

And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.

2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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**BENEDICTION**  
**SILENT PRAYER**  
**POSTLUDE**

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

Officiant: Pastor Fritz Schmitt  
Lectors: Pam Zimmer & Charles Cantin  
Organist: Bruce Sininger

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# FOR OUR 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. DIVINE SERVICES

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for the Divine Service)*

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**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**INVOCATION**

*[Matthew 28:19b]*

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

Holy Spirit, Imparter of faith, Donor of trust, who sent Christ to the fearful wilderness experience, be with us when You permit testing to come into our lives so that we are purified and strengthened by it, and so we remain faithful to our Christ in the midst of it; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

**LSB 981**

***To Your Temple, Lord, I Come***

1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,  
For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place,  
Here I see my Savior's face.

2 I through Him am reconciled,  
I through Him become Your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In Your courts Your love to trace.

3 While Your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue

That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend,  
God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;  
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.

6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”  
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## LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT

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

And God spoke all these words, saying:

<sup>2</sup> “I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—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; <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor  
serve them. For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the  
iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth  
*generations* of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing mercy to thousands,  
to those who love Me and keep My commandments. <sup>7</sup> “You shall not

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.

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**A:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may  
delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your  
holy Name. Amen.

*[1 John 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 3:10]*

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and  
for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained  
servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*[Luke 18:13; Matthew 7:21; John 20:19-32; John 1:12]*

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*[Matthew 26:26-28]*

### PAX DOMINI

*[John 20:19; Matthew 11:28; John 14:27]*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**A:** Amen!

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*[1 Corinthians 11:23-29]*

### THE GENERAL DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(In Unison)*

We give You thanks merciful Father that You have kept Your Word and have fed  
us, Your unworthy servants, with the precious body and blood of Your dear Son  
Jesus Christ. We pray that by His grace we may walk worthy of our holy calling  
and learn to adorn the teaching of God our Savior by our words and deeds, through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 824**

#### May God Bestow on Us His Grace

1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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## SERMON

### “More than a Coat of Paint”

John 2:13-25

#### THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

*[1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9]*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe 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.

#### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

#### OFFERING PRAYERS

#### OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

#### SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Chanted in Unison)*

*[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

take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. <sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

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**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” <sup>20</sup> Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should

glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—<sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

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**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

[Mark 1:15]

## HOLY GOSPEL

### *John 2:13-25*

<sup>13</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers <sup>[a]</sup> doing business. <sup>15</sup> When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. <sup>16</sup> And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” <sup>17</sup> Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” <sup>18</sup> So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. <sup>23</sup> Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, <sup>25</sup> and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

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**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## COLLECT *(In Unison)*

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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 645

### Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.

10:45 Worship Service: 30



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<i>FEBRUARY 2021 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS</i>		
<i>Envelope &amp; Plate Receipts Only</i>		
<i>Week #</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
1	\$ 8,310	\$ 5,325
2	7,297	4,590
3	3,790	6,256
4	3,855	3,867
Month-to-Date Total	\$ 23,252	\$ 20,038
Yearly Total	\$ 57,549	\$ 46,927

<i>1-1-1 Missions Update</i>		
	<i>Month</i>	<i>YTD</i>
	\$ 125	\$ 292

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED TODAY AT THE 8:15 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES. We confess that in the bread and wine we truly receive Jesus' body and blood which were given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Fellow Lutherans and those who have communed with us before may join us at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain as to what you receive in the Holy Supper or hold to a different confession, we ask that you speak to pastor or one of the elders **before** coming to His Holy Table. This practice is instituted to do a responsible ministry to all who come to the Holy Supper, and to ensure that the Sacrament is taken to the soul's health of each communicant.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Pastor Boelter** – recovering from Covid

**Mark Gade**- recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Kathy Geffert**- recovering from surgery.

**Jean Geffert** – who was injured in a fall at her home.

**Julie Hingst**- recovering from knee surgery and receiving physical therapy.

**Pastor Fabry and Hannah Beskange**- also receiving hospice care.

**Ann MacDonald**- aunt of Laura Bommarito, who suffered a stroke.

**Dick Burt**- who has been diagnosed with cancer and is seeking treatment.

**Donna Noll**- at home under the care of her husband Peter and her family.

**Julia Hingst** – Returned to American House for Therapy

**Lisa Zimmermann**- who rejoices that her cancerous tumors have been reduced, and that treatment is meeting with success.

**Others battling cancer:** Joann Cardella, Jennifer Gade-Dickerson, Michael Fleck, Vanessa Turnbow, Andrew Phalum, Mitchell English, Bruce Dane, Sheila Rice.

**LIFE THOUGHTS** “Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. ‘Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.’ That will lighten the way for you, for us all.” *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**LAWN SIGNS** Now that we are beginning our registration for our 2021/2022 school year, I would invite everyone to put a preschool lawn sign in your yard to help us advertise. The more our name is seen throughout the Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities the better! If you need a sign or need to replace one you had, they are available in the church office. Thanks so much for helping us grow.

**LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER** We are so excited for our upcoming fundraiser with Little Caesars! It is always such a great outcome and soooo yummy. Orders will be due no later than March 8th! Again, thank you for all your continued support!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 3/14:**  
**"Widow's Mite"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. (Mark 12: 13-34) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

**ALTAR GUILD** Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Judy Champine and Paula Touhey.



**ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:**  
**8:15 Worship Service: 29**