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Third Sunday In Lent

How to prepare my heart for prayer and worship

When you enter the church, and finally have a time and place carved out of your busy life to quiet your soul and approach the King of souls, don't rush. Treat your heart tenderly, and let all its momentum exhaust itself within you as you sit/kneel quietly before God's altar. Keep your eyes shut, head bowed and hands still, so you can wait for the whirlwind within you to calm.

Then, when you are still - in body and soul - ask the Lord to open your heart a little wider than it was, so there is room for Him to enter in. Picture broadening your soul within you as you call on Him to bring His presence to bear upon you. And then continue to pray asking for the Holy Spirit to stir within you those deep prayers that He knows you need to utter. Pray them. Send them up to Him on the throne - to His altar. Give them over to Him, and see them leave you and become His own. Reflect on what's beneath them, and give these things to your King also.

Today, consider what things you use to cover up the wrong you've done. Perhaps you think doing someone a kindness makes up for the unkindness you showed another. Perhaps you think generosity makes up for wild living. Perhaps you think the way you devote your time or energy to something makes up for something you've neglected in the past. God sees through all these "fig leaves" of self-righteousness. He knows you're trying to cover up what you are ashamed of. But instead of exposing you - he simply says, "Repent" "Turn to me." "Let Me cover you, because these things you are using don't work. Only the shed blood of My Son Jesus is sufficient cover. Stop trying to make up for you're past. Give it to Christ, and receive His free forgiveness. This is why I've sent Him." May He find a new place in you this morning to cover, a place you've given up trying to cover on your own, confident that "everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame" (1 Peter 2:6).

Divine Service Setting Two

Call to Worship: Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

(choir)

Processional Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

- 2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

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

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 this 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (omitted during Lent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of 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.**

Verse (choir)

[The Lord] is patient toward you, not willing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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 him 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.**

Sacred Toolbox

Hymn of the Day: May God Bestow on Us His Grace **LSB 823**

(v. 2 choir)

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace,
 With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face
 To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know,
 His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show
 Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

- 2 (choir)

- 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,
 In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
 Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
 And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
 Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

Sermon: "Turn Back"

Apostles' Creed

- C 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

This morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing. Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.

Preface

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 . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**
- P 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 T 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

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns:

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421 (v. 1-4)

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load

You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.

- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627 (v. 1, 2, 8)

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760 (v. 1-2)

- 1 What God ordains is always good:
His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.

My God indeed
In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.

- 2 What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content
What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809 (v. 1, 3)

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696 (v. 1-2)

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,

And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.

- 2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917 (v. 1-3)

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Nunc Dimittis

- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight
of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.

Post-Communion Collect

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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Stanza: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917 (v. 4)

- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

In Our Prayers: Buss family (*Vera's passing*), Paula Teuscher, Liisa Johnson, Lesley Franic (*Andrea's mother*), Marion Tokar, Tracey Kuik, Allan Webster, Don Bomback, and Jim Hildebrand.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY

Organist:	Kevin Scott
Greeters:	Rose Petry
Acolyte:	Angelina Sajjad
Ushers:	Vern & Debra Wutke
Altar Guild:	Maureen McCrea
Communion Assistants:	Howard Slater & Dallas West
Counters:	Gary & Lisa Bayko

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

Sunday March 24	9:30am	Sunday School and Bible study
	9:30am	Confirmation (yr. 1 & 2)
	10:30am	Divine Service with Holy Communion

	12:15pm	Confirmation (yr. 3)
Monday March 25	8:00am	Office open till 12pm
Tuesday March 26	8:00am	Office open till 12pm
Wednesday March 27	9:00am	Chapel @ BSLs
	10:30am	Bible study
	2:00pm	Office open till 6 pm
	6:30pm	Soup supper
	7:30pm	Lenten service
Thursday March 28	8:00am	Office open till 12pm
Friday March 29	8:00am	Office open till 12pm
Sunday March 31	9:30am	Sunday School and Bible study
	9:30am	Confirmation (yr. 1 & 2)
	10:30am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	12:15pm	Confirmation (yr. 3)

BIBLE READING PLAN – WEEK 65, 2019 (March 25 – March 30)

Monday – Ezekiel 35:1-36:38 Tuesday – Ezekiel 37:1-39:29

Wednesday – Ezekiel 40:1-42:20 Thursday – Ezekiel 43:1-27 Friday – Ezekiel 44:1-31

Saturday – Ezekiel 45:1-46:24

LAST WEEK WITH THE LORD

March 17 - Attendance: 100 Communion: 82 Bible Study: 20

Sunday School: 8 Confirmation 1&2: 6 Confirmation 3: 2

March 20 – Bible Class: 11 Midweek Lenten Service: 25

2019 Budget: \$260,000.00

Less offerings received to date: \$39,651.76

Offerings to be received: \$220,348.24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord's Prayer: This Year's Midweek Lenten Theme - You've prayed it your whole life. Now hear preaching on it. For our observance of Lent we will pray - and learn to pray from our Lord Himself. Come out and grow in this splendid prayer you have been uttering to the Lord in good times and bad.

March 27 - Thy Will Be Done

April 3 - Give Us This Day our Daily Bread

April 10 - Forgive Us our Trespasses

April 18 (Maundy Thursday) - Lead Us not into Temptation

April 19 (Good Friday) - Deliver Us from Evil

What's on the menu? Please come to our soup supper this Wednesday evening before the 7:30 Lenten service. Our two feature soups will be: Chicken Rice Curry and Zuppa Toscana (an Olive Garden staple!). Both soups are gluten free. Soup suppers begin at 6:30 pm.

How to be a Christian Neighbour - A Bible Study: Recent world events have highlighted the importance of being a Christian neighbour. There seems to be confusion about how a believer is to show the love of Jesus to those who might not be the same as them. Don't let your television tell you what to do. Come out on Wednesday morning at 10:30am to hear what God has to say in His holy Word. We're going to explore the Bible in hopes that God will shape us into bright lights for Him in a world of darkness. No knowledge required. Open to all.

LWML - In April we are collecting Soccer Balls and pumps for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Donations can be placed in the box under the LWML table. Please note - there is no meeting in April. Our next meeting will be May 7th.

Men's Group: Winnipeg Harvest April 6th - Men, you are invited to the next gathering of the BSLC Men's Group on April 6th at 6:00pm at Winnipeg Harvest. We will meet there and look into the question: What does a Man do? After that we will do some work prepping food for the needy, and look for a place to grab a bite to eat. Come out and bring your friends. Ages 11 and up. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or RSVP to Kevin in the office: bslc@mts.net - 204 256-1598.