The Third Sunday In Lent Divine Service, Setting 4 March 3, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

(Following Reading for Lent 3 Series B)

WELCOME



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Pastor:In the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit.People:Amen.Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

Psalm 124:8

- Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise,
- People: let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

INTROIT PSALM — Psalm 69

Pastor: For zeal for your house has consumed me,

People: and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Pastor: Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

People: let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

- Pastor: Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
- People: or the pit close its mouth over me.
- Pastor: Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
- People: according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Psalm 69:14-16
- 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.

Pastor: For zeal for your house has consumed me,Psalm 69:9People:and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

CHOIR "Without His Cross" (arr. Martin)

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For it is written,

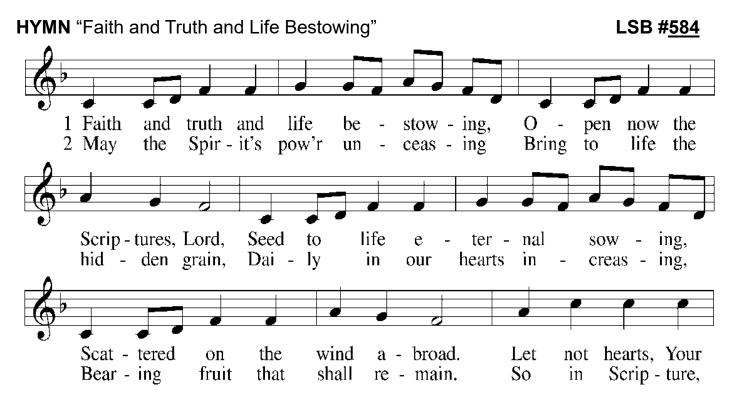
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!





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THE GOSPEL John 2:13-25

Pastor: The Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter **Beople: Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money -changers sitting there. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"
¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"
²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
²²When 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.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Pastor:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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SERMON "God's Top Ten Word for Life" Text: Exodus 20:1-17

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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.

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

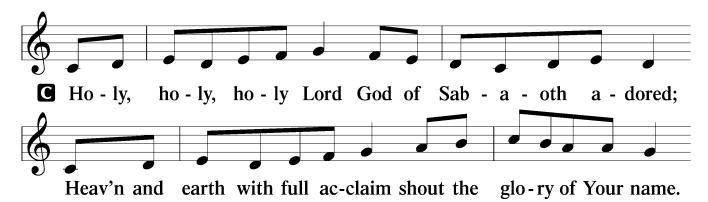
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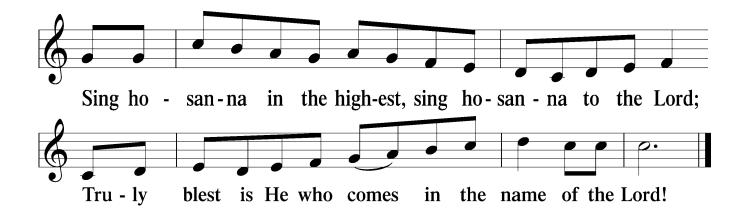
Pastor: People:	The Lord be with You. And also with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor: People:	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord	Colossians 3:1
Pastor: People:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	Psalm 136

Pastor: 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. 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:Amen.

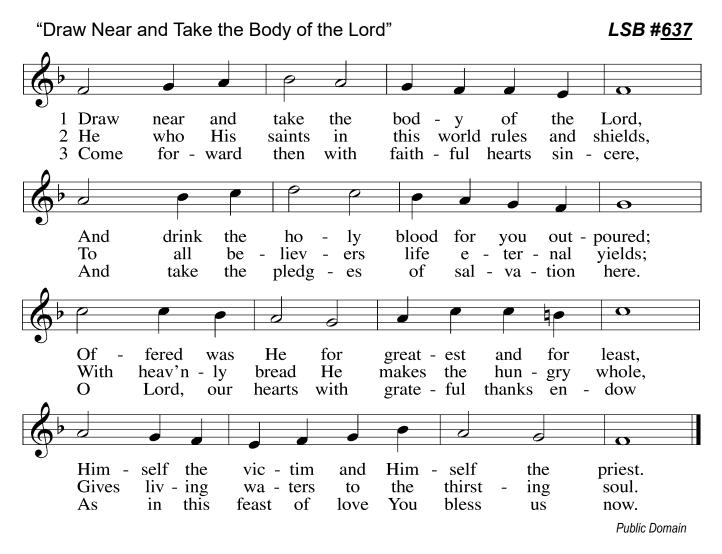
AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

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John 20:19

John 1:29

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BENEDICTION

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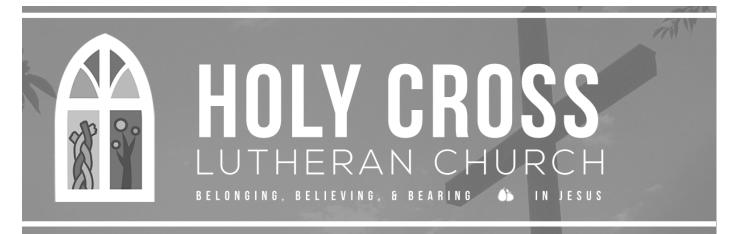
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