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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 7 March A.D. 2021



ABIDING SAVIOR/  
MOUNT OLIVE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠  
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**This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion.** Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me**

### A Lenten Admonition

The Church is always prepared in the same way – through repentance. To prepare for her Easter celebration, the Church marks off forty days of special preparation called “Lent” beginning with Ash Wednesday. It is a time reminiscent of Our Lord's fasting in the desert and the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. During Lent, especially, the Church urges her members to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Even as true repentance is not simply feeling sorry, but rather turning from sin and toward God and also sorrow over sin and faith in Jesus, so likewise, Lent is not so much a time of “giving things up” as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God's mercy in Christ Jesus.

Therefore you are encouraged to make use of Lenten customs that aid you in your devotion and, specifically, to make an increased use of the Means of Grace. The Holy Communion is administered every Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesdays at 10:30am and 7:00pm. Come, and avail yourself of what God wants to give.

### The Season of Lent and Ceremonies at Abiding Savior/Mount Olive

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-Lent. The second is Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passion, which includes Holy Week.

We continue, during Lent, to abstain from the *Alleluias* and *Gloria in Excelsis*. The color is violet to signify the mourning of a monarch.

We now give up most chanting, singing only certain ordinaries and the hymns. The Gospel is now read from the horn of the altar, and there is no Gospel procession. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up in order to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in these things when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

The season is meant to order our hearts and minds not only by consideration of the terrible cost of Our Lord's gracious sacrifice on our behalf, but also upon His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. It is a catechetical season. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and hope, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

### Lenten Schedule

Along with regular Sunday morning Divine Service, the Lord's Supper is offered on five Wednesdays (24 Feb - 24 Mar) in Lent in identical services (choose which best fits your schedule) at 10:30am and 7:00pm. Private Confession and Absolution are available by appointment at any time.

### ✠ HOLY WEEK ✠

<b>Sunday, 28 March</b>	<b>Palmarum (Palm Sunday)</b> 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Divine Service with Palm Procession
<b>Thursday, 1 April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 pm Divine Service, Stripping of the Altar
<b>Friday, 2 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 pm Tre Ore
<b>Saturday, 3 April</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 8:00 pm The Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday, 4 April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b> 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Divine Service



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode**

### ✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

**Amen.**

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

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]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

## ☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

**THE INTROIT** PSALM 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; ANTIPHON: VV. 15-16



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My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.**

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

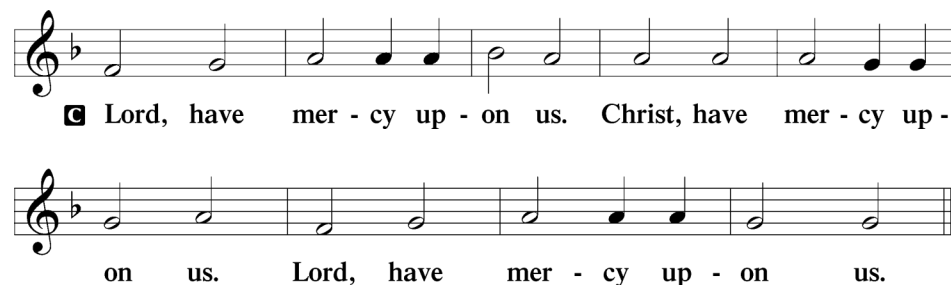
***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

## THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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

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

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *is omitted during Lent*

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

**Amen.**

*SIT*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 8:16-24

*In those days,* <sup>16</sup> the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, “Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.” <sup>17</sup> And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. <sup>18</sup> The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup> Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, ‘Let my people go, that they may serve me. <sup>21</sup>Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. <sup>22</sup>But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.’” ’” <sup>24</sup>And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail; \*  
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

**When my enemies | turn back, \*  
they stumble and perish before your | presence.**

**THE EPISTLE**

EPHESIANS 5:1-9

*Brethren:* <sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may

be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

**THE TRACT**

PSALM 123:1-3A



To you I lift | up my eyes, \*  
O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

**Behold, as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their | master, \*  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he has mercy up- | on us.**

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD, \*  
have mercy up- | on us.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. LUKE 11:14-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time,* <sup>14</sup>Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided

against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup> As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” <sup>28</sup> But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE 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.**

*SIT*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

*659 Lord of Our Life*

**THE SERMON**

*STAND*

**THE OFFERTORY**

PSALM 51:10-12

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.

**THE OFFERING** – Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: Abiding Savior—wooden; Mount Olive—brass.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Litany is used as **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** during Lent.

**THE LITANY** (please grab a copy from the bulletin stand at this time if you do not have one; also, please return the Litany copies to the stand after service unless you'd like to take the copy for home devotion use.)

SIT

**THE HYMN**

954 We All Believe in One True God

STAND



THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

**It is meet and right so to do.**

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:

**THE SANCTUS**

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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

**THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT** ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;  
ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

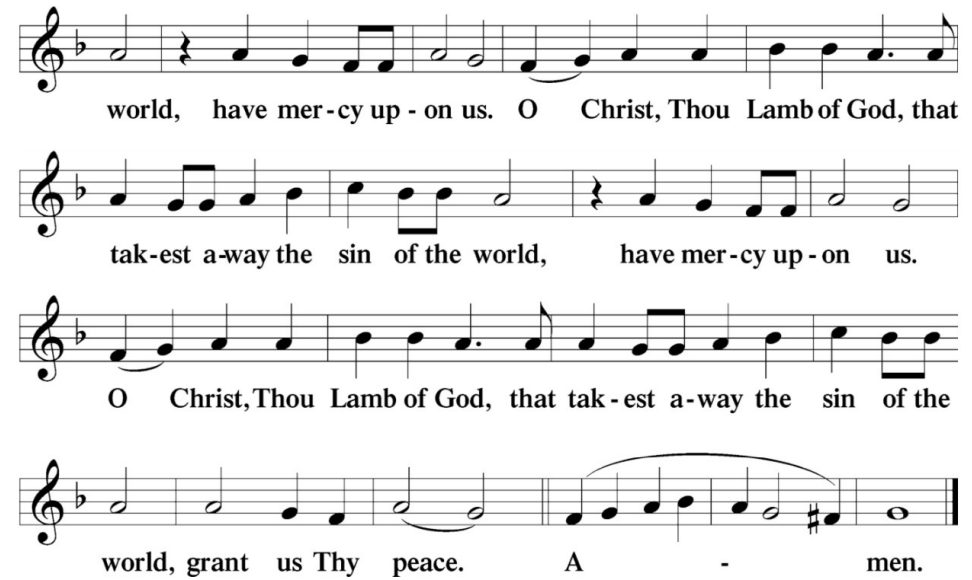
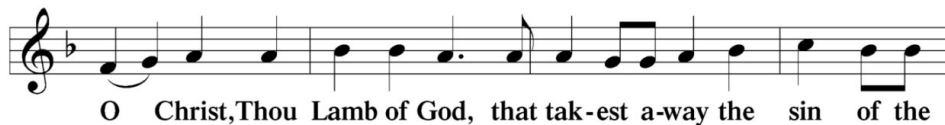
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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 BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**THE PAX DOMINI** ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** ST. JOHN 1:29



*SIT*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

755 *In the Very Midst of Life*

614 *"As Surely as I Live," God Said*

438 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

*STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32





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 without end. A - men.

**THE BENEDICTION**

NUMBERS 6: 24– 26

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.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ✠ peace.*

**THE THANKSGIVING**

PSALM 107: 1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.  
**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all  
 goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son  
 into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us  
 pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to  
 forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by  
 Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;  
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE SALUTATION**

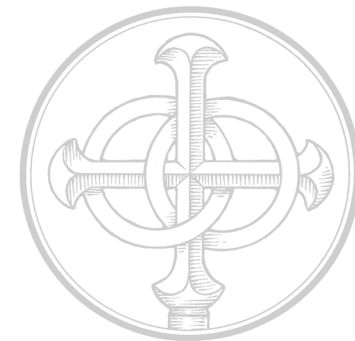
2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

**THE BENEDICAMUS**

[PSALM 103: 1]

Bless we the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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