

10:00 WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 7, 2021

Prelude

Announcements

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 you will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Wonderful Merciful Savior”*

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 18:1-7**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**C: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**

P: my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**C: my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

**C: The cords of death encompassed me;**

P: and I am saved from my enemies.

**C: the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

P: the cords of Sheol entangled me;

**C: the snares of death confronted me.**

P: In my distress I called upon the LORD;

**C: to my God I cried for help.**

P: From his temple he heard my voice,

**C: and my cry to him reached his ears.**

P: Then the earth reeled and rocked;

**C: the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

**Praise Song**

*“The Power Of The Cross”*

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has

become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Please stand

**Verse** *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Luke, the 23rd chapter

**C: Glory to you , O Lord**

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

**Sermon** *“Truly I Tell You, Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise”*

**Sermon Hymn** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* LBW 107

**Apostle’s Creed**  
**Prayers of the Church**  
**Lord’s Prayer**  
**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** *“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”* LBW 482

P: Grow in faith!

**C: Impact the world!**

Pianist: Vicki Strege

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD. The service is broadcast at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$65. Signup sheets for sponsoring a radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

If you are interested in joining Living Word, please call Pastor Kent at 218-731-5215.

Welcome visitors this morning to our worship service! If you live in the area and wish to know more about Living Word and the salvation found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please pick up a tote that contains a brochure with more information and a book written by Pastor Groethe. Thanks for visiting Living Word, and come back often.

**Visitors** please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshipping with us at Living Word Lutheran Church. We hope your worship experience is a blessing.

*“May the Lord bless you and keep you.” Numbers 6:24*



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