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Sunday, March 7, 2021 The Third Sunday in Lent

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #532 God is Here! As We His People"

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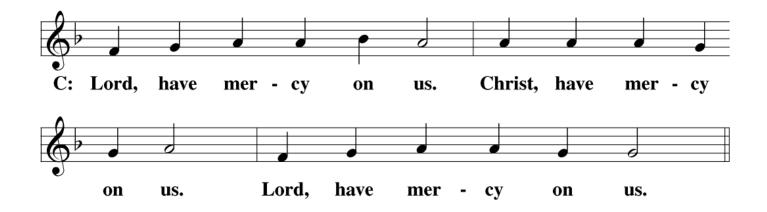
M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

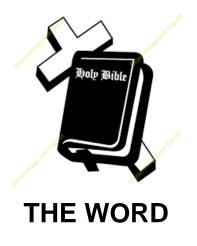


C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "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. ⁵ 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, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "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.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

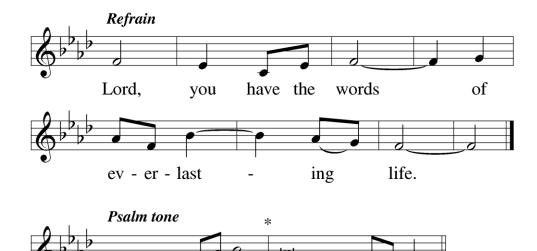
¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "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 OF THE DAY: Psalm 19 Refrain Tune: Richard Proulx. © 1986 GIA

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The heavens declare the glo<u>ry</u> of God;* the skies proclaim the work <u>of</u> his hands.

Their voice goes out into <u>all</u> the earth,* their words to the ends <u>of</u> the world. *Refrain* The law of the LORD is <u>per</u>fect,* giving joy <u>to</u> the heart.

The commands of the LORD are <u>ra</u>diant,* giving light to the eyes.

They are more pre<u>cious</u> than gold;* they are sweeter than <u>hon</u>ey.

By them is your <u>ser</u>vant taught;* in keeping them there is <u>great</u> reward. *Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation <u>of</u> my heart* be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re<u>deem</u>er.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14, 15)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
²² 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.



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

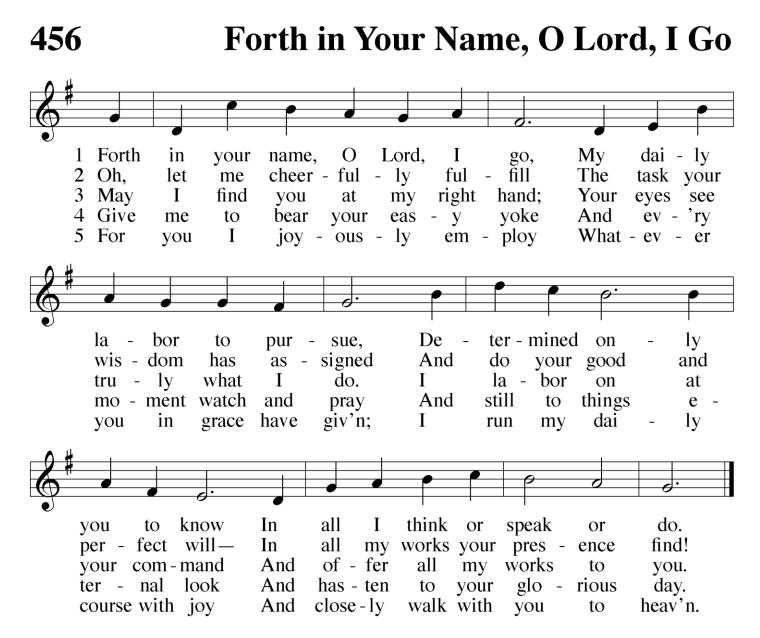
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: #456 "Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I

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COMMITMENT

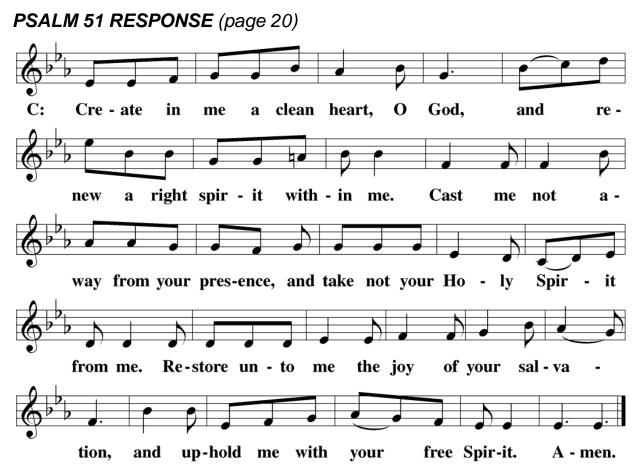


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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT (Page 125)

- **M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C: We confess that without your love we are lost.
- M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

- M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.
- M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.* **M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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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. *BE SEATED*

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND

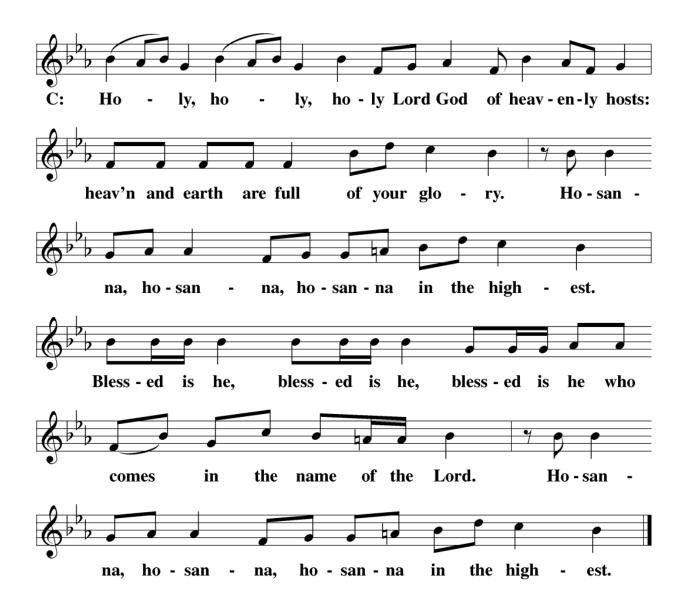


PREFACE



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

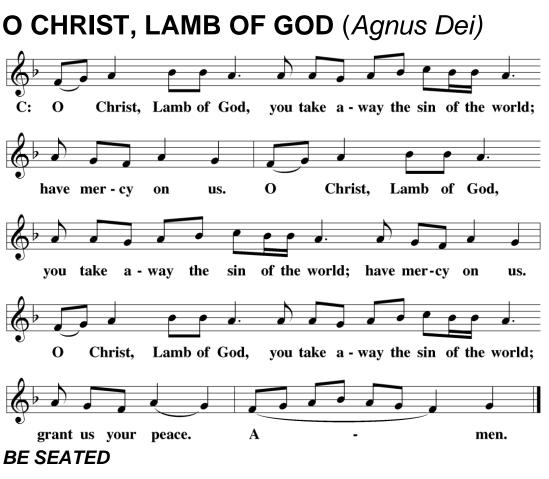


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." M: The (+) peace of the Lord be with you always.





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 Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
 Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace: Know the purpose of your calling. Show to all his mighty deeds; Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv'lous light,
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others;
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing his praise, his love declare.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#531 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

#533 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, abr., alt.

CHURCH

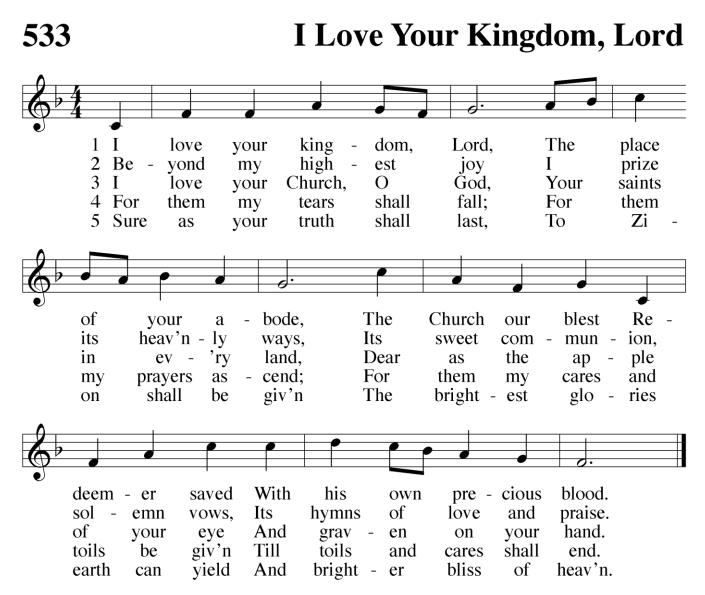
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CHURCH



Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc dimittis)



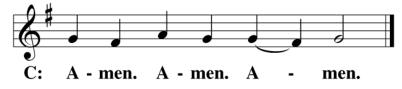
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Jim Cutler

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today	- 9:30 AM Divine Service
roddy	-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	- 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
-	- 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Service:
Sunday	- 9:30 AM Divine Service
	- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving our congregation: Altar Guild – Lois Bude Ushering – Wednesday (3/10) Team 2; Sunday (3/14) Team 3

Altar flowers for the months of February and March are graciously provided by Warren and Arlette Stobbe, to the glory of God

Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services: The Hands of the Passion

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Celebrant
March 10	Mark 14:55-65	Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)	Pastor Schaefer
March 17	Matthew 27:27-31	Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)	Pastor Frey
March 24	Matthew 27:15-26	Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)	Pastor Schroeder

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at

the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

Huron Valley Lutheran High School Activities –

Basketball season is in full swing and the teams have been enjoying being out on the court. Attendance is limited to 2 spectators per athlete but we have been able to stream games through the NFHS Network. Last week students participated in homecoming spirit days and decorating the "walls". Check out our facebook page for pictures!

Attention all 8th Grade Students - HVL is now accepting applications for next year. Call the office, schedule a tour or a shadow date, or apply online at <u>www.HVLHS.org</u>.

Financial Position - We thank you for your support of HVL through your prayers, volunteering, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. One example of your support for HVL is shown in the individual gifts given to HVL each year. So far this year, individual gifts have totaled over \$160,000 keeping us on track to meet our annual budget. This is a tremendous blessing for which we are truly thankful, and it is only possible due to your support.

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