



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen!***

P. Lent calls us to journey, this day and every day, ***C. following Jesus wherever He leads us.***

P. Lent calls us to journey, ***C. listening to Jesus as He leads us.***

P. Lent calls us to worship together, ***C. to tell future generations the good news.***

P. Lent calls us to faithful living, ***C. to trust the One who gives us life.***

P. Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, ***C. to trust the One who bears it with us.***

P. Lent calls us to journey with God.

C. Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.

GATHERING SONG “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

C. Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We do not love you or share your love with others as we should. We put our needs ahead of the needs of others. We listen to your Word but then turn away to follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

P. God, in mercy, sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus carried our sins in his own body to the cross. He rose from the dead, and through faith in his name we have the hope and promise of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG “Cornerstone”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST READING

R. The first reading is from the book of 1 Corinthians 1:18-25:

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ 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? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 19:

R. ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C. ²Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

R. ³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C. ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

R. ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

R. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

C. ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

R. ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

C. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

R. ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C. ¹²Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

R. ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

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

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter, verses 13-22:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-

changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)

(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

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

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation:

**C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say, the words:
You are holy, Lord!**

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

BLESSING, BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "How Great is Our God"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



COMING UP:

*****Special Congregational Meeting originally planned for March 7 has been re-scheduled for April 11 immediately following worship**

March 10- 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions; Join us in our Lenten Challenge-to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ! Our scripture for Wednesday will be John 5: 1-15. As you read, pray first and ask the Lord to place in your heart and in your mind what it is HE wants you to learn through this text.

March 14- Pastor Dan Storvick worships with us. 4th Sunday of Lent

March 17- 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions; Join us in our Lenten Challenge-to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ! Our scripture for Wednesday will be John 9:1-34. As you read, pray first and ask the Lord to place in your heart and in your mind what it is HE wants you to learn through this text.

March 21- 5th Sunday of Lent

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come, come just as you are come, come
Worship the Lord, Come

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT VERSE)

Chorus Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

He is Lord, Lord of all
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
Lord of all

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within the weary land
A home within the wilderness
A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide
Heat and burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus
My eyes at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of his glorious love
And my unworthiness

I take O cross your shadow
For my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain or loss
My sinful my only shame
My glory self all the cross

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus-How great is our God! Sing with me!

How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus x 2

Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God!

Repeat verse

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