

Third Sunday in Lent (March 20th, 2022)
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Opening Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P 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.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Introit

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*

but the way of the wicked will | perish.

For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;*

evil may not | dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;*

you hate all evil- | doers.

You destroy those | who speak lies;*

the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.*

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;*

make your way straight be- | fore 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.

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*

but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy;**

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.

¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No

temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentance and faith in Christ, that God would guard us from doubt and deliver us, lest we perish, to life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a faithful proclamation of truth, that God would embolden pastors to warn of sin and death and give all Christians strength to defend that message, that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ and His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For protection against immorality, that God would make our homes havens of chastity and godly instruction, filling marriages with fidelity and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in authority, that God who establishes justice by His Law, which is for all, would enlighten them to rule justly for true good, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who cry to the Lord for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil, especially:

Charlie Crosby

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Cathy Runyon (Sister of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Helene Hegerfeld (Mother of Brenda Scherer)

Joyce Kenny (Cousin of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Marshall Scheumann

Della Hormann (Mother of Karen Franz)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Andy Buuck (Nephew of Suzann Rekeweg)

Jim and Becky Fuelling

Andy Wolf as he recovers from knee surgery

Tammy Dahling (wife of the Rev. Dan Dahling) as she undergoes chemotherapy

Shirley Buuck (sister-in-law- to Suzann Rekeweg) for strength and healing

that the Lord would deliver and heal them and strengthen their faith to look to Him for help, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all good works, that we, brought into God's vineyard and appointed to bear fruit, would show forth His love and grace in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You led Your people, Israel, through the sea and fed them in the wilderness until You delivered them to the Promised Land. You also have faithfully enlivened Your people with Christ by means of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who now rest from their labors, and sustain us by Your Means of Grace until You deliver us also to heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Preface

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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.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

C 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

P 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

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,

**For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

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

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.

Hymn to Depart: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

In His Service Today:

Preacher/Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Brandon Sullivan

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Bruce Scherer (Head), Joe Werling, Matt Braun, Fred M. Fuelling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Rod Busick, Jim Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Home Purpose- \$3,653.00; Memorials- \$300.00; Total Offerings- \$3,953.00; SPI- \$270.00.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, April 6th. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

ORGAN RECITAL: St. Peter Fuelling Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting an Organ Recital on May 22, 2022. Mark the date on your calendars- more details will follow.

5TH/6TH GRADE TEACHER NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School in Decatur is searching for a 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Please submit a resume with references and a cover letter by March 31. Applicants who are members of an LCMS church and who have an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Please contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for inquiries about this position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

SCHOOL SECRETARY NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is accepting applications for school secretary for the 2022-23 school year. This is a 10-month position: 29 hours per week. Wages commensurate with experience. Please apply before March 31. Contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for an application and any inquiries about the position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

ST. JOHN BINGEN ANNUAL FISH AND TENDERLOIN DINNER is Sunday March 20, 2022 held at Wyneken Memorial School, 11565 N US 27, Decatur from 10:00am - 1:00pm; Adults \$12.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00 5 and under free. DINE IN or Drive thru Takeout. CASH or CHECK: NOT accepting credit cards this year. Contact Kevin Brown 260-615-6059 with any questions.

CRAFT BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE: Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), 9909 Wayne Trace, will be hosting a spring craft bazaar and bake sale on **Saturday, March 26th, from 9am-2pm**. Shop over 50 crafters/vendors for Easter, Mother's day, birthdays, etc. and enter our raffle drawing. Concessions are available.

SEARCHING FOR 3RD/4TH TEACHER: Zion Lutheran School is seeking a ¾ grade teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license, are preferred. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Jessica Heckler at 260-728-9995 or jheckler@ziondecatur.com.

ORGAN AND BRASS CONCERT: On Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m., organist Michael Hollman and the Zion Lutheran Brass Choir, directed by Bryen Warfield, will present an organ and brass concert at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 South Hanna Street. The concert will include works by Michel Richard Delalande (Musique Royale), J.S. Bach (Toccatina, Adagio, and Fugue in C major - BWV 564), Richard Webster (Hymn Setting on "Ride On! Ride On In Majesty"), Leo Sowerby (Prelude on "Capel"), Morten Lauridsen ("O Nata Lux" from the motet, "Lux Aeterna"), César Franck (Chorale in b minor), and Marcel Dupré (Poème héroïque). Admission is free and the recital is open to the public. A reception will follow the program.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 20th, 2022

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastor's Study Group at Bingen
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School

*****SPI Spring Break is Monday, March 21st- Friday, March 25th*****