

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.

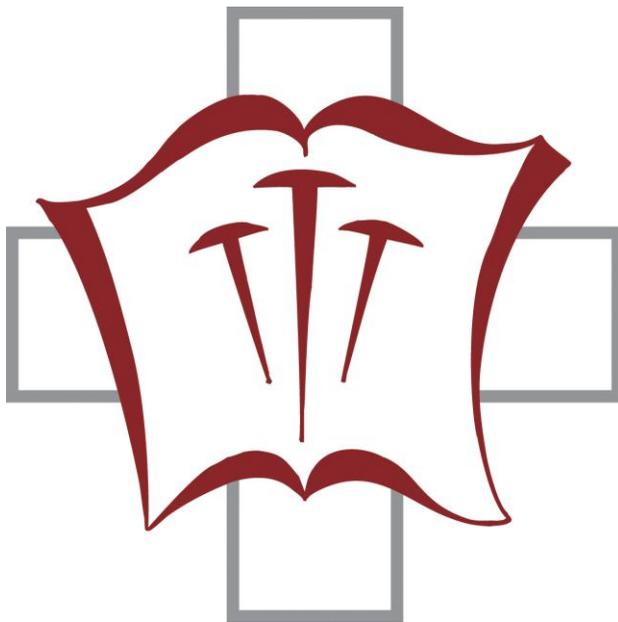
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The season of Lent is a time for reflection upon our sin and its consequences.

We journey with Jesus to the cross, contemplating the costly gift of His love.

How do I forgive?

Matthew 18:21-35



A Message to Our Guests

We hope your visit with us will be warm, stress-free, and meaningful.

While you wait for service to begin, the provided QR code will take you to our guest-focused FAQ (clcs.org/quests). For more information, please speak with an usher or visit the Welcome Center located in the center of the narthex.



Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row.



A Note on Offerings

In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to Him what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

Offering boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use clcs.org/give or the QR code to the left.

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609

(Please stand on verse 1 as the processional cross enters)



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (Psalm 113:3)

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.** (Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5)

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness *The Absolution - John 20:21-23*

- P: God calls us to live in peace with one another. But too often we have created division and discord, refusing to be reconciled with others. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Against you have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P: Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to redeem and restore you through the death and resurrection of Jesus! In the waters of Baptism, He has washed you of your sin and even now calls you to return to His mercies that are new every morning. As a 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.
- C: **Amen.**

Lenten Hymn (*Sung*) **“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”** *LSB 609*

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| 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive. | 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive. |
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Prayer of the Day

- L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into pathways of peace, and keep safe our going out and our coming in. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Children’s Message (*Please be seated*)

✠ **The Word of the Lord** ✠

First Reading **“Restore to me the joy of your salvation”** *Psalms 51:1-4, 9-13*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ... ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Verse *(Please stand)***“Jesus Refuge of the Weary”**

LSB 423

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
 from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
 Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
 cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.

*Public domain***Holy Gospel****“A Tale of Two Cities”***Matthew 18:21-35*

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechism Reflection (*Christian Questions and their Answers*)

Lord's Prayer - 5th Petition

- P: Let us pray. Lord, Jesus, You have commanded us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). Give us a courageous faith that trusts your promises, but even more, we ask that You teach us to pray in a way that is pleasing to You. And so, this day we ask, "Lord, what does it mean to pray, 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'?"
- C: **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**
- P: Heavenly Father, transform our lives by our experience of Your abundant grace that we may daily reflect Your love in lives of forgiveness and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus, we pray.
- C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day (*Please be seated*)

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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Sermon

"How Do I Forgive?"

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Series "A Lenten Journey of Forgiving Others" (Week 3 of 6)

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Hymn of Response (Please stand on v. 7) "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
 7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
 now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
 saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Offering Prayer

*The heavens are yours, O Lord, and yours also the earth;
 you founded the world and all that is in it.*

~ Psalm 89:11

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Shared Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P: Restore us, O Lord, according to Your promise, and hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in need.

L: Blessed Lord, open our hearts to the voice of Your call, lead us to repentance, and grant us Your Holy Spirit that He may bring forth the good fruits of repentance in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, we live in a world filled with temptation, fear, and threat. Grant us a refuge in Your Word that our hearts may not despair. Deliver us from our enemies and bring us to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Merciful Lord, the tragedies and disasters of this life unsettle our hearts and feed our anxieties. Remind us of Your great compassion and faithfulness. Be with our military men and women, as they serve in harm's way. Grant Your protection and care in every situation. Restore peace to this world at war with itself. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, our world cries out for hope, fill us with the joy that comes through Your good news. Lead us in paths of peacemaking that Your love and goodness may be reflected in our relationships with others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Lord God, bless us with good and faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your Word. Move us to have compassion for the oppressed, to seek justice for those who suffer wrongly, and to stand up for what is right. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Deliver, O Lord, the sick from their afflictions, the sorrowing from their grief, and the troubled from their fears. We pray for (...*special petitions*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

L: Holy Lord, all things are Yours and yet You show Your great mercy in giving us all we need for this life. Give us also a grateful heart, so that we may respond with gratitude and return to You all honor, praise, and thanksgiving, as we live generous lives towards others. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**



† Holy Communion †

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the end of the first row on the way to the communion rail.

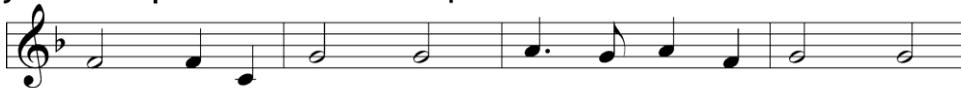
Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

Hymn of Preparation

"Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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Lord's Prayer

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your Holy Supper, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, and Your resurrection from the dead. So remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Words of Our Lord *The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25*

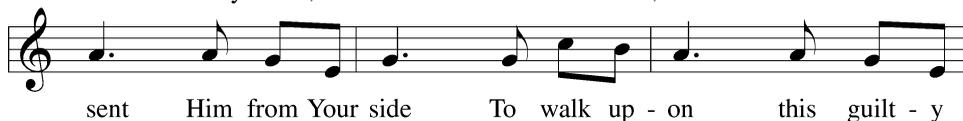
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Lamb of God (Sung)

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

LSB 550



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Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

For Prayer & Personal Reflection

“But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’”

Matthew 18:28

Had this servant been changed by the grace of his master? Why or why not?

How does our ‘response’ to grace reveal our ‘experience’ of grace?

*Even if the person who wronged us “paid us what they owed,”
would our lives truly be restored, or would we still desire to exact yet more payments?*

Distribution Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

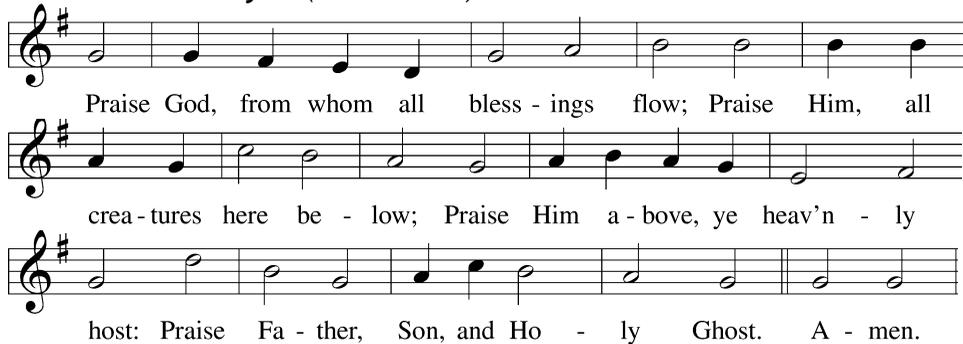


to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Post-Communion Hymn *(Please stand)*

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Post-Communion Blessing

Evening Prayer *(5:30 p.m.)*

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer *(8:00 a.m.)*

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.



Sending Hymn

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.
And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to
count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of
and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Announcements

*Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for our midweek Lenten worship.
This week's theme will be "The Problem is With Jesus Himself".*

✠ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✠

Preacher: Pastor Kurt Ebert
Worship Leader: (5:30p) Bob Romack (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel
Organist: (5:30p) Rob Pfiester (8:00a) Tony Spelde
Acolyte: (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Luke Soberalski