

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**We offer our worship to God!** Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

**Offerings.** Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the staff continue to ensure that our church ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to at:

Christ Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk  
60 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

St. James Lutheran Church  
5129 Wolf Road  
Western Springs, IL 60558

To make your CLC offering online, go to [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) and click on the "Give" button.

To make your St. James offering online, go to [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) and click the tithe.ly link.

**Questions?** If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at [office@yourchrist.org](mailto:office@yourchrist.org) for Christ Lutheran or Mellissa Lickteig, Office Manager [stjames.ws@gmail.com](mailto:stjames.ws@gmail.com) for St. James or Pastor Erin at [pastor@yourchrist.org](mailto:pastor@yourchrist.org). You may also call the church at 630-325-2220 for Christ Lutheran or (708) 246-6228 for St. James, or visit [www.yourchrist.org](http://www.yourchrist.org) or [www.stjamesws.org](http://www.stjamesws.org) for St. James

**Need something?** Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. The church's councils are committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

## **ZOOM INFORMATION:**

Telephone Number **1-312-626-6799**

Meeting ID: **973 434 409**

Password: **216714**

[Link to Zoom Worship](#)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Music

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*Recorded by the CLC Ensemble*

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

Confession

*Led by Dan Cramer*

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may turn toward God and begin the work of repentance.  
Merciful, life-giving God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone:  
For placing our faith in authorities other than you.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For embracing individualism, valuing competition over cooperation and failing to function as the whole Body of Christ.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For wanting recognition but not accountability and advocating for our way as the one right way instead of seeking to learn together.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For denying the call of Jesus and the prophets to speak out against injustice  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For turning away from the discomfort of conflict and instead getting angry when we are challenge.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For striving to keep whatever power we hold at all costs, preferring holding power over others to sharing power with others.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For failing to recognize mistakes are part of learning and growing and instead tying them to guilt and shame.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For giving into the temptation to attempt neutrality instead of the speaking the good news of God with courage.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: For insisting on our own comfort to the neglect and indifference of our neighbors.  
**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Forgive us and lead us in ways that free us from shame, free us from comparison, and lead us to delight in you. Help us to affirm the truths and uplift the wisdom of all your people. Guide us toward finding value in quality instead of quantity, to engaging in healthy conflict, and to the distribution of power for the good of all; so that we may live more fully your kin-dom of accountability and mutual care. Amen.

## Absolution

Pastor: Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven. Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have been set free from sin. Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for all people. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Leader: Generous God, you have all power and authority in heaven and on earth, yet you dialogue and partner with us in caring for your world. Your law, your challenge, is a loving example of sharing power and resources. Encourage us as we live into the new life you offer, that we can be open to critique as the presence of your transforming love.

**All: Amen.**

## Ten Simple Rules

*Recorded by the CLC Worship Band*

Verse 1     Here's a little tune  
              You'll be happy to know  
              Keep it close to you  
              Wherever you may go  
              God gave us ten simple rules to get us through  
              A little something just for us to live by  
              So now hide them in your heart  
              And you will be just fine

Chorus        And the Lord said  
              Have no other gods but God  
              To worship idols just won't do  
              Be careful with the way you use God's name  
              And keep Sunday special too  
              Honor your parents, don't take any lives  
              And when you're old enough to marry, be true  
              Do not steal, or lie, or want those things  
              That don't belong to you  
              These are ten simple rules God gave to me and you

Verse 2        Now the good Lord said  
              You'd better listen to me  
              If you follow these rules  
              Then they will set you free  
              Because I want you to live a happy life  
              And help others to be happy too  
              So when things go wrong  
              These words will get you through

Repeat Chorus x 2

Tag            These are ten simple rules God gave to me and you  
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Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

*Read by Lori Ball*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of

slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **Gospel Reading**

## **John 2:13-22**

<sup>3</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## **Message**

*Pastor Erin Clausen*

Our God

*Recorded by CLC Worship Band*

Verse 1     Water You turned into wine  
              opened the eyes of the blind  
              There's no one like You, none like You

Verse 2     Into the darkness You shine out  
              of the ashes we rise  
              There's no one like You, none like You

Chorus     Our God is greater, Our God is stronger  
              God You are higher than any other  
              Our God is healer, awesome in power  
              Our God, Our God

Repeat Verse 2

Repeat Chorus x 2

Bridge     And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us  
              And if our God is with us, then what could stand against  
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Repeat Chorus x 2

Repeat Bridge

The Apostle's Creed

*Led by Jim and Marie Freidag*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
              creator of heaven and earth.  
I 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.  
I 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

## Prayers of Intercession

*Mary, Jimmy and Catie Satchwell*

Leader: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. You may pray silently or aloud following each prompt.  
For your church throughout the world, that we might cultivate a spirit of humility and repentance...  
For all the earth's creatures from destruction, that we would make space for every living thing...  
For leaders of nations, that they would work for justice and peace...  
For migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands...  
For people whose lives feel desolate, and all in need of healing and compassion...  
For principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, students, and parents...  
For people who have lost their jobs or been laid off and are unsure of the future...  
For this congregation, as we discern the next steps God has for us...  
For all who have died, and all who grieve...  
We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering Prayer

Pastor: Holy provider, we thank you for the ways in which you have provided for us. Help us know the difference between the things given to us by you, the result of our work, the gifts of community, and that which comes to us because of our privilege. By your grace, bring us to a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy that we might bear witness to your abundance.

All: Amen.

### Communion

Pastor: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:  
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.

## Communion Video

## Communion Blessing

## Prayer After Communion

Pastor: Holy One-in-Three, through your death, we are fed with the bread of life. Let us follow your way to the cross, to be for others a sign of your compassion and life. As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

All: Amen.

## Benediction & Blessing

Pastor: May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.  
May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.  
May God inspire you to transforming love that celebrates all people and all creation.

All: Amen

Lift High the Cross

*Recorded by the CLC Choir*

*Refrain*      Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1              Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.      *Refrain*

3              All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died      *Refrain*

4              O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee      *Refrain*

5              So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!      *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

Pastor:      Go in peace. Share the Good news.

All:          Thanks be to God!