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Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

GATHERING

PRELUDE & SILENT PRAYER

Pastor Carleton

Welcome Song *"All Who Are Thirsty"*

on screen

LENTEN CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

P. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C. Amen

P. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:39-40,43)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P. Almighty God, merciful Father:

C. I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

P. Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and

gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.

C. Amen

GATHERING HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* LBW 499

GREETING

KYRIE (sung)

P. Lord have mercy

C. Lord have mercy

P. Christ have mercy

C. Christ have mercy

P. Lord have mercy

C. Lord have mercy

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

SECOND LESSON

1Corinthians 1:18-25

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Pastor Carelton

LENTEN VERSE (acapella)

Come, come let us return to the Lord;

Come, come let us return to the Lord.

In brokenness of heart, we consecrate our lives singing:

Come, come let us return to the Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

SERMON

Pastor Carelton

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Be Thou My Vision”*

WOV 776*

NICENE CREED

(On Screen)

PRAYERS

(response on screen)

PEACE

Mission Focus

ANF/S

OFFERING

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*LBW 212**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P. Merciful God,

C. receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCARISTIC ADMONITION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (please sing)

DISTRIBUTION Tasting Forgiveness (video)

(https://youtu.be/G_UJp9uGDtY)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P. Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen

P. Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C: you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P. May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you †peace. In the name of the †Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BELLS

SENDING HYMN

“ Blessed Assurance ”

*WOV 699**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor Carleton

* denotes a favorite hymn

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This Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 84, 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22, 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tue	Psalm 84, 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19, Hebrews 9:23-28
Wed	Psalm 84, Ezra 6:1-16, Mark 11:15-19
Thu	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Genesis 9:8-17, Ephesians 1:3-6
Fri	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Daniel 12:5-13, Ephesians 1:7-14
Sat	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Numbers 20:22-29, John 3:1-13
Sun	Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

Prayer Concerns: *Linda & Carl Anderson, Connie Rodgers (Dorothy Pohl's god child), Eric (friend of Violet Sundermeyer), Ruth Courier (Violet Sundermeyer's sister), Sam Gaston, Gary & Mary Jones (brother an sister-in-law of Mike Jones) Angie Kunnari (friend of Angel Rettke), Shawn Karl, Jan Hirsh (friend of Owen and Jan Knutson), Ted Bartel & Dolly Adams (cousins of Phyllis Deer), Carole Ann Morris, Christine Slagle (Carl Anderson's God Daughter), Austin Peet (friend of Debbie Hodapp,) Lexi Wheeler (Jim & Gloria Thomsen's granddaughter), Torey Meyer, Tad Trottier (friend of Knutsons), Shelly West (daughter of Barb Doerring), Merub Morris (friend of Synstegards), Dorothy Pohl, Tim Cooper, Shirley Davies (aunt of Peg Davies), Dennis Sweeney (brother of Linda Anderson), Futz (friend of Tom Synstegard), Dennis Lecy (friend of Peg Davies), Chad Jarman (Lorna Cooper's friend), Jennifer Lyons (Carol Jones's niece), Wayne Hruby (Dorothy Pohl's friend), Ryan Lau, Linda Husby, Hannah Gass (granddaughter of Larry Gass), Jim & Lorrie Bergquist, Annika Mae Feist (grandniece of Lorna Cooper), Joy & Tim Atwater (Carol Jones's sister & brother-in-law), Judy Gerdis (friend of Peg Davies), Jerry Johnson, (Jeanette Johnson's son), Shawn Semmler (Rachelle Krotzer's brother)*

Opportunities This Week

Today	Sunday School (FLC)	9:15 AM
	Worship Service – FLC	10:30 AM
	Pot Luck	11:30 AM
	Bible Study – BLC	5:00 PM
Mon	Pr. Carleton's Coffee & Conversation (Zappy's Akeley)	9:00 AM – Noon
	AA Meeting	8:00 PM
Tues	Fellowship with Pastor - FLC	9:00 AM
Wed	Men's Breakfast & Bible study – BLC	7:30 AM
	Soup supper - BLC	6:00 PM
	Lenten Service - BLC	7:00 PM
Sun	Sunday School - FLC	9:15 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Worship Service	10:30 AM
	First Lutheran Council meeting	11:30 AM
	Bible Study - BLC	5:00 PM

Service Assistants

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Everyone	Everyone
Ushers	Kirk & Melissa Stover	Kirk & Melissa Stover
Acolyte	Olivia Harris	Hayden Rettke
Reader	Bernie Beck	
Communion	Bernie Beck and youth	