



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Third Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME to all everyone who enters this house of God today to worship their Lord and Savior. In this Divine Service, may you find the comfort and strength needed for the varied tasks God has assigned to each of us.

A special welcome is extended to all visitors and you are asked to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Everyone, guests and members alike, are asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to the usher as you leave. Take a quick moment to write down the names of all in attendance. You should have a pencil available to you. If not, please let an usher know.

Join us Wednesday evening for our **Lenten Midweek Worship** at 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”* LSB #704

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon
Him in prayer and praise, 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.

All **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 5:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
C **evil may not dwell with you.**

P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
C **you hate all evildoers.**

P You destroy those who speak lies;
C **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty
and deceitful man.**

P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
C **I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

P Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
C **make your way straight before me.**

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.**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
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.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"*

Words based on Proverbs 3:5

Music by Joseph M Martin

Arranged by Joseph M Martin & Brad Nix

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has

done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation

has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

Luke 13:1-9

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"

LSB #809

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Prayers of the Church *(please stand)*

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and (+) give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” LSB #917

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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1 CORINTHIANS

10:13

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