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Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 7, 2021
Worship 9:00 am



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin

**and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *

OPENING HYMN* *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

ELW #533

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken; may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in my strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

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

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.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-7

¹God 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19 (read responsively)

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

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

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**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.**

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

⁶It 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.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

The Word of the Lord. *Response: Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

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

GOSPEL * John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to St. John. ***Response: 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 our Lord. ***Response: Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

ELW #772

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wandering sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

APOSTLES' 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 to the dead.
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION * *Response: Your mercy is great.*

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.

Sending

BLESSING * *Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN * "You Are the Way"

ELW #758

You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you of death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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***We again welcome back Mitchell Sensenig to our organ console
this morning and thank him for providing our music.***

We also thank Dawne Veet for being our reader, Alice Lubrecht for being our vocalist, and Savannah Bechtel for being our acolyte this morning.

Lenten Weekly Service

During Lent we will be holding mid-week joint Lenten services with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will meet each Wednesday evening at Good Shepherd located at 3700 Rutherford St., Harrisburg. The evening prayer service, starting at 7 pm will be held in their Nave. We will meet on March 10th, 17th, and 24th. Everyone is invited to join us. These services will also be streamed live on their Facebook page.

Manna Food Pantry – Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During the winter, and during this time of the pandemic food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. If you are not comfortable with coming into the church building we would be happy to offer "curbside drop-off" during regular office hours. Pastor Joel & Barb are keeping their regular hours during this current shut-down. Just let us know & will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. Thank you.

Thank You – I wish to express my thanks to all the kind folks at Our Saviour for the many cards & well wishes on the occasion of my 94th birthday. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated. Merle Beachell

Easter Flowers 2021

You have the opportunity to order Easter flowers to beautify God's House. This year the cost for the flowers is as follows: Easter lilies are \$13.00, pink tulips are \$11.00, and daisy mums are \$11.00. Please order your flowers by completing the order form below and placing it in an envelope with the money. The envelopes can be found in the pews. Place order with the money in the offering plate.**** If you have any questions, please call Connie Johnson at 717-652-4394. Thank you.

Check one			Check one		<u>MESSAGE IN BULLETIN</u>	NUMBER OF FLOWERS	AMOUNT DUE
Easter Lilies \$13.00	Pink Tulips \$11.00	Daisy Mums \$11.00	In Memory Of	In Honor Of			
							\$

Name: _____

Total Number of Flowers _____

Phone No.: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Remember: Deadline is March 14, 2021

******As of now**, Our Saviour remains closed. If you would like to order flowers please place this form with your check in the mail or you may drop it in the mail slot at church. You may also call the church office to place your order then mail or drop off your payment.

This year, as of now, we are planning on live-streaming our Easter service. This may change as if & when our Task Force decides to resume in-person worship. If we are live streaming we will still be using the flowers ordered to decorate our altar for Easter Morning. Flowers may then be picked up Easter Sunday, after worship is over or Monday morning. Any questions, please just call the church office 717-545-9992. Thank you.

Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robyn, Evelyn, and their family (friends of the Zimmermans), Robin Ellerman (Wendy Snyder's sister), Adam, (Phoebe Drake's cousin), Bob McIntyre, Tom & Wendy Snyder, Linda Freed, Pastor Joel and his family, Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Musser family (Carol Ranck's in-laws), Ann Wolf, Diane Trullinger (friend of Marcia Schreffler), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Lorraine Brubaker (friend of Nancy Pinko), Kathy (friend of Andrea Faber), Carol Ranck, Alexa Phillips (Ed & Malane Digon's granddaughter), John Digon (Ed Digon's brother), Doris Balas, Linda Freed, Kelly Utter, Andrew H. (Carol Ranck's cousin), Gertrude Gassner (friend of Merle Beachell), Julianna Stoner (friend of Eva Kunz), Linda Schreier, Chuck Walker (friend of Nadine & Otis Martin), Pastor Chuck & Shelley Lisse, Katie Nanov- Schwehr (Irene Nanov's daughter), Bruce MacMurtrie (brother of Hope Bowling), Kathy Dare, Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Lisa McManuels, Patsy Baumann, Linda Brittelli (Tara Beachtel's step-mom), Lee Wheeler (friend of Kathy Dare), Makwan Sayed (friend of the Flemings), Christy Silvers (friend of Nedda Pollock), Helen Kester (friend of Malane Digon), Veronika Lenker (friend of the Flemings), Candy Evans, Millie Horvath, Romaine Leedy (Marion Tosheff's sister), Veronica Malesic (Mindy Grace's mother-in-law), Jesse (neighbor of Kathy Dare), Michael Zorek (Mindy Grace & Melanie Trea's brother), Corine Harold (friend of Kathy Dare), Joe Newman (friend of Kathy Dare), Pastor Sharron Blezard (assistant to the Bishop), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Don Bolonif (friend of Kathy Dare), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Marsha Randel (Bob McIntyre's cousin), Connie Johnson, Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bob & Jean Lisse, Kenly Underkufler (relative of Tom & Wendy Snyder), Vernel Brown (friend of the Flemings), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for missionaries, especially Tonya Starner in Mongolia.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Jason Nunez, Noel Sanchez & George Schreffler, III .

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Irene Nanov, Miriam Reinard, Ellavene Rutter, Alta Shadel, George Sheleman, Tom & Wendy Snyder.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.