

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

10:45 a.m.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

8607 S. Narragansett Ave.

Burbank, Illinois

708-599-4780

www.oursaviorschurch.org

Welcome to worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. Dave Peters will be leading us in worship

today. Welcome, Pastor Peters!

Pre-service Music-Bring this service folder and a lighted candle to your place of worship.

We will be sharing Communion today! Please bring bread or a cracker/wine or juice so that we may all share in God's gift together.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

During this Season of Lent, we gather together, in our hearts and in our homes, to worship in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Opening Hymn

♪ In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story
gathered round its head sublime.

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.

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.

Bane and blessing pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

(LBW #104)Text: John Bowring Tune: Ithamar Conkey © - Public Domain

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

Pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on

grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are +forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

Word

A reading from Exodus

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

♪ Return to the Lord, Your God

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

and abounding in steadfast love.

By Richard W. Hillert (LBW Communion Setting #1)

*All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-704616. Permission to podcast/
stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-704616
Augsburg Fortress license #13825-L*

A reading from John

John 2:13-22

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

☺ Children's Message

Sermon

Response to the Word

♪ Give Thanks
Flute/Clarinet duet

Prayers

On this third Sunday in Lent, let our prayer reflect the guidance of the Ten Commandments. We respond to each petition with the words "grant us your wisdom, O God."

A brief silence.

O God, our lawgiver, our temple, our wisdom, form your church to worship you alone. As you blessed Gregory the Great, so bless our bishops for their ministry in church and world...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Protect all who call upon the power of your name. As you blessed the martyr Perpetua and her companions, so bless all the baptized who suffer for their faith...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Even during this pandemic, connect us in diverse ways to our worshiping communities, and give to all persons regular rest from their work...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Bless with wisdom all parents and any who are granted authority over others, and give to children the will to honor those who care for them...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Keep the nations of the earth from engaging in war, bloodshed, and torture, and help people of all ages to resist the lure of violence...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Uphold marriages and all commitments of care, and defend all persons, especially children, from sexual abuse...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Guard your earth, its animals and its plant life from all who would take for themselves more than they need...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Train the diverse peoples of our nation to respect one another. As you blessed Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, so bless all who work to end discrimination and the oppression of the vulnerable...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Use our bounty to meet the needs of others, those who are homeless or hungry, and hear our prayers for all who are sick or suffering, especially all afflicted with the coronavirus and all we name in our hearts...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Teach us how to pray, also for ourselves.....

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

Receive our thanks for all who have died in the faith and bring us all at the end into the fullness of your life...

You are our strength and our redeemer:
grant us your wisdom, O God.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful and gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Offering

As the vaccine becomes more available, we look forward to the day when the Covid 19 crisis is behind us. Until then, the work of the church continues. In this time, so filled with fear and anger, people need our Lord and the peace only He can bring more than ever.

To those of you who have been supporting the church and its mission to be God's light in a dark world, thank you. If you haven't been and would like to, we invite you to join us now. If we can be together or not, God's call to all of us is clear. In the words of an old hymn:

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying,
and the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling LBW 381 v4 © Public Domain

Meal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and offer our love and devotion to you.

Words of Institution

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. In this meal, we meet him, and we are fed.

(Open your bread packet)

The body of Christ given for you.

(Open your wine cup)

The blood of Christ given for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

♪ To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done.
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.
Who yielded his life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the Life-gate, that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

By Fanny J. Crosby and William Howard Doane © - Public Domain

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw © - Christian Copyright License Inc. CCLI License #134308 (Print and Streaming) Evangelical Lutheran Worship © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Published by Augsburg Fortress, Publishers © - Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, Augsburg Fortress-Publishing Co. The Scripture quotations contained herein are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, © -1989, by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Alternate Worship Texts are from Sundays & Seasons, © -2020 Augsburg Fortress. © - Augsburg Fortress license #13825-L *All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-704616.* Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-704616 Bulletin image from <http://clipart-library.com/lent-cliparts.html>

Devotional Music Links: For your individual or group devotion, you may choose to listen to the following choral recordings made available through Augsburg Fortress:

[“Christ, the Solid Rock”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTK96xsqMvY>

[“Just As I Am, without One Plea”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZSb6P6FM18>

[“What Wondrous Love Is This”](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUdKfZ3pPNM>

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 84. **Tuesday** Hebrews

9:23-28. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883; renewers of society) Mark

11:15-19. **Thursday** Psalm

107:17-22. **Friday** (commemoration of Gregory the Great,

Bishop of Rome, 604) Ephesians 1:7-14. **Saturday** Numbers

20:22-29. **Fourth Sunday in Lent** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm

107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.