## † 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent †

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## 9:00 A.M. IN CHURCH & LIVE STREAMED

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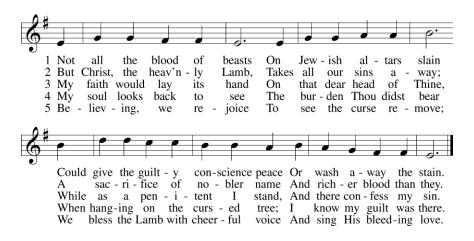
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**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**FELLOWSHIP BOOK:** Please record your presence this day in the Fellowship Book. Sharing your e-mail address in this book enables us to stay in communication with our LGLC family.

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING THE PEACE OPENING HYMN Not All the Blood of Beasts LSB 431



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## **INVOCATION** Matt 28:19b

- In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **EXHORTATION**

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously

receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### C Amen.

#### INTROIT

## Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;

the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

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.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



## "Gloria" omitted during Lent

Lent is a time of solemn preparation for Easter. One of the ways that the Church marks this penitential character to the season is the omission of the "Gloria". The "Gloria" will resound again on Easter morning, as the hymn itself is inspired by the very angels who announce to the shepherds the arrival of the Messiah.

#### **SALUTATION**

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his

way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O

house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

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

## **Epistle**

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 13:1-9

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of

the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

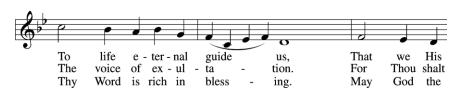
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY May God Bestow on Us His Grace LSB 823 (Please rise on stanza 3)













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SERMON It's Not Fair Luke 13:1-9

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

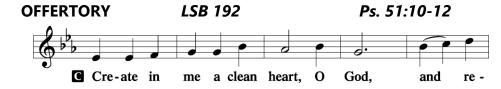
#### PRAYER RESPONSE

- P Lord, in Your mercy
- **C** hear our prayer.

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**PREFACE** 

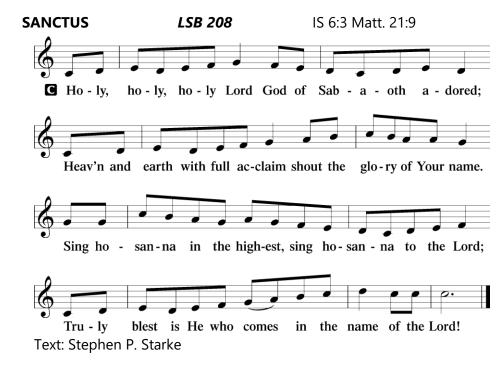
2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ps. 136
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Matt. 6:9-13

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD** Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;1 Corinthians 11:23–25

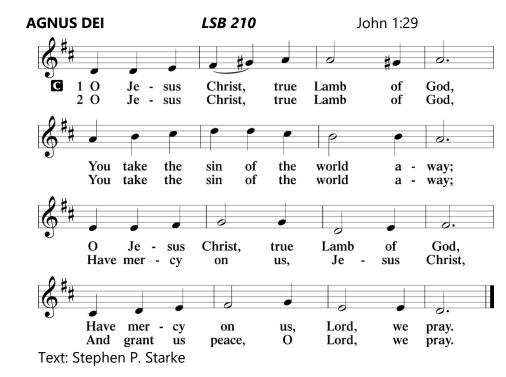
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \* body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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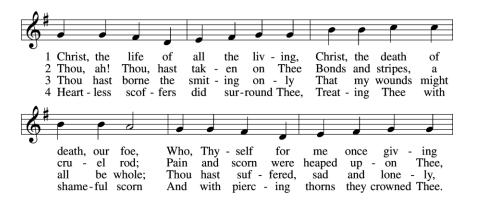
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

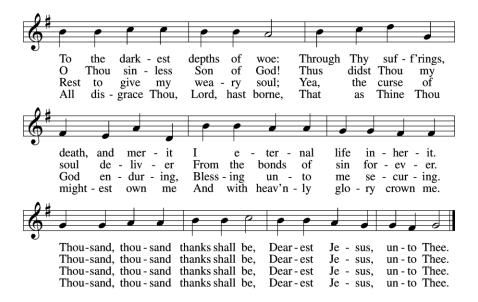
C Amen.



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420





- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
  That from pain I might be free;
  Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
  Thence I gain security;
  Comfortless Thy soul did languish
  Me to comfort in my anguish.
  Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
  Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
  And hast borne it patiently,
  Even death by crucifixion,
  Fully to atone for me;
  Thou didst choose to be tormented
  That my doom should be prevented.
  Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
  Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden,

I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 216 0 **G** 1 0 Lord. let Your ser vant De 2 All the glo ry to Fa ther, All part in heav'n - lv For Ι have the peace. seen glo - ry to the Son, All glo to the - ry glo Spir Ŏf deem - ing grace: ry re it, For Three One: ev er light lead to the Gen tiles Un Α For as in the be gin ning, Is Your hill. The Your glo of to ho ry now, shall ev be, God's tri une name Your ple, cho el. peo sen ra Through sound ing all e ter ni ty.

#### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

Ps. 103:1

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God

#### **BENEDICTION**

Isaiah 9:6, adapt.; Numbers 6:24-26

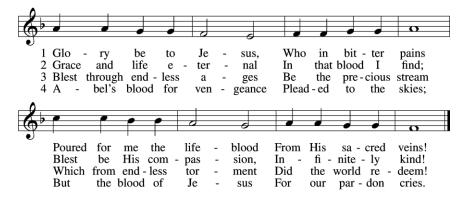
- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



- Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,Swell the mighty flood;Louder still and louderPraise the precious blood!

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#### Welcome

Lake George Lutheran Chapel welcomes you and hopes that you find our worship and fellowship open and friendly. Since 1966, The Chapel has served the Lake Community providing the Gospel and human care.

## We Remember in our Prayers this Week

Noah Baker Sharon Christianer Megan Jacques Dennis Motz Barry Pfeiffer Jeri and Jerry Threlkeld

## **Worship Leaders Today**

Joyce Saalfrank-Music Coordinator Holly May-Reader Terry Messmann-Communion Assistant Melanie Krauter-Altar Guild Shannah Messmann-Altar Guild

## **Entered the Church Triumphant**

Our beloved brother in Christ, **Mr. Jerry Threlkeld**, entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, March 21. The family will have a private service.

#### Refreshments

This Week – Rene Scheimann Next Week – Yogi

## **Birthday**

Pastor Shoemaker (3/23)

## **Portals of Prayer**

The daily devotional book, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the narthex. Not only does this book have daily devotions but it contains prayers for special occasions. This is a great resource for your spiritual journey.

## **Fifth Sunday Special Offering**

Sunday, March 30, is the fifth Sunday of the month. We have designated <u>Worship Anew</u> to receive a special gift from us to be given on that Sunday. Worship Anew produces weekly worship services that are broadcast on television and are available to senior care facilities and individuals. Please see other ministry opportunities offered by Worship Anew on their website: *worshipanew.org*. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful gifts.

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