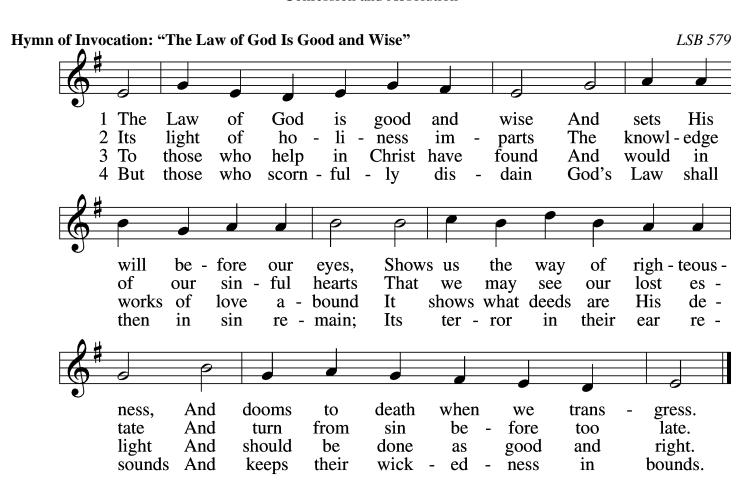
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "My Song Is Love Unknown" -setting by Robert J. Powell "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" -arr. by Janet Linker

Confession and Absolution



- The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
 Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne,
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*

let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*

or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*

according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

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.

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Pew Edition





C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.
- C Amen.

First Reading Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "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 a carved image, or 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. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep 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, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, 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 neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8



The precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing | the heart;*

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening | the eyes;

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,* and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,* whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

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which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
   and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
   and its circuit to the | end of them,*
   and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect,
   reviv- | ing the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
   making wise the | simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
   rejoicing | the heart:*
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
   enlightening | the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
   enduring for- | ever;*
the just decrees of the LORD are true,
   and righteous alto- gether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
   even | much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey
   and drippings of the | honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;*
   in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can dis- | cern his errors?*
   Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
   let them not have dominion | over me!*
Then I shall be blameless,
   and innocent of great trans- | gression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
   be acceptable in your sight,*
   O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.
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.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
   rejoicing | the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
   enlightening | the eyes;
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Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power

of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 2:13–22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore 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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.



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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

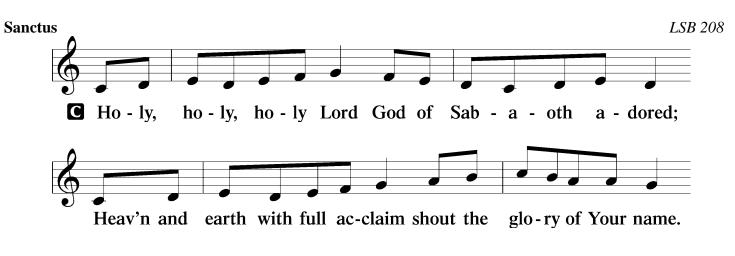
Offering "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" -harmony by Robert Wetzler

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

...

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

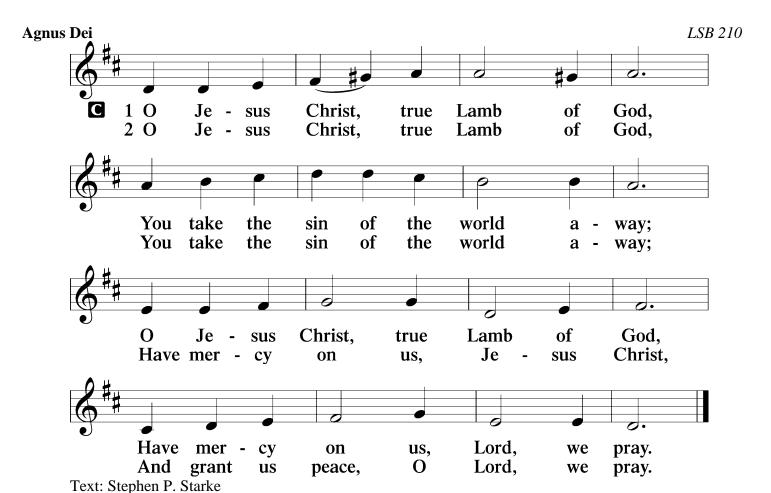
The Words of Our Lord

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."

Pax Domini LSB 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



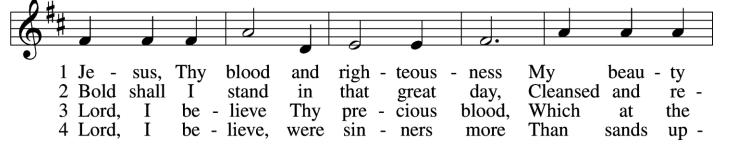
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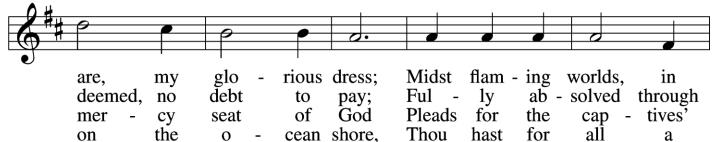
You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.



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With I joy shall lift these ar - rayed, head. up my these Ι From sin fear. from guilt and shame. am and er - ty, Was shed love for lib al - so in me. ran - som paid, For all full tone ment made. a a -

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

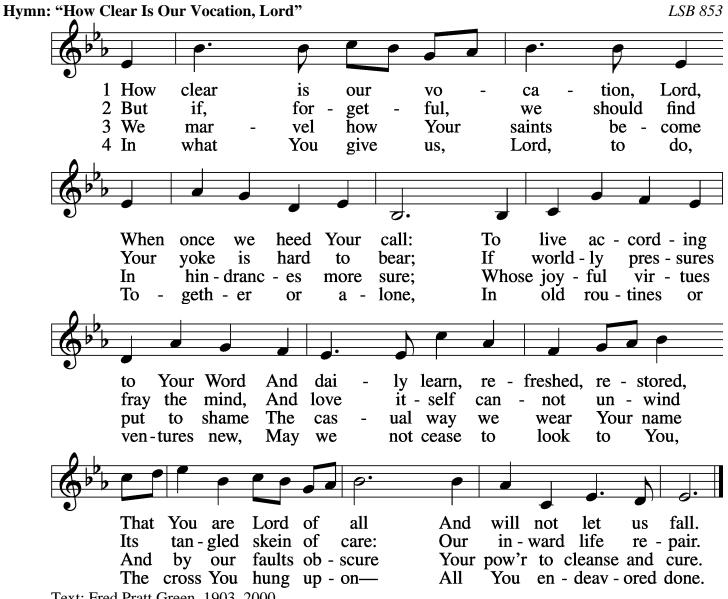
Benediction LSB 212

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.



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Postlude "Kirken" - Ludvig M. Lindeman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: John 2:16 – "And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.'" The Lord's house is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on March 10. Remember to change your clocks!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: Emmaus will have services on Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, March 28-29, services will be held at Emmaus at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

EGG CARTONS NEEDED: Keystone Food Shelf has a need for clean empty egg cartons and clean paper bags with handles. Please leave your donation in the Emmaus Food Shelf Box.

NEXT WEEK Nathan and Sarah Federwitz will be sharing a presentation with us during the adult Bible class. The Federwitzes are missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators. Sarah is a deaconess and Nathan is a pilot. Nathan is currently receiving advanced missionary pilot training with the goal of supporting the work of Bible Translation through aviation. Next week during the Adult Bible Class they will share about their training and goal of serving internationally.

HELP NEEDED! We are looking for help with lunch meals after the 11:30 midweek Lenten services. You can help with set up, serving, preparing food or clean-up. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church narthex or contact Marilyn P if you are able to help or have questions. Thanks for your help to make these meals possible.

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS: You should have received your contribution statement in the mail if your total contribution amount for 2023 is \$250 or more. Statements were mailed January 18. If your contribution to Emmaus was more than \$250 and you did not receive the statement, or you need a replacement copy of your statement, please either leave a message on the Emmaus church phone or call Nancy W. and one will be sent out as soon as possible.

ORDINATION AT ST. STEPHANUS: On March 10th St. Stephanus will celebrate the ordination of Vicar Ghebru at 11:00 a.m. during a joint communion service with the Eritrean congregation. Note, there will not be a 9:30 service. The Rite of Ordination is a beautiful service and we look forward to celebrating this with our church family and guests. There will be a catered luncheon after the service and all are invited. There is no charge for the dinner, however, to assist the caterer, reservations are required. Please contact Emmy by March 3rd to reserve your spot. (Ask the office for contact information.)

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "All Bets Are Off" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. (Mark 11)

SUMMER CAMPS AT CONCORDIA ACADEMY: This summer, Concordia Academy offers dozens of camps, including old favorites like Boys and Girls Basketball, CSI, G3 (Genuinely Great Girls), Dance, Playmakers (with two full-day theater camps options), and Youth Worship Team. But there are also exciting new camps, including Adventures in Prose (a creative writing camp), Beacon Archery, and Young Scientists (for Grades 2-4). Get details and register at www.concordiaaacdemy.com/camps.

EVENING MEALS: To help welcome back Lenten evening services to Emmaus, we are planning on doing a meal at 5:45 before each midweek service, and we would love to have you join us for that. To help this be a success and to help us plan appropriately, we are asking that people RSVP. You are still welcome to come and eat without doing so, but it is greatly appreciated by either signing up in the Narthex or emailing Pastor.

The Kooi family will provide the meal and set it up, but we are looking for just a few volunteers to help with cleanup. If you are able to help with this, please let us know by signing up or emailing Pastor. The menu for each week is posted below and is a free will offering to help defray some of the costs.

Evening Menu

Wednesday, March 6th: Baked mostaccioli and salad Wednesday, March 13th: Sloppy Joes, salad, and chips

Wednesday, March 20th: Creamy Potato Soup

THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon: 1 p.m. LifeLight (GR) Wed: Bulletin Deadline

11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

6:30 p.m. Worship followed by choir rehearsal (meal at 5:45)

Thurs: Limited office hours

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins

Nathan and Sarah Federwitz speaking

9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn P

ORGANIST: Barb B SOUND TECH: Randy W VIDEO TECH: Don V

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Mark G

USHERS: Ken K. Todd P

COUNTERS: Marilyn P, Roxann M

LECTOR: Chris G GREETER: Jan N ACOLYTE: Micah G