

3rd Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024 The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Ramsey, New Jersey

PRELUDE

Resignation Sanders

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

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 hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

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,

and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 645

GREETING

P: 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A: A reading from Exodus.

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.

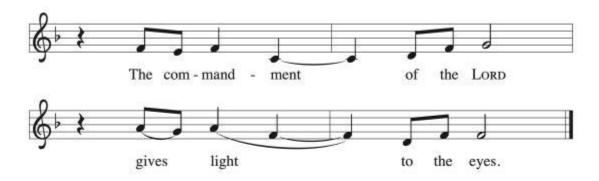
¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

A: We will now read responsively from Psalm 19.



Psalm 19:8
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¹The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²One 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,

⁴their 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.

⁸The 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.

¹⁰More 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.

¹²Who 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.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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 the 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.

A: The word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

(The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.)

LENTEN ACCLAMATION ELW p. 198b

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C: 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 832

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (*regions in conflict may be named*). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (*especially*). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

10:15 CHOIR ANTHEM:

Per Crucem Taize

Instrumentalists: Pastor Linderman and Ed Stengel

OFFERING SONG ELW 181

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ELW p. 200, S 200

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 201

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

[If you wish to receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines by the center aisle. Then proceed across the front of the chancel to the communion assistant and take a cup of wine or juice from the tray. As you return to your seat, put your empty class in the tray at front of each side aisle. If you cannot come forward, stay in your seat and Pastor Linderman will bring communion to you. If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest, and Pastor will give you a blessing.]

10:15 SOLO

Jennifer Hommez, Soprano

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: 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 + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 652

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Epilogue Sanders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Notes: The choir anthem today is a bit longer than usual. Per Crucem is a Taize round with multiple repeating parts that enter in sequence. In a Taize service this music would be sung/played by a choir and instrumentalists, the way we're doing it this morning. Music in a Taize service is a prayer in music that is felt as well as heard.

There is **Sunday School** today, 9:15am.

Join us for **Coffee Hour** after the 10:15am service. To sign up to host coffee hour, use the sign-up located on the lectern in Fellowship Hall.

There is **Bible Study** this Wednesday in the Lounge.

Social Ministry –March 2024 envelope collection is for St. Stephan's Grace Church.

The sign up for **Easter Altar flowers** can be found in the Narthex. Sign up by Sunday, March 24th.

Join us on Wednesday nights from 2/21 through 3/20 for this year's **Lenten Prayer** series on "Holy Lament." Join us for a **Lenten Supper** beforehand at 6pm. The prayer service starts at 7pm.

Join Annie on Thursday nights in-person or online at 7pm as she leads a **Lenten Book Club** with the book *For the Beauty of the Earth* by Dr. Rev. Leah D. Schade. Contact Annie for more information or sign-up here.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We dedicate ourselves to nurturing the awareness of God's presence in our world, and to sharing our blessings with others.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2:1

For the Family/Friends of JeanMarie Livi, John Scerbo Al Boehm Alice Kohler Alice Pallom Aliece Allen Bron Alvin Andrea Ann Slingland Anne Mae Estep Ardizzone Family Ashlin Klev Audrey Maune Betsy Betty Dicker Beverly Klingler Bill Schaeffer Brenda Morelock Bob Sheldon Burri Family Carl Carla Backhaus Carol H	Elaine Eliana Elizabeth Ernst* Ellen Joyce Eric Frank Frank Terrizzi Gail Gary H Ginny Griffin Grundy Family Gus Hess Hans Kleipool Jack Kaiser Jan Greten Jane Jane Donlon Jared Guarino Jeanne Candal Jeanne Longo Jeannie Sarreshtedari Joan B. Joan Piercy* Julie Spreen	Leo Linda Conboy-Schall Lio Ortega Lis Conboy Lois Berger Lola Scala Mariann M Marika Mary Certoma MaryJane Matthew Maureen Kopinski Melina Michelle Owens Michelle Nancy Kaiser Nico Benesch Nora S. Norman Duprez Pat Pat Mulhall Peter Johnson Priti Patel Rachel Antorino Richard & Barbara	Our sister congregation, St. Stephan's Grace Community; Daudi Msseemmaa and his wife Kellen (our ELCA missionaries in East Africa) To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call or email the
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Music for Sunday Lent 3 March 3, 2024

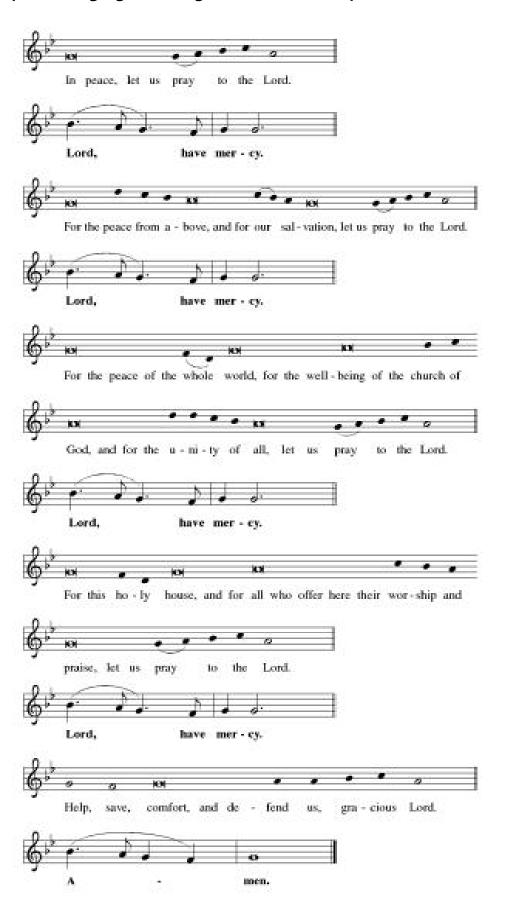
Gathering Hymn ELW 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

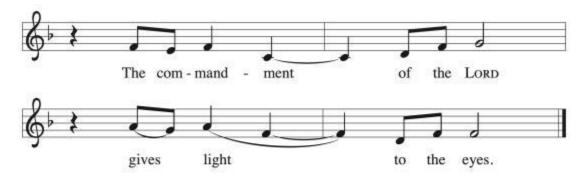


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Kyrie – Congregation sings "Lord have mercy" and "Amen"

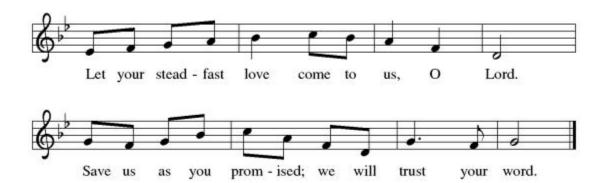


Psalm Response



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Gospel Acclamation



Hymn of the Day ELW 832

My Lord of Light



- My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis dom you have spo ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin ner's death en dur ing: 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as cend ed: sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin i ty, your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro-ken. crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing. you wore a your burn - ing love now re-leased, our days of fear are end-ed. is glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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Offertory Song

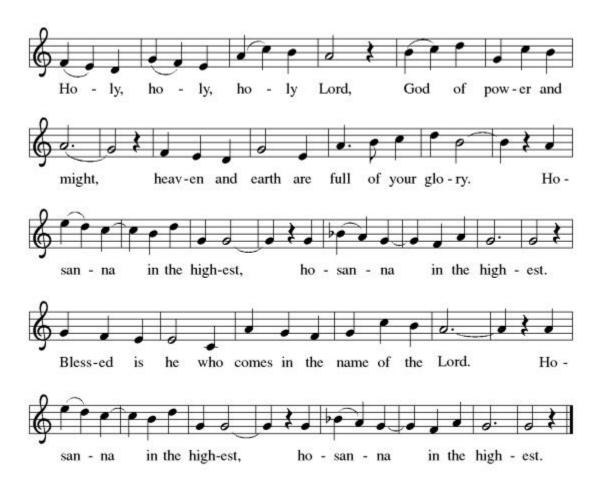
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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Sanctus -- Holy, Holy, Holy



Lamb of God



Sending Hymn ELW 652

Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e ven when stee ples are
- 2 Sure ly, in tem ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv ing stones: we are his own hab i 4 Yet in this house, an earth ly frame, Je sus the chil dren is
- 5 Through all the pass ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



crum-bled have spires in fall ing; ev - 'ry land, bells still are dwell - inghigh in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us ing; we come to praise his name, faith in our bless hith - er ring ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a - life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis-tressed, long-ing for life ev-er-last - ing. bide with us in love, mak-ing our bod-ies his tem - ple. midst will show his grace, us his cov-e-nant, world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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