

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

Psalm 19:8

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

The paraments are purple during the season of Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Mark Mummert/Timothy Olsen

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:23, 24)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Grave. Adagio *from* Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Joshua Sobel, organ intern

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

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.**

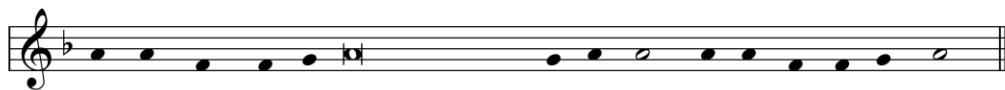
KYRIE



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You 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. You 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But 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. For 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. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You 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. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**



- ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry 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 re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures 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 ser- | vant 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.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 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? For 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John. *The assembly responds:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making 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. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 796 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

ANTHEM My Spirit Longs for Thee

Simon Lole

My Spirit longs for thee Within my troubled breast
Though I unworthy be Of so divine a guest.

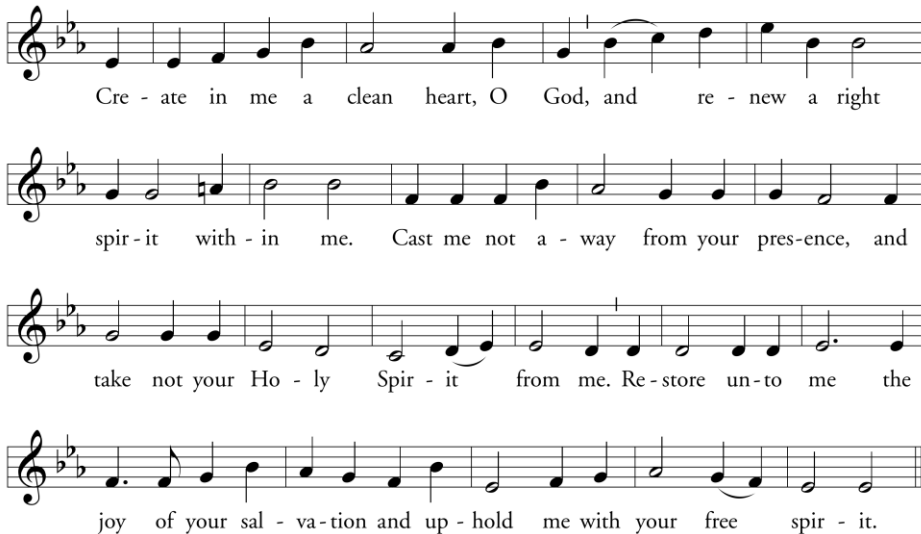
Of so divine a guest Unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest Unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee In vain I look around
In all that I can see No rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found But in thy blessed love
O let my wish be crowned And send it from above.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. A - men.

We sit.

COMMUNION

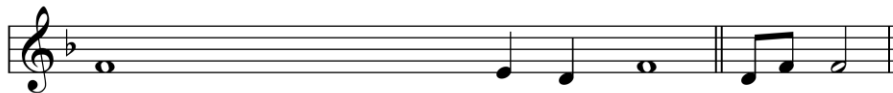
We stand.

✠ SENDING ✠

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✚ give you peace. A - men.

SENDING HYMN 727 Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth MIT FREUDEN ZART



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Voluntary No. 2 (Largo. Andante)

Maurice Green

Soli Deo Gloria

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Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James Coty Nelson by David and Ruth Marie Kinley.

This week we keep in prayer Molly Montgomery, 133 Sycamore Commons Lane, Advance, NC 27006-7480. Please send **Molly** a note.

Daily Digital Lenten Journey – Look for Flocknote links to connect you to daily digital devotions. On Mondays, listen to music that allows you to reflect upon the Lenten season; Tuesdays hear Faith Stories of fellow sisters and brothers in Christ; Wednesdays worship with Pastor Paul live at noon and 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays join Pastor Lori's study of Philippians; and Fridays learn more about our Social Ministry partners. Once they are posted, you will also find all of these devotions on our Augsburg YouTube page: [YouTube.com/AugsburgWinstonSalem](https://www.youtube.com/AugsburgWinstonSalem)

Volunteers are needed for Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry located at 3205 S. Main Street. Help pre-pack the bags we share with our neighbors in need. COVID restrictions and masks are required. To sign up, go to <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0d48aaaf28a7fcc61-food>

Two Thursdays in March need meals prepared for our partnership with the Overflow Shelter – March 18, and 25. Please use this address to sign-up <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/407005958080468079/true#/invitation>. If you would like to support this effort, but would rather contribute funds toward a pizza dinner, contact Katie Bryant at katie@alcws.org. If you have any questions or need assistance Contact John Collins (336-408-1519; jchcollins@gmail.com) or Ann Ragan anncragan@gmail.com). John Collins will send a Shelter sign up email.

Altar Flower Dedication. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Covington at covingtonbet@gmail.com. We currently have open slots for **Easter Sunday, April 4**. The total cost of both bouquets is \$80.

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or pastoralassociate@alcws.org

Readings for next week: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

Worship attendance for services last week: 201 views on YouTube.

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