac, Roy Koepp, Tom Harms, Bob Davis, Keith Josefiak, and Frank Erbecker.

**Craig Scholz-** recovering from a stroke.

**Gary and Paula Bombard-** for the Lord's strength and healing.

**Heidi Zook-** who is being treated for an infection, and who will undergo surgery in May.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Christ the King will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am. We welcome all Christ the King Sunday School students, Preschool students, family and friends to attend our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Everyone will meet in the Large Auditorium for a short children's message from Pastor Boelter! Then we proceed outside to the side lawn. Children will hunt for Easter eggs by age group, starting with the youngest to oldest.

If you would like to participate, please see Kim Ford, Linda Jacobi, or Christine Rhoton. by Friday March 24th, so we can get an accurate count of how many children will be attending. Hope to see you there!!

**Please note:** Bring your own basket or bag to collect Easter Eggs!!!

## Life Quotes

"Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God's work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God's grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey

## One Week Ago Today:

8:15 Service: 39  
Communion: 36  
10:45 Service: 35  
Wednesday Services: 38  
Bible Studies: 12

# UPCOMING EVENTS



3/14/2023	7:00 AM	BNI
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class Lv I & II
3/15/2023	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Class
	11:15 AM	Lenten Midweek Service
	4:30 PM	Exercise Class
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Evening Service
3/16/2023	10:30 AM	Sunrise Service
3/17/2023		St. Patrick's Day
3/19/2023	8:15 AM	Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:45 AM	Service