



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Laetare**

**March 14, 2021**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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**Opening Hymn**      *“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”*      p. 421

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution**      p. 151

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**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 reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**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.**

### **Declaration of Grace**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### **Service of the Word**

+ **INTROIT** +

**Psalm 122: 1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66: 10a, 11a**

Pastor: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

**Cong.: all you who love her;**

Pastor: that you may nurse and be satisfied

**Cong.: from her consoling breast.**

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

**Cong.: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

Pastor: Our feet have been standing

**Cong.: within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Pastor: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

**Cong.: May they be secure who love you!**

Pastor: For my brothers and companions' sake

**Cong.: I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**Cong.: and to the Holy Spirit;**

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

**Cong.: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

**Cong.: all you who love her;**

Pastor: that you may nurse and be satisfied

**Cong.: from her consoling breast.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
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 mercy.**  
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## + SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 49: 8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: *“In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, <sup>9</sup> saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; <sup>10</sup> they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. <sup>11</sup> And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. <sup>12</sup> Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.”* <sup>13</sup> Sing for joy, O heavens,

and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE**

**Galatians 4: 21-31**

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup> But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup> Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written, *“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”* <sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup> But what does the Scripture say? *“Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.”* <sup>31</sup> So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. This is the Word of the LORD.

**Cong.: Thanks be to God.**

+VERSE+ (sung)

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*Return to the Lord, your God,  
For He is gracious and merciful  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love  
And abounding in steadfast love.*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

**John 6: 1-15**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

**Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, *“Where*

*are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”* <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, *“Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”* <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> *“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”* <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, *“Have the people sit down.”* Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, *“Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.”* <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, *“This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”* <sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON HYMN:**    *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”*            (v. 1-4)            **p. 743**

**SERMON**

**Nicene Creed**

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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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

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**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### **LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**

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**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.**

## Collect

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

P 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.

Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Patrick Poock**

Organist: Bill Vlasak

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Catechism Class:** March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm

**Wednesday Lenten Services:** March 17th and 24th at 5:00 pm

**Palm Sunday Services:** Sunday, March 28th at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

**Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday,** April 1st at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.;

**Good Friday,** April 2nd at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

**Easter Services:** Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 and 10:30 pm.