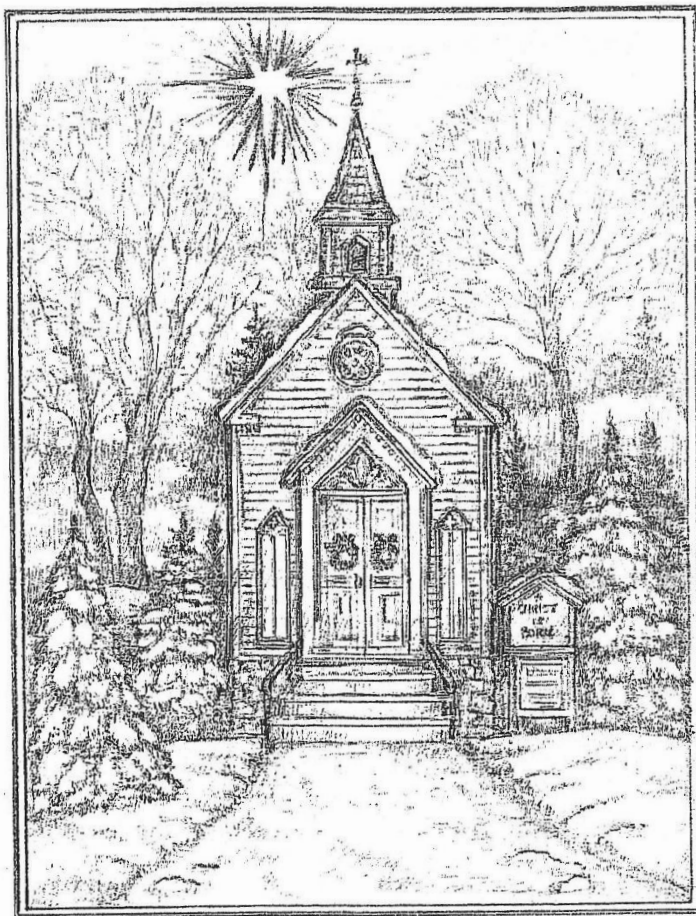


# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 3, 2024

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**Prelude/Bells**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**\*Confession/Absolution**

**Green p.56**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Green #559**

**\*Kyrie Green p.57-58**

**\*Hymn of Praise (Glory to God...)**

**Green p.58-59**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace by greeting those around you.*

**First Reading**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>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 slavery.<sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>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. <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 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. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that 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, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

## Psalm Reading

## Psalm 19 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,\*  
and their voices | are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,\*  
and their message to the ends | of the world.**

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>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.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;\*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;\*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often | he offends?\*  
cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*  
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we

preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <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>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD.”

### **Hymn of Preparation**

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Green #482**

### **Gospel Reading**

### **John 2:13-22 [23-25]**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then 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 about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>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. [<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.]

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **All Glory, Laud, and Honor Green #108**

### **\*Apostle’s Creed**

**Green p.65 (“Holy Christian Church”)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

### **Review of the Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayers of the People**

*(After each petition)* Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*(Final prayer)* Into your hands, we commend for all whom we pray, trusting in you, through our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

#### **Offering**

*Ushers collect the offering while special music is played.*

#### **\*Offering Prayer**

*The congregation is invited to stand and sing as ushers bring the offering to the front:*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Green p.68**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy/Words of Institution**

**Green p.69**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Green p.71**

**\*Lamb of God**

**Green p.72**

#### **The Distribution of the Sacrament**

*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Fahlun Lutheran Church both offer the Lord's Supper to all who baptized and believe that Christ is present in the bread and the wine. If you wish to receive, please come forward as directed by usher. Receive the bread by having your hands out for the pastor to drop the bread into. Then, take the cup from the tray (grape juice will be in the center).*

*\*Please Stand (page 5)*

*After receiving the bread and wine/grape juice, you may return back to your seats. If unable to make it to the altar, let the ushers know and the pastor will bring communion to your seat. If you don't wish to receive communion, please keep your hands folded as you come forward and the pastor would offer an individual blessing for you.*

**\*Thanksgiving Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Green #229**

**\*Benediction/Dismissal**

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.

*(Our Saviour's, spoken)* **Amen.**

*(Fahlan, sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Go in peace, you are forgiven in Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Bells/Postlude**

## **Prayers of the people**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Birthdays/Anniversaries for:

### **General Prayers Requests:**

- Augustana District & LCMC
- Organizations serving those in need
  - United Way
  - Food Shelf
  - Galeon Senior Living
  - Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families; especially Pastor Jeremy, Amy & Family
- Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders
- Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

### **Parish Members**

Michael Eddy  
Delores Hawkins

Jim Dyrud

[\\*Please Stand \(page 6\)](#)

## Friends and Families especially

<b>Our Saviours</b>		<u>Fahlun</u>
Merrit (Faye)	Sharon (Michele)	Jeffrey (Bev)
Josie (Faye)	Roland (Michele)	Laura (Bev)
Allison (Faye)	Jerry D (Michele)	Tammy (Bev)
Dickie (Faye)	Kay (Mary)	Elwood (Joel B)
Tammy (Rick)	Kristi (Sandy)	Helen (Joel B)
Tina (Rick)	Zack (Faye&Rick)	Wayne (Joel B)
Earl (Rick)	Mike M	Paul (Joel B)
Tyler (Sandy K)		Jimmy (Joel B)
Joan (Sandy K)		Glen (Joel B)
Patty (Sandy K)		Don (Joel B)
Kevin (Sandy K)		Julie (Joel B)
Gladys (Sandy K)		Wendy (Andrea)
Caryn (Angie)		Judy Alcott (Barb S)
Sara (Sarah)		Brittany (Darlene)
Richard (Anne)		Rob (Ronnah)
Elsa (Terry)		Travis (Kevin/Kelly)
Diana (Joel D)		Sharon (Ronnah)
Sheila (Neva)		Keith R (Rose)
Wayne (Joel D)		
Ron (Joel D)		

<u>Sorrowing Families</u>		
Gaylord Nack	Elvira Blank	Dixie (Ronnah)
Terry Swanstrom	Dolly Brown	Renee Sather (Barb)
Jerry Jensen	Greg A (Bev)	
Ron (Jason K)	Larry O (Larry A)	
Paul (Shirley)	David (Larry A)	

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## Announcements

### Sunday (Today), 03MAR2024 Third Sunday in Lent

900am Worship at Our Saviour's      1030am: Worship at Fahlun  
Usher: Jeff Johanson  
Serving: Stacia Johanson  
Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil

### Next Sunday, 10MAR2024, Fourth Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Time)

900am Worship at Our Saviour's      1030am Worship at Fahlun  
Usher: Jeff Johanson  
Serving: Madisen Lara  
Leading Worship: Rose Johnson

### Upcoming Events:

**17MAR** Fifth Sunday in Lent, Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**24MAR** Palm Sunday, Leading Worship: Rose Johnson  
**28MAR Maundy Thursday**, *Joint worship at Our Saviours*, 7pm, Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**29MAR Good Friday**, *Joint worship at Fahlun*, 7pm, Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**31MAR Resurrection of Our Lord**, 7:45am Fahlun; 9:30am Our Saviours  
Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**07APR** Second Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**14APR** Third Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship: Rose Johnson  
**21APR** Fourth Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship: Pastor Blaine MacNeil  
**28APR** Fifth Sunday of Easter, Leading Worship: Tim Person, Mt Carmel

## **Degier Benefit Bash, Saturday, March 9, 2024, 5:00-900PM, The Alexandria Elks Lodge**

*(See flyer at coffee for more information)*

### Next Week's Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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