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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯ **OPENING HYMN**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 84:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 84:5

P *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

P *How lovely is your dwelling place,*

C **O LORD of hosts!**

P *My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;*

C **my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

P *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,*

C **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

P *Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,*

C **ever singing your praise!**

All: **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.**

P *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

KYRIE

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *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.*



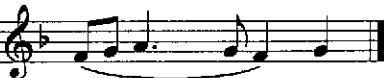
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



C A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P *Halfway through our Lenten journey to the cross this Third Sunday in Lent, we are reminded of the sinful waywardness of humanity and that despite our unfaithfulness, God answers with His grace. From the wilderness wandering in Exodus and His providing water from a rock to a grumbling people, to the Epistle truth of Him saving us even while we were sinners, to the Gospel where upon meeting a marginalized Samaritan woman Jesus would give the gift of living water that brings eternal life, we are also reminded of our own waywardness and sin. Yet through it all, our own hunger and thirst for righteousness and forgiveness are always met by the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

Exodus 17:1-7

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

Romans 5:1-8

VERSE FOR LENT

John 4:23a

All: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Song Is Love Unknown*

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
 That He His foes From thence might free.

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| <p>6. In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.</p> | <p>7. Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!</p> |
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SERMON "SATISFACTION GUARANTEED" Exodus 17:1-7

- I. Like the ancient Israelites, we may expect God to spare us from hardship.
- II. But it is often during hardship that God strengthens our relationship with Him.

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"In Christ Alone"

♩ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, though we are undeserving of not only Your mercy and grace but also of Your tending to our daily needs, we give You thanks that You provide all we need for this body and life. We pray for all that we need—health for the soul, peace for the mind, strength for the body, forgiveness of sin, freedom from condemnation, and a genuine heart gifted for service. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Grant Your healing to those we name before You, [especially . . .]. Bind up the hearts of those who are troubled, heal the wounds of those who suffer disease or injury, and comfort those who are burdened. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Grant that the witness and teaching of those whom You have called and placed as overseers and leaders in Your places of worship here and throughout the world faithfully fulfill the tasks You have placed before them, that they speak Your Word in confidence so that Your truth prevails. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We pray for those who serve in our country in the armed forces and ask that You would guard and protect them in the fulfillment of their duties in domestic and foreign lands. For all who work in our communities for safety, order, and protection, be with them in their service; for all who use Your gifts and abilities given for the health and well-being of others in medical fields, guide their care. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** *In this season of Lent, continue to open our ears to hear Your Word, to repent of sin, and to be drawn to the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptation of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*



- C** **And al - so with you.**

- P** *Lift up your hearts.*



- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

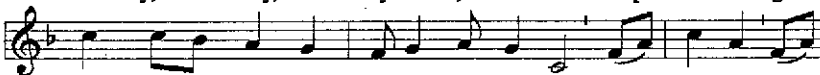


- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who demonstrated His mercy and grace to sinners. While we were still weak, He died for the ungodly; while we were still sinners, He died for us. Through Your love in Christ beyond compare, prepare our hearts, minds, hands, and lips to celebrate this Meal and receive Your body and Your blood given and shed for us in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



- C** **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. Ho -



san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

G Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

G **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 INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

G **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

G 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.

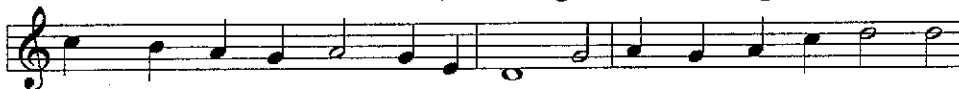
Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

What Wondrous Love Is This

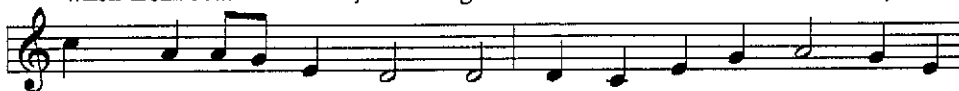
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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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When I Behold Jesus Christ

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1 When I be-hold Je-sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho-ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great-er love No one has ev-er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth-ing can Your self-less-ness ex-plain.
 On Gol-go-tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God—this I owe To You, and You a-lone.

Refrain.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

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 -

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;

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

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.

5. Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
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.

(continued)

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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NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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 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 A - - men.

BENEDICTION

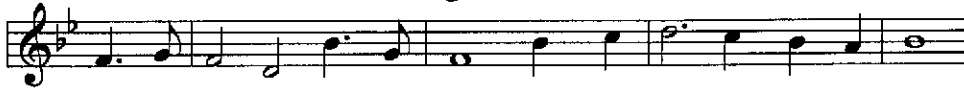
P *The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

G A - - men.

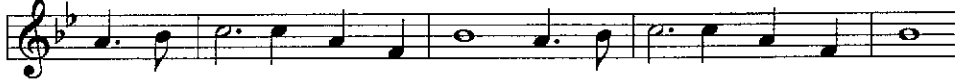
CLOSING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Jennifer White]

POSTLUDE

"Finale in C Minor"

by Stanley S. Saxton

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

March 22: "They Bloom Later"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker
A weed is a stubborn thing, pushing its way up through a crack in the sidewalk. The human heart is a stubborn thing, insisting on going its own way. Dr. Michael Zeigler says God is stubborn, too. (Exodus 9)