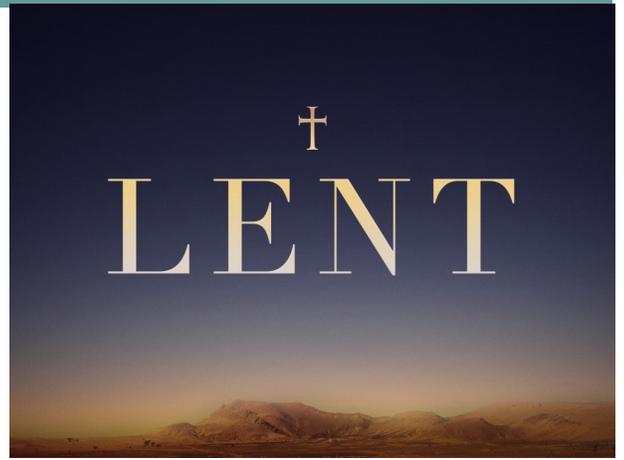




Sunday, March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent



Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Soli Deo Gloria

O God of blessings, all praise to you! Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed; you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for prophets, through grace inspired to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your gospel call: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for Jesus, best gift divine through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace, priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally: Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

Prayer of the Day

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.

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.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Then 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.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare
the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims
its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night
imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have
no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their 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.

It comes forth like a bridegroom
out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion
to run its course.

It 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.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

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

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures forever;
the judgements of the Lord
are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also
is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them
there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant
from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
than shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength
and my redeemer.

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Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

For 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.

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The Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd Chapter.

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.

Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of the Day: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wandr'ing sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

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

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

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, ... join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn: Come, Let Us Eat

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together, our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest, in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction & Dismissal

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Vs. 1-3)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion pure, unbounded love though art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray,
and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.



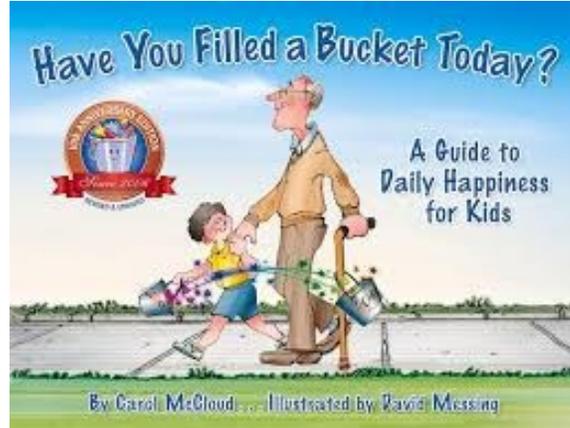
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Intergenerational Faith Formation:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We will continue to learn about “bucket fillers” during Lent this year, based on the book by Carol McCloud.



Want to hear the book read by the author? There is a link on our website!!

Visit our website for pictures of our Outdoor Fellowship event!!! ELCA World Hunger donations totaled \$306.00 for 14 fruit trees/bees and 4 piglets.

The faith practice for week 3 is **ENCOURAGE**. We will turn a spotlight on Great Britain and the U.K. as we reflect on accompaniment and ELCA’s international companions.

Three ways to reflect on accompaniment:

- Make a Trinity shamrock (instructions on website)
- Plant and grow green wheatgrass for a living Easter basket (instructions on website)
- Take a one-hour virtual cruise to the British Isles with Viking Cruises, link on our website

Ongoing Collections during Lent:

- Gently used or new faith-based children's books for our church library.
- 1000 lb food shelf food drive continues. Visit our website for more information!

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