


The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

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 Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from Psalm 103:

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

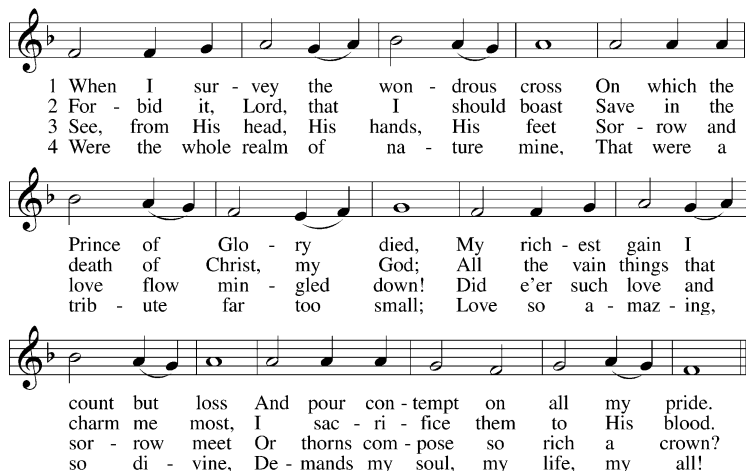
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him."

C Amen.

Hymn #425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur-vey the won-drous cross On which the
2 For-bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor-row and
4 Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo-ry died, My rich-est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min-gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib-ute far too small; Love so a-maz-ing,
count but loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac-ri-fice them to His blood.
sor-row meet Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, tune: Lowell Mason; text and tune: public domain

Psalm

Psalm 69:9, 14–16

P For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

C Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

C Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - cou - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter two.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Nicene Creed

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour



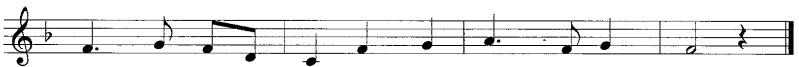
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly



Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art -
pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed



ford.
nigh.
vain. I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O
fill.
Son!



bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

Distribution Hymn #680

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering; tune: Carl F. Schalk, © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: CCLI no. 11373734

Announcements

New Sunday Worship Service Times beginning Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, we will be offering only two Sunday worship services – 9:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

- The 9:00 AM service, will maintain social-distancing guidelines, including the wearing of masks. This service will be limited to 50 people. If you wish to attend, please sign up using the the online [sign-up form](#).
- The 10:15 AM service, will maintain social-distancing guidelines, including the wearing of masks. This service will not be limited and will not require a sign-up.

Sunday School

Today, Sunday School will have some special Lenten activities to prepare for Easter! Each Sunday until Easter students will receive a small item that will represent part of the Easter story. At the end of Lent, the children will take home their own set of Resurrection Eggs that will help them tell the Easter story.

Donations Needed

We are having an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday! We are asking for donations of wrapped candy. Please place all donations in the box marked in the narthex. **Donations are needed by Sunday, March 21st.**

Bible Study – Today 12:30 PM (Zoom). Please text Pastor Mueller if you have not yet attended and would like a Zoom invitation link sent to your email.

Youth Confirmation – Today 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Sunday Evening Prayer – 5:00 PM

New Member Class - Tonight 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 6:30 AM

Wednesday Lent Service - 7:00 PM Please sign up to attend in-person worship at www.saintjamesglencarbon.org or watch Livestream or in our online sermon library.

Titus 2: Women of Faith Bible Study - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Saturday

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Join us Tuesday night at church for Bible study, fellowship and fun from 6:30-8:00 PM.

March 25 – 7 p.m. Mosaic Annual Gala with dinner and speaker Mike Huckabee. Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact the church office for more information.



SAINT JAMES
LUTHERAN CHURCH

— GLEN CARBON —

St. James Lutheran Church

146 North Main

Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034

Office: 618.288.6120

Email: contact@stjamesglencarbon.org

www.stjamesglencarbon.org