

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT ~ March 7, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sign of the Cross

P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION SONG “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

P: Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✙ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Young People's Message

Gospel – John 2:13-22

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “God, the Sculptor of the Mountains”

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation.*

Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God,

C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG – “Send Me Jesus”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Pray for:

Andrew (Pastor Lou), Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker), Morgan Family in their loss of John, Lois Niewohner, Janice Ostnes, Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw's cousin, Susan & her son Mato, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Stephens Family in their loss of Laura (Babe)..

Our Prayer Partner Church: Sitka Lutheran Church, Sitka

Announcements

MONDAY (3/8) Foodbank, 1:00pm help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

Mary Martha Women's Bible Study, 6:15pm at church & Zoom.

Lois Heine is contact person.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196060748?pwd=amlxSG9tZDg3TE1mZHVkM1k2bTJHUT09>

WEDNESDAY (3/10) Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm Facebook and Zoom.

Our Lenten service project changes each week. We are currently collecting for *The Door* – a shelter for homeless youth. They need Female Underwear (all sizes, especially larger sizes), Bras (all sizes and brand new, please) and Hair Conditioner.

Bring items to church or call office to make arrangements.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86163216832?pwd=QzIxNWVLaGdvYmFEU0phc1VmNnUwUT09>

Room ID: 861 6321 6832 Password: 914428

THURSDAY (3/11) Cutting & sewing Mittens for Stone Soup Café and other organizations in our community. Come on **Thursdays, 1-4pm** (until further notice). We are making mittens from fleece. Bring scissors, sewing machine or just yourself to help sort & pack. Arlene O. 474-0072.

NEXT SUNDAY (3/14) Daylight Savings begins. Set clocks back 1 hour.

LENT WORSHIP this year is service-oriented with weekly service projects.

We have donated to the Women's Shelter, Stone Soup Café and The Door, then the next week to SOAP (street outreach) and we will end our time of service with our annual Palm Sunday Coat drive.

A full list of items needed for each organization is available at the welcome table. Bring items to church or call office to make arrangements.

MARTIN'S MOPPERS – Cleaning Help Needed! Looking for 2-3 people for a couple of hours on Saturdays once a month for basic cleaning of Church. Meet Arlene Orbeck this coming *Saturday, March 13th* from *10am-12noon* to see where things are located and what needs to be done. Call the church office – we'll be glad to schedule you for a Saturday.

WORSHIP SERVICES each Sunday 10am and for Wednesday Lent Services 7pm. We are livestreaming services via Facebook. We appreciate everyone being flexible when we do need to make a change.

OFFICE HOURS – the church building is not open to the public, however we have opened the building to Bible Study Groups and we are worshiping online with Zoom and Facebook Live. Thanks for your patience.

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