



# Midweek Lent Service

March 17, 2021

**P** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

**P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**P** to herald Your love in the morning,

**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

## Hymn #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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**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

**C** Amen.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit someone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do 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.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now 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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Hymn #451

# Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in-  
 great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
 sult-ing His dis-tress; Man-y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners



Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in-ter-vene to save; But the  
 point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
 deep-est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus-tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev-er be con-found-ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## Sermon

## Prayer

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** **listen to my cry.**
- P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;  
**C** **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**
- P** In righteousness I shall see You;  
**C** **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**
- L** Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

## Benediction

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.


**C** Amen.

## Hymn #392

## God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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## Announcements

### Sunday School

Sunday School continues 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.**

**Sunday Bible Study** – 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.

**Sunday Confirmation** – Today 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

**Sunday Evening Prayer** – 5:00 PM

**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](http://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.

**Blessing Blocks** – The youth group invites you Take a Blessing & Leave a Blessing... Select a blessing block from the display in the narthex to take home! In exchange, a goodwill offering can be made to the youth group to help support the Youth Mission Trip.

**Metro-East Lutheran High School** is hosting the Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, April 10, 2021. For more information, or to request a registration form, please contact the school at 618-656-0043.



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