



Character of a Disciple: Holiness

A Sunday
Lenten Series
2022

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Sunday, March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday in Lent*

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal WOV - blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 98
- *Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **WOV 771**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 99
- *Glory to God in the Highest P. 100
- *Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, draw us into this season of repentance and create within us fertile soil in which your Word bursts forth in lives marked by the abundant fruit of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (Children attend Sunday School after this.)

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷"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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰And 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?' ¹¹Say 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? ¹²And 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. ¹³Though 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. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if 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. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Psalms 85 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now 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. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No 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.

Lenten Sentence

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*Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9

¹There were some present at that very time who told {Jesus} about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And 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?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Sermon:

"CHARACTER OF A DISCIPLE: HOLINESS"

*Hymn of the Day: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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*Nicene Creed

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Mighty Lord, may your Spirit stir us in order that we might learn to be wise and faithful followers of your Son, Jesus. By the Spirit's sanctifying work help us to lead lives that bring glory to you, drawing others into your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Merciful God, help us to answer your call to repentance, knowing that what you desire is not vengeance and punishment, but our loving response to your invitation to turn again to you and your ways. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of mercy, reach out your hand to comfort and uphold those whose lives are in the midst of trial and turmoil. We pray for the victims of war and terrorism, disease and disaster, illness and accident, flood and drought, famine and starvation. Let your powerful presence be their help and refuge, inspire us to accompany them in trials and recovery, and through our efforts in your name bring them quick relief.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord God, Ancient of Days, you have revealed the mysteries of life in your own good time. Keep us strong and steadfast in our faith, so that neither trial nor temptation may dim for us the glory of our hope, or take from us the promised glory that you have prepared for all your saints.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Blessing of Personal Care Kits

*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Create in Me

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Distribution

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*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday through April 6.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

6:30pm –Lenten Vespers Service

GOD'S MERCY

This year's mid-week Lenten theme will be **God's Mercy**

3/23 Mercy in Betrayal

3/30 Mercy in Relationships

4/6 Mercy in Service

LENTEN SUPPER

Date	Hosts	(meal served)
3/23	Sunday School	Sloppy Joe's
3/30	Wittwer's	Italian Beef
4/6	Men	Pork Chops

Please come and enjoy the fellowship and food! We have been planning for 50 people each week, however only 25-30 people have been coming. It is a free-will donation that will be shared with LWR World Hunger.

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

Today 3/20: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after the service!

Monday 3/21: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 3/22: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/23: Lenten Supper, 5:45pm.

Lenten Vespers Service, 6:30pm: "Mercy in".

Thursday 3/24: Wittenberg Door – Pastor's Fellowship – here, 10am.

NO Confirmation Class, (Spring Break)

Saturday 3/26: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/27: Worship Service with Sunday School to follow, 9am.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Brooke Mickey 3/20/02

George Vodden 3/20

Mike Sester 3/21

Oliver 3/22/15

Colleen (Boehmer) Cerutti 3/23

Aiden Atkinson 3/24/10

Drew Peterson 3/25

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Gary & Peggy Steinhorst 3/24/90

EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Order your Easter Memorial Garden Lily today. Only 20 plants have been ordered at this time. Lilies are \$10 each. Order forms are in the narthex.

PRAYER VIGIL

Our Prayer Vigil will begin at 8:30 pm after the Good Friday service. Sign-up now to spend time with God. There is a prayer vigil cross in the narthex. Please select a time, write your name on the label and place the label on the cross.



EASTER BREAKFAST – PLEASE RSVP!

Easter Breakfast will be at 8am, between the two Easter services - 7am Sunrise and 9:30am Festival. An RSVP isn't necessary, however, to help us prepare for the breakfast, please RSVP to Louie Mielke or Dianna Wittwer.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Ron Peabody, Judy Lacefield's brother-in-law, will have bladder cancer surgery on March 23rd.
- James, 2-year-old was in a car accident in Jackson, Mo. and is now at St. Louis Children's hosp. He has a brain injury, however is saying "mommy". This is a friend of Peggy Wince's.
- Lisa Coyle will be having an atrial ablation on March 21.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer and Laura Block.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32