

2021

*“Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE
who promised is Faithful”*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who
promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Leader: We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree. But God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. (Acts 10:39-40,43) Almighty God, merciful Father:

All: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. I am sorry for them. I repent and pray for mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, have compassion and be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinner; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses you and gives you power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called you out of darkness into the splendor of His light. 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.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you.** (*Wave and/or Honk to each other*)

HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus LBW #439

Verse 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!

Verse 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.

Verse 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 your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God,

All: **You redirect those who are in error by the light of Your truth so they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant that all who are brought into the fellowship of Christ's kingdom may avoid those things that are hurtful to their faith and follow all things that strengthen them in it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Updated from the Leonine Sacramentary from the 7th Century, and earlier.

LESSONS

Exodus 20:1 - 17

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31

GOSPEL

John 2:13 - 25

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

NO Other Gods

HYMN

Were You There

LBW #92

Verse 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Verse 3

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Verse 4

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER

Pastor: In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of The Faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter. The Ten Commandments begin by saying: "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear, love, and trust God above anything else.

Pastor: The Second Commandment says: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not use His name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Pastor: The Third Commandment says: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect His Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: The Fourth Commandment says: "Honor your father and your mother." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

Pastor: The Fifth Commandment says: "You shall not kill." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not hurt our neighbor in any way, but help him in all his physical needs.

Pastor: The Sixth Commandment says: "You shall not commit adultery." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

Pastor: The Seventh Commandment says: "You shall not steal." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help her to improve and protect her property and means of making a living.

Pastor: The Eighth Commandment says: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way.

Pastor: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments say: "You shall not covet." What does this mean for us?

All: We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions, spouse or workers, by scheming or pretending to have a right to them, but always to help our neighbor keep what is theirs.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *in unison*

All: 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 SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have
compassion on broken and lost people around me.
Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel
of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience.
Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience
Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look
upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This **LBW #385**

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Verse 2

When I was sinking down, Sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb Who is the "Great I Am"
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing!

Verse 4

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

SPRING CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR

*Readings for Next Sunday: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21*

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