

LENT 3

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If you need to take your child out during the service, you can hear and see the church service in our cry room area located between our worship space and the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Out of obedience to the command of our Lord and as an expression of Christian love for everyone concerned, we practice close communion. We invite all who are communicant members of Prince of Peace or visitors who belong to our W.E.L.S. fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. **If you are not a communicant member of a Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Church or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body, we ask that you please refrain from communing.**

In making this request, we are not implying that you are not a Christian. God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. (1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:17.) God's Word warns us that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament brings judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Scripture also requires each communicant to examine himself (1 Corinthians 11:28) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine.

We thank you for your cooperation in respecting our practice of closed communion. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Franck after the service.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, let's quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Worship Folder

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 226: To Your Temple I Draw Near

**1 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.**

**2 I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace in your courts to seek your face.**

**3 While your glorious praise is sung, touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.**

**4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; hear, for Jesus intercedes.**

**5 While I listen to your law, fill my soul with holy awe
Till your gospel brings to me life and immortality.**

**6 While your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear you speaking from the sky.**

**7 From your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”**

PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy word. Open our hearts by your Holy Spirit through the proclaiming of your word that we may sing your praise and grow in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Congregation: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead
in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.
Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

Congregation Sings (Hymn 106)

**Come to Cal-v’ry’s holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall; Here a
pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all,
in a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Sings (Hymn 106)

**He that drinks shall live forever; ’Tis a soul renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood, signed when
our Redeemer died, sealed when he was glorified.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

1 And God spoke all these words: 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 “You shall have no other gods before me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so

that you may live long in the land 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 give false testimony against your neighbor. 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

THE PSALM: Psalm 19

God’s glory is seen in the beauty of the heavens and in the perfection of the law.

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

Congregation: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Congregation: By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Pastor: Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

Congregation: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.

HYMN 401: Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

**1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none can bear but the incarnate God.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**5 Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

OUR MEDITATION: John 2:13-22

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Prove It!

1 Jesus did have a lot to prove.

2. Jesus has so much to give.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER/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.

THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 309: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.**

**Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'n-ly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**

**3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

SILENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others.

LORD'S SUPPER CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Our communion distribution practice will be quite different for the time being. We are using individually packaged communion cups and wafers, which you picked up with your bulletin in the fellowship hall. You will not be ushered forward to the communion rail. Instead, Pastor will consecrate

and bless the reception of the body and blood of Christ from the altar area. Our communicants will open and receive the bread/body and wine/blood of Christ while remaining seated.

SILENT PRAYER

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN 319: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures have no pow'r to hide your face.
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bible Hour follows our worship this morning.
In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs. Join us!
2. Confirmation meets on Monday, March 8th, 3:30-5:00 pm.
3. Midweek Lent services continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

4. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email, just like our weekly worship services.

This week, we continue our study of 2 Peter.

5. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Deuteronomy. Join us!