

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022 — 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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Our Mission: Share Christ † Serve Others



A man
had a fig tree

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WELCOME — We would like to extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus --- and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — Anyone who would like more information about Pacific Hills may speak to an usher, visit with a greeter in the welcome area or call the church office. You may also read about our ministries by going to our church's website. While there you can also read our weekly newsletter, "The Pacific Hills Messenger". To subscribe to our newsletter send your e-mail to: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to please complete a Worship Card located in the hymnal rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing in on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

We invite those who share with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive, in the Holy Communion, the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given us His Holy Supper so that we might receive into our very lives His body and blood, under the elements of bread and wine, for the remission of our sins and thereby know in a physical, tangible way that we are forgiven and have eternal life through faith in Him.

Each who comes to the Table of our Lord should:

- ◆ Be a Baptized Child of God;
- ◆ Have received scriptural instruction in Christ's means of meeting us in this Sacrament;
- ◆ Examine themselves by confessing their sins to God;
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:26-29
 - b. Lutheran Service Book, p. 329
- ◆ Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord from sin and death and who delivers us from the power of the devil;
- ◆ Desire the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from sin and live a Christ-like life;
- ◆ Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood (under the elements of bread and wine) for the forgiveness of sins.

If you are uncertain or have questions concerning your participation, please ask to speak with an elder, our pastor or an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Alcohol-removed wine is in the center of the tray. Children and adults desiring to receive a blessing should cross their arms while at the communion rail.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Divine Service

Setting Three

About the Cover: God's people have been made like fig trees to bear fruit. In the eyes of the vinedresser, a fig tree that bears no fruit is not a lost cause to be immediately cut down. Instead, he tends to it and fertilizes it. Jesus' parable helps us see His heart of patient compassion. He sees to it that we are provided with all that we need to grow and flourish. We have the Word, which has been planted within our hearts and nourished by the preaching of the Gospel, and the Sacraments.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

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.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

LSB 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926

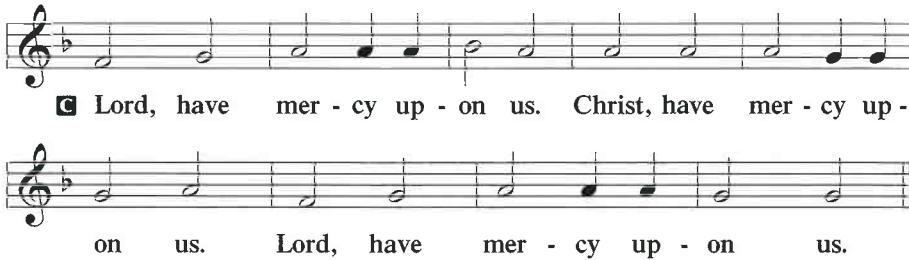
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading/Old Testament

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.

¹⁰“And 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?

¹²“And 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.

¹⁷“Yet 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 them. 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Worship Cards are collected at this time.

Psalm



¹LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

²**You forgave the iniquity of your | people;***
you covered | all their sin.

³You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.

⁴**Restore us again, O God of our sal-| vation,***
and put away your indignation | toward us!

⁵Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?

⁶Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re-| jice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

⁸Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faith-| fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

¹³Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

Stand

Glory be to the Father and| to the Son*
and to the| Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sit

Second Reading/New Testament

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Sermon

Repent or Perish
Luke 13:1-9

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church - Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

Sit

Reception of New Members

(10:30 am Service Only)

George and Patti Harper
Grant, Grace and Nathaniel Siekman

Offertory - - I Walk in Danger All the Way

By Geist-reiches Gesang-Bush and Hans Adolf Brorson

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. [Psalm 136]
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



Sit

Distribution

If you have questions about your participation in communion, please see the statement on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Distribution Hymn

God Be In My Head

by Jean Pasquet

(Choir - 10:30 am Service Only)

Distribution Hymn

LSB 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

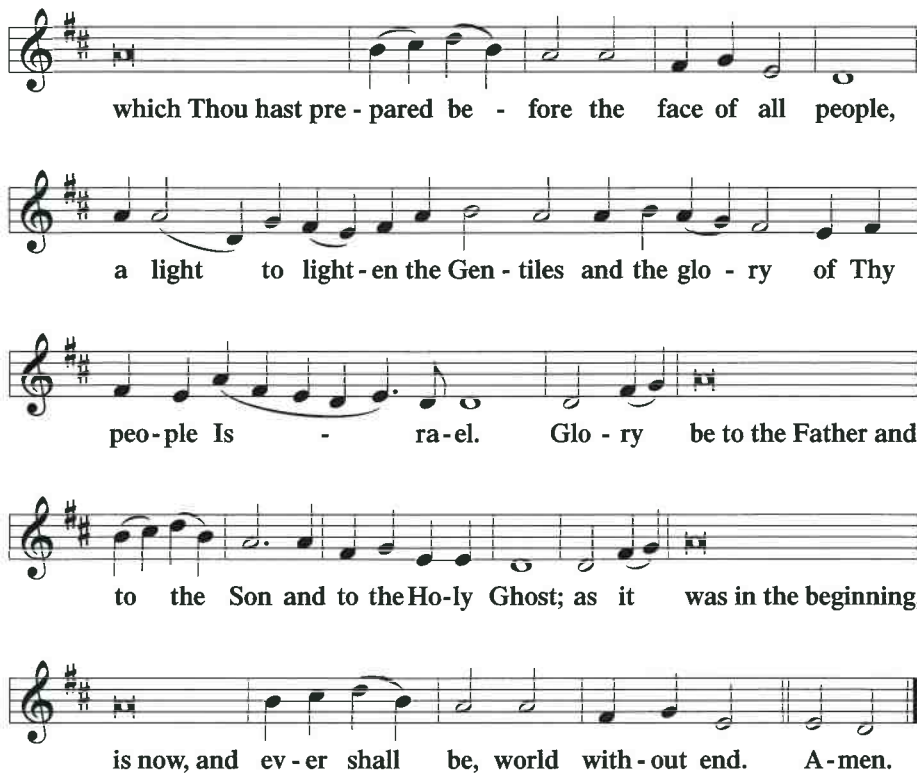
Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



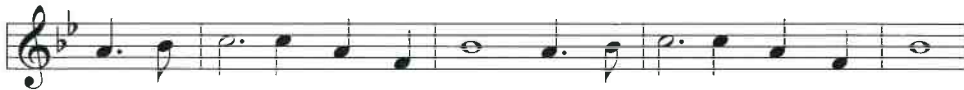
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

LSB 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT MIDWEEK 3

MARCH 23, 2022 - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Services

Readings

Genesis 18:16-33

Psalm 18:1-6

Philippians 4:6-7

Matthew 6:5-15

Hymns

Hymn Sing

LSB 770

LSB 809

Sermon

Lenton Customs

“Prayer”

Matthew 6:5-15

LOOKING AHEAD TO FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Readings

Isaiah 12:1-6

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Matthew 6:5-15

Hymns

LSB 686

LSB 709

LSB 611

LSB 528

Sermon

Lost and Found

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This Week at Pacific Hills

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan in Acker Hall
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
New Member Welcome
- 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:30 pm Quilter's Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- 9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lent 3 Midweek Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
- 7:00 pm Lent 3 Midweek Evening Worship Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

- 7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan in Acker Hall
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
- 11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
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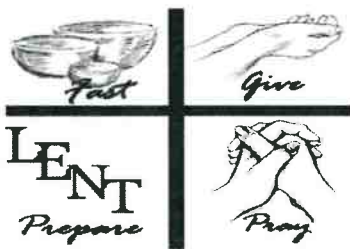
Please join Pastor Bryan between services for a Study on the Lessons of the Day. Class meets in Acker Hall. All are welcome!

Dr. Bob Vandervort and the bible study group are studying the **Book of Jonah** via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Please e-mail Bob at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!!!

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Our Record of Response:

Sunday, March 13: Attendance: 78, Giving - \$3,455.02
(Year to date Giving—\$55, 095.07)



Our Midweek

Lenten Themes, 2022

“LENTEN CUSTOMS”

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for Easter and to think about our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. It spans 40 days and represents the period when Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. During this time, he didn't eat or drink anything.

Today many Christians have the tradition of “giving up” something for Lent or dedicating themselves to greater service during Lent as a way of focusing more attention on our Savior. This can be a good Lenten custom and help prepare us for Easter, and so this Lenten Season we will look at Lenten Customs, like almsgiving, prayer, and fasting among others.

As we focus on these Lenten Customs, we also remember that more than “giving up” something or “doing something,” Lent is a bold exhortation to “repent” and return to the Lord!

March 2 Ash Wednesday **“Remember You Are Dust”** Joel 2:12-19

March 9 Lent Midweek 1 **“Penitence”** Matthew 4:12-17

March 16 Lent Midweek 2 **“Almsgiving”** Matthew 6:1-4

March 23 Lent Midweek 3 **“Prayer”** Matthew 6:5-15

March 30 Lent Midweek 4 **“Fasting”** Matthew 6:16-18

April 6 Lent Midweek 5 **“Foot Washing”** John 13:1-17

Today's Service

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Opening Hymn	LSB 691, Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing
First Reading/Old Testament	Ezekiel 33:7-20
Psalmody	Psalm 85
Second Reading/New Testament	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Holy Gospel	Luke 13:1-9
Hymn of the Day	LSB 570, Just as I Am, without One Plea
Creed	Apostles' Creed
Distribution Hymn	LSB 609, Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
Closing Hymn	LSB 761, When Peace, like a River

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Preaching & Presiding.....	Rev. Bryan Drebes
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Artist.....	Michelle Steen
Head Usher.....	8:00 am Kevin Wilshusen 10:30 am Bill Wagner
Acolyte.....	8:00 am Lilyonna Hafsaas
Head Elder.....	8:00 am Kevin Warneke 10:30 am Jim Mueller
Lector.....	8:00 am Michelle Steen 10:30 am Cheryl Drebes
Communion Steward.....	8:00 am Marlene Hawver 10:30 am Marlene Hawver Rhoda Storck

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