

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon

Third Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2021

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PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Order of Service

Prelude – “Ar Hyd Y Nos” – Robert Lau

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Gathering Song – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” – ELW #324

Kyrie – #157

Prayer of the Day – **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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children’s Message

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Then 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. For 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.

Psalms 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voice are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For 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.

Lenten Acclamation – pg. 176

The Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

Homily

Hymn of the Day – "Canticle of the Turning" – ELW #723

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song – "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – ELW #543

Postlude – "Prelude & Fugue in G Minor" – J.S. Bach

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibbs Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & her family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family, Lisa Jockims family and friends

Announcements:

The Bible “Book of the Month” Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022384056?pwd=WTRYZGg4UEJZcVF4WnA0d29aQnJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 2238 4056 THEN Passcode: 509260

Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning by Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7976999702>

Meeting ID: 797 699 9702 (No Passcode)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Outreach collection this year. It is wonderful to continually see the generosity of Zion members. The Mitten Tree donations have been delivered and the Interval House donations will be dropped off mid-March. The Social Outreach Fund is always in need of replenishment and monetary donations can be made at any time.

Our **Food Bank Bin** reserves are getting low. As a focus during Lent this year, you are invited to bring donations to the Pastor’s Pantry (Food Bank Bin) in the Narthex. Commonly needed items are: easy open canned goods (tuna, fruit, soups, etc.), pasta and sauces, bathroom tissue and personal hygiene items. You can bring your donated items any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9-4).

Lenten Mid-Week services are being shared by the 7 ELCIC Churches via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89600870712?pwd=YjlxOEE5bUFyUE81QUUp0bGJpQXNKdz09>

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Phone: 1 647 374 4685 Canada THEN 896 0087 0712 THEN Passcode: 093604zoom

An opportunity to join in further discussions with Pastor Ron during Lent are being held Thursday evenings via Zoom. The **Next STEP discussion** link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85917198148?pwd=MThUaVFLRXdwaEdhRDVPNWpPWVRsZz09>

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“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’er-take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming,
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

“Canticle of the Turning”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the hall of pow’r to the fortress tow’r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from
the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”