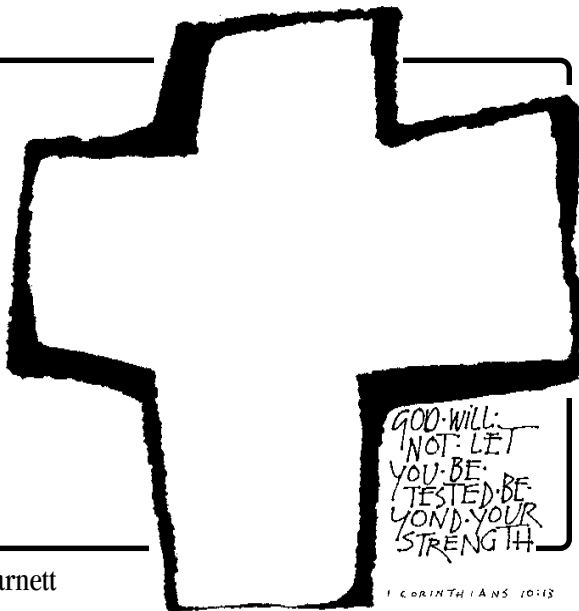


CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

9:30 a.m., Sunday, Mar. 14, 2004
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**OUR SAVIOR'S
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GATHERING SONG - "Oh My Strength," Marie Barnett

Vs. 1: **Be with me, oh my strength.
Be with me, oh my strength, and deliver me for your name's sake
that I might be found under grace.**

Vs. 2: **Be with me, oh my peace.
Be with me, oh my peace, and sing over me through the night,
that I might be found in the light.**

Chorus: **My high tower, you will build the walls where I can run when darkness falls.
Oh my rock, I will hide in you. You are the hope that I am clinging to,
oh my strength.** (Repeat song, solo, chorus)

Ending: **Be with me, oh my strength.
Be with me, oh my strength, and deliver me for your name's sake
that I might be found under grace.**

ANTHEM - "Each Little Flower That Opens," Danish Traditional, Young Saints Choir

CONFESSION

P We gather today in the name of the God who created us, who redeemed us, and who continues to work in our world – the God we call Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P But we are self-centered, self-absorbed, sinful people who are not worthy to stand in God's presence. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, and ask God for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P For our lack of trust in God's love and God's way,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For the times we have not loved as we could have,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For our bitterness and failure to forgive those who have wronged us,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For the times we have ignored people – or ridiculed people – at home or school or work,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For thinking mostly of ourselves and not others,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For our insensitivity to those whose situations are unique and different from our own,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For not sharing generously what has come to us from your hand and your love,

C Forgive us, Lord.

P For our tendency to blame you, O Lord, when things go wrong in life, and for our failure to trust your promise that you have come to give us life in all its fullness,

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so we can walk in your ways, experience life in all its fullness, and reflect your love and goodness in all that we do and say. Amen.

SONG OF MERCY - “Lord Have Mercy,” Steve Merkel

Verse 1: **Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of early wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.**

Chorus: **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.**

Verse 2 : **I have longed to know you and all your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.** (Chorus, solo, chorus)

Stand

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P In mercy, God has given Jesus Christ to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we can become instruments of your redeeming and life-changing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Be seated

THE FIRST READING - Isaiah 55:6-9 (*page 598 in the pew Bible*)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (*pages 931 - 932 in the pew Bible*)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL - Luke 13:1-9 (*page 848 in the pew Bible*)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated

SERMON - “**Suffering and Sin,**” Pastor Les Svendsen

SONG OF THE DAY - “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer,” Margaret Becker and Keith Getty

As the last verse begins, children are invited to come to the front.

Verse 1: **Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.**

You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

Chorus: **May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;**

and at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake. (Instrumental Solo)

Verse 2: **Jesus guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.**

When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more. (Chorus)

KID TALK - First Lutheran Church Special Needs Choir, Nancy Henrichsen, director

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

P We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **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 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Greet each other with Christ's words, "**Peace be with you.**"*

As the peace is being shared, children in grades 1-6 will go to Sunday School.

Be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING - "Sanctuary," Twila Paris

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes, "let us pray to the Lord." The congregation responds with "**Lord, have mercy.**"*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG - "Grace Flows Down," David Bell, Louie Giglio, and Rod Padgett

**Part 1: Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound;
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
As grace flows down and covers me.**

Chorus: It covers me, it covers me, it covers me, and covers me.

**Part 2: "Amazing Grace," John Newton and W. Walker
Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
(Repeat Part 1 and Chorus)**

BENEDICTION

P The God who formed you in love, who renews you through grace, and who will transform you into glory, bless you this day and always.

C Amen.

Stand

SENDING SONG - "Song of Love," Rebecca St. James, Matt Bronleewe, and Jeremy Ash

**Vs. Jesus, King of my heart; Father, my peace and my light; Spirit, the joy of my soul you are.
Jesus, to you none compare; Father, I rest in your care; Spirit, the hope of my heart you are.**

**Chorus: The heavens declare you are God, and the mountains rejoice,
The oceans cry "Alleluia," as we worship you, Lord, for this is our song of love.
(repeat verse, repeat chorus)**

**Bridge: Jesus, I am in awe of the love that you have shown.
Jesus, how precious you are to me to me.(chorus)**

DISMISSAL

P Reconciled to God through Christ, go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Les Svendsen

Presider: Pastor Tim Lemme

Reader: Linda Driscoll

Choir: Young Saints, directed by Andrea Rallis, accompanied by Mary Klein

Signer: Jessica Griebel

Celebrate Band Members: Dave Hofstad, Steve Kuper, Mark Law, Jodie Nielsen, and Kris Wollman

Sound and Stage Manager: Myron Dunn

Sound Assistant: Patty Steuck

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