



Third Sunday in Lent
Concordia Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 3, 2024



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Oculi "My Eyes" Sunday

"My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted" Psalm 25:15-16

**The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus
Is the True Temple of the Lord**

Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

(Please stand as you are able)

Gathering Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 428

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

Invocation

Maroon Hymnal pg 151

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.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

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

C: **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.

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 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Introit

"Save Me, O God"

Psalm 69

P: Zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C: **And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

P: Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

C: **Let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P: Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,

C: **Or the pit close its mouth over me.**

P: Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;

C: **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C: **And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

Kyrie (*spoken*)

Maroon Hymnal pg 152-153

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God whose glory it is always to have mercy,

**C: 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.**

P: Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

**C: Who is our Lord, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

P: The world is ruled and troubled by human opinions.

C: Now God rules and comforts us with realities created by His Word.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from twentieth chapter of Exodus.

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.”

Exodus 20:1–17

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual (*spoken*)

R: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
C: The founder and perfecter of our faith.

R: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
C: And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle Reading is from the first chapter of First Corinthians

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.”

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

The Lenten Verse

P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes of our hearts.

P: “Destroy this temple,

C: And in three days I will raise it up.”

P: Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and merciful

C: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter:

C: 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.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

John 2:13–25

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The 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

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Sermon Hymn

Maroon Hymnal # 707

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Sermon

Offering

(Please stand as you are able)

The Offertory

Maroon Hymnal pg 192 - 193

Prayers of the Church

The Order of Holy Communion

Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198

Distribution Hymn

“To Thy Temple I Repair”

Red Hymnal # 2

(Please stand as you are able)

Nunc Dimittis

Maroon Hymnal pg 199-200

Thanksgiving

Maroon Hymnal pg. 200

P: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healthy gift for our bodies and souls:

C: **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.**

P: Make it so by Your will Heavenly Father,

C: **Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

The Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Maroon Hymnal pg 202

Closing Hymn

"The Lord, My God, be Praised"

Maroon Hymnal # 794