

Third Sunday in Lent

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+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING 7 +

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*“How Firm a Foundation”* arr. A. Fedak

### GATHERING

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P Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C His mercy endures for ever.

CATECHETIC MOMENT (Decalogue)

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (IV)

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Baptismal Anniversaries this Month:

Serena Crisanti, Gerry Patachuk, and Vern Schnell

### GATHERING HYMN

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

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### GREETING

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### KYRIE

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON                      **Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

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. 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 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. 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.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung* **Psalm 19 - Hymnal**

*Psalm Prayer*

P Most gracious God, who did proceed from the virginal shrine to liberate us, and did thus at length ascend to the right hand of the Father: we ask your boundless mercy, that we, being converted to your law, illuminated by your commandments, made wise by your testimonies, may be cleansed from our secret faults, and delivered from our enemies; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end..**Amen.**

**SECOND LESSON** **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

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

Where 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? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Turn back to the Lord... Pg. 179  
*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** **John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, ...

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to the intentions this week is “hear our prayer.”

We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross.

Unite us as one body in Christ. Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed, demonstrating with our words and bodies the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the world. For sheep, cattle, and all domesticated livestock. For wild creatures, service animals, and pets. Provide shelter, food, and safe drinking water for every living creature. Protect the earth from disaster and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Teach us to honor one another as you command.

Protect Ukraine, and all in war, refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who lack what they need for daily life.

For those who grieve, and for all who are ill. We lift up Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larson, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for their families, sponsors, and faith mentors. For Bible study leaders and participants. For our elders in thanksgiving for the depth of wisdom and experience they offer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us. Inspire us by their witness and example. Bring us with them into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for Bishop Susan Johnson, and the National Church staff
- for the East Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and the Dean, Rev. Calvin Skriver
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Alberta and for Dana Rayment, Chaplain for NAIT and McEwan, Edmonton
- for Messiah Lutheran, Camrose, and Solor Lutheran, Cereal, Chinook
- for Saint Peter Congregation, Barrio Roma – Kennedy, Bogota, Colombia
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Japan
- for the pastors and people of the Reformed Church of Canada
- for our Anglican and Moravian partners

For all these, we pray:

**hear our prayer.**

For all virtually gathered for this service, those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, we pray:

**hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Please be seated.*

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**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** “He was Wounded” A. Vivaldi

*Setting of the altar from the credence table.*

*Reception of Offerings*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able.*

A We pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE MEAL**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pg. 180

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** Pg. 181

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (I)**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (II)** Pg. 182

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**THE FRACTION**

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**Lamb of God** *Sung* Pg. 182  
*Please be seated.*

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Assistants and those in special need commune first.*

*It is customary to kneel as you are able during Lent.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed **No. 337**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross **No. 803**

**TABLE BLESSING** *Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

A We pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE BENEDICTION**

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** Be Thou My Vision

**No. 793**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "O God, My Faithful God" arr. J. S. Bach

**WELCOME** to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor. Online worship is provided for those unable to attend in-person.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

- Usher: Shelly Ford, Nale Poromon
- Lector: Shelly Ford
- Assistant Minister: Jennifer Hanson
- Altar Guild: Helen Sandau
- Refreshments: Lydia McTavish, Nicky Mutschlechner
- Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

|               | Last Week | Budget 2024 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 25 February   |           |             |
| Current       | \$ 1,645  | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 0      |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10     |             |
| Other         | \$ 94     |             |
| Attendance    | 36        |             |

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**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS** – The March issue is now available.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 3 Mar  | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | Bach to Luther Concert      |
| Monday    | 4 Mar  | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 5 Mar  | 7:00 PM  | NAPS                        |
| Wednesday | 6 Mar  | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 7 Mar  | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
| Friday    | 8 Mar  | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 9 Mar  | 9:00 AM  | House of Hope Worship       |
|           |        | 1:00 PM  | K.S.G.                      |
| Sunday    | 10 Mar | 10:30 AM | Fourth Sunday in Lent       |

**BACH TO LUTHER: A CONCERT AND TALK** – Tonight, 3 March 2024 7:00 PM at Highwood Lutheran Church. Free will offering. Family & friends are invited. Details on posters.

**HIGHWOOD LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** – All ladies are welcome to join us Next Week in our bible study on Tuesday 12 March at 1:00 PM downstairs. Rides can be arranged with Pat, Clarice, or Helga. Bring a friend if you like, as we all learn from each other.

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES SAS** – AGM Saturday, 16 March 2024 at 10:00 am. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Parish Hall 66-7 Street NE, Calgary. Poster is downstairs.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

## LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE

### HOLY WEEK

|             |               |          |
|-------------|---------------|----------|
| 24 March    | Palm Sunday   | 10:30 AM |
| 27 March    | Spy Wednesday | 7:00 PM  |
| The Triduum |               |          |
| 28 March    | Holy Thursday | 7:00 PM  |
| 29 March    | Good Friday   | 10:30 AM |
| 31 March    | Easter Sunday | 10:30 AM |