

# Lent 3 March 3, 2024

**Prelude** Meditation on "Meribah", arr. by Marcia Newcome

## Welcome & Announcements

## Children's Sermon

**Opening Hymn** Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW 321

## Apostolic Greeting

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## Confession and Absolution

**L** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C** **Amen.**

**L** Let us take a minute to reflect upon our transgressions. Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin, and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurt grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

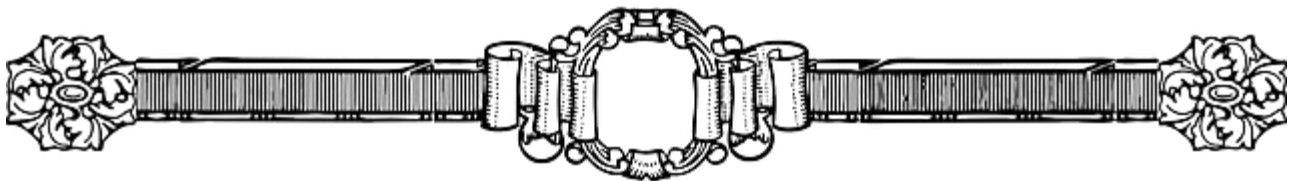
**C** **Amen.**

**L** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, As your brother in Christ, I therefore encourage you to cling firmly to the promise of the entire forgiveness of all your sins, *make sign of the cross* in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.

**C** **Amen.**



## Kyrie

L Kyrie eleison.

C Lord Have Mercy

L Christe eleison.

C Christ Have Mercy

L Kyrie eleision

C Lord have mercy.

## Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C Also, with you.

L Let us pray: 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.

C Amen

## First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You 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. <sup>5</sup>You 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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You 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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

## Psalms 19: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthian 1: 18-25

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Holy wisdom Holy Word.

**C Thanks be to God**

L Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

**C Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.**

## The Gospel according to John the 2nd Chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making 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. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <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, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

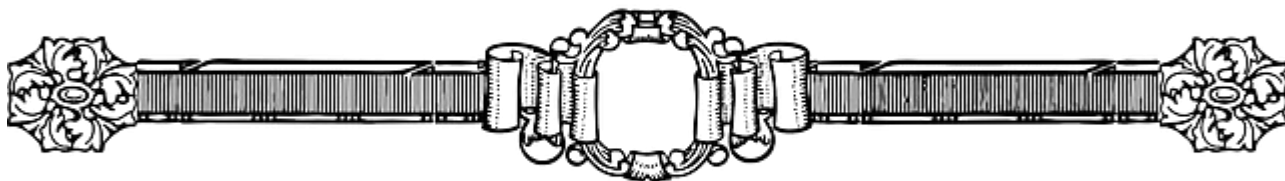
**C Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

LBW 353



# May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and  
2 So may we join your name to bless, your  
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, our



do on earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;  
grace a - dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.  
hearts u - nite, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with  
One is our call - ing, one our name, the  
To each of us the bless - ing give in



all your chil - dren and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.  
end of all our hopes the same, a glo - rious crown of life.  
Chris - tian fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.

Music: MERIBAH, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 752 Marcia plays a brief intro, then we sing once.*

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

## Prayers of the Church

L Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

*The Assisting Minister and Leader read the first names from our Prayer List*

AM For all these we pray, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For all who are suffering from violence, hatred, wind, water, fire, earthquake, or heat, that they may know relief, and that we may be agents of their restoration, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen**

AM For the poor, the ill, the sorrowful, and the lonely, Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen**



**Communion** Beneath the Cross of Jesus, arr. by Robert W. Thygerson c. 1989 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Songs of Calvary for Piano"

**Post Communion Prayer**

L Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Benediction**

L Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and *Sign of the Cross* give you peace.  
C Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**Change My Heart O God**

**ELW 801**

**Dismissal**

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.  
C **Thanks be to God**

**Postlude** In the Cross of Christ I Glory, arr. by Benjamin Culli c. 2002 by Concordia Publishing House in "Out of the Depths: 5 Hymn Preludes for Lent"

***Please maintain a respectful quiet during the Prelude.***



# Around the Church

March 6	Finance Meeting Property Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
March 11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Services will be Thursday evening beginning at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Dates: March 7, 14

March 21 will be in the church. No Potluck dinner due to the Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowls Fundraise that evening.

**Pastor will be on vacation from March 1 through March 7. There will not be Bible Study that week.**

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom & 10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



## Offerings Summary:

**Needed weekly – \$4,948**

**Received last week— \$3, 143**

**Shortage—(\$1, 805)**

## Minimalist bulletin

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A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 186

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 154

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Joe Abbott	Kathleen Hilton	Jack Quinn	Fitzpatrick Family
Laurie Abbott	Shannon Hilton	Caroline Quintal	Kristan, Mason & Family
Francine Ahrens	Jake Hoadley	Roman Radzins	Clarence & Pricilla
Kim & Will Ahrens	Erma Horn	RuthAnn Rash	Cynthia
Peggy Ali	Brian Hurlock	Jonathan Richard	Gidio
Joyce Almsted	Amy Rose Jensen	Michelle Richards	Laura
William Appell	Susan Jones	Ralph Richardson	Baby Walker
Coni-Jo Aparo	Ulf Johannson	Emily Robertson	The Kurtz Family
Vinnie Aparo	A&R Jones	Louise Roche	Heidi
Cory Aulbin	Rusty Judd	Christine Roulin	Angela
Nanci Battistoni	Ed Killingbeck	Raymond Roy	Charles
Armando Binelli	Lynn Killingbeck	Debra Seitz	Dennis P.
Charlie Blakeslee	Pat King	Judy Schaller	Steve
Cherie Brown	Raquel Launabaugh	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Ethan R.
Eli Boda	David Little	Shelli Schwab	Angel Marie
Selma Boscarino	Rebecca Little	Teri Seleman	Lou W.
Mark & Tiffany Brilliant	Anita Loeber	Russell Sirois	
Sharon Cable	Dave Loomis	Paul Smith	
Ryan Castaldi	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Carol Speaker	
Janine Cimmino	Abigail Marine	Jon Sterling	
Diane Currier	Eric Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll	
Emily Decker	Michael Marine	Carol Valliere	
Angela DeJesus	Richard Marine	Vincenzo Viscariello, Sr.	
Linda Dellano	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Jackie Quinn Wassik	
Irene Douglas	Janis Martin	Bob & Sue Watkins	
Robert Doyle, Sr.	Mike Martin	Diane Wright	
Betty Enbeskotte	Kate Merrow	Bruce Yauney	
Mark Enbeskotte	Jerry McCarthy	Bruce & Joyce Young	
Judy Elliott	Patrick & Denise McCormack	Helen	
Jan Eucallito	Michael Meyers	Madison	
Bruce & Liz Falls	Rich Minelli	Finley	
Deb Francis	Sharon Mitchell	JoAnn	
Ashley Friday	John Monsam	Glen	
Rosemarie Foth	Baby Amelia Mosca	Jen O.	
Mary Lynn Gagnon	Bill Muhl	Jaiden	
Joan Gerard	Dennis Nalette	Roger T.	
Fred George	Karen Ness	Alissa	
Ruth Grech	Tom O'Brien	Ava	
Theresa Corriveau Greene	Dawn Osterman	Verna G.	
Julie Hake	Terry Parker & Family	Amanda T.	
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Maria Payne	Corrine	
Lorraine Hill	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Diane H.	

### Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch  
Ida Maillet

### Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz