March 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent
Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Golden would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:
Strength and healing Alison (friend of Charlotte), Barbara (friend of Scott & Cheryl), Betty, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Dan, David, Dick, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fred, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan, Janie, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), Jim, John (friend of Charlotte), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, London (friend of Linn, Luke, Maggie (friend of Stephanie), Millie (friend of Judy), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Steve, Tammy (friend of Linn), Tom, Valerie (wife of Jack); Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military, especially Tom and Aaron; For those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; All missionaries, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); For the community in which we live, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.

Serving Us Today
Celebrant: Pastor Robert Riebau (5 pm); Pastor Kevin Golden, PhD (8:15 & 10:45 a
Sermon: Vicar Michael Stainbrook
Assistants: Seminarians Jonathan Lackey (5 pm) & Adam Tanney (8:15)
Organist: Cantor Phillip Magness
Altar Guild: Bill & Debra Trowbridge

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

Pastor's Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn
“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 27:1,3–5; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a,11a

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.

A The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;*  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
A One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

C For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up on a rock.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 107:1–9; refrain: v. 19

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

A Refrain
C Refrain
A Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,* for his steadfast love endures forever!*
C Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,* whom he has redeemed from trouble
A and gathered in from the lands,* from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
C Some wandered in desert wastes,* finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty,*
their soul fainted with- | in them.

Refrain

He led them by a straight way*
till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

For he satisfies the longing soul,*
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Refrain

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

1And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

3among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

4But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

5even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

9not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Motet (10:45)
“God So Loved the World”
John 3:16-17
Adult Choir
John Stainer
Stand
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

14[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

15“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. 20For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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 of the world to come. Amen.

Catechism Confession, First Three Questions

What is Confession?
Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?
Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.
Which are these?
Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Sit

The Hymn of the Day
“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

1 When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
3 You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
4 What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.

I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain.
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God—this I owe To You, and You alone.

Refrain

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

Sermon

Stand
Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-
va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir-it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un-to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un-to the Lord, our God.
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

Lord’s Prayer
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.
Distribution

Communion Hymn
“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee”

1. Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
2. In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,
3. Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
4. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
5. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,

Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:
Didst pierce Thy self to give us living food;
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:

Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,
Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow’r to win
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,

Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
For give-ness for our world and all its sin.
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

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Communion Hymn
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free, I’ll

caus ed the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God’s righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I’ll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing on.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,
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.

A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.
Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A-men, a-men, a-men.
Parting Hymn
“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer,
    whom we love, Fountain in life’s desert dreamy, Savior
2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no sweet
    pendant vow; Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your
3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent
    love for You; May our eyes be ever turning To be-

from the world above: Often have Your eyes, offended,
thornencircled brow? Yet Your sinless death has brought us
hold Your cross anew Till in glory, parted never

Gazed upon the sinner’s fall; Yet upon the
Life eternal, peace, and rest; Only what Your
From the blessed Savior’s side, Graven in our
cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
Grace has taught us Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Seasonal Insight: Rose paraments proclaim the joy we have even amid this penitential season as we have a Savior who dies that we might live.

Lilies will adorn the church in celebration of Christ’s resurrection. At $10.00 each, members are invited to sign up by Thursday, March 25, for one or more lilies which may be taken home after the late service on Easter. If you would like to place a lily(ies) as a memorial or honorarium for a loved one, please sign up in the Lounge or call the church office at 314-993-1834.

The LWML National Convention will be June 24–27 in Lexington, Kentucky! All women of Village are encouraged to consider attending. The theme is “Running the Race . . . Looking to Jesus”, with the theme verse of Hebrews 12:1–2. Registration information is available in the current Quarterly (in the back corner of the Fellowship Hall) and online at lwml.org. For further details, see Hannah Jackson.

Voters' Assembly meets on Sunday, March 21, 2 pm. All members 18 or older are eligible to be a voter. A significant agenda is before us.

The Village Life Team would like you to know about two things this month. First, the LCMS Life Ministry conference will be held virtually this year, March 19-20, so you can attend from anywhere in the world. LCMS Life Ministry is building a team for new Life Ministry challenges. They are seeking Lutherans to be a part of their international effort to gather a cohort of highly informed, dedicated team members who are speaking up for the sanctity of human life and caring for our neighbors. You can register here: https://www.lcms-life.org/

Second, in the narthex you will find copies of the new CPH book "Alive Before You Were Born". Please pick up a copy for family or personal use. We thought of giving this away in January, but didn't get it all coordinated until now. However, with all the LCMS Life events happening in March, now is a good time to read about God's gift of life! If books run out before you were able to pick up yours, let Peter Slayton know and more will be ordered.

Village Youth: Join us this Saturday, March 20th, to serve our neighbor through Humanitri. We will have the opportunity to serve at one of their properties. We will be doing yard cleanup, landscaping, and gardening. Come ready to work.

When: Saturday, March 20th
Time: 8:00a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Donuts will be provided at 8 a.m.)
Where: Meet at Village and drive to Humanitri property (we will leave the church property at 8:30)
What to bring: Bring work gloves, rakes, tennis shoes, wear clothes that can get dirty, and a water bottle

Village Lutheran Church Preschool is looking to fill a Summer Camp Director position and two summer camp counselor positions. Camps will be held on Tue, Wed, and Thu of June 14 through July 26 (no camp the week of July 5-9). To apply, please contact Nicole at preschool@villagelutheranchurch.org

Camp Director at Village Lutheran Preschool Summer Camp must be loving, passionate, have a love of learning and having fun with children. Must be comfortable planning activities and implementing songs/devotions with the campers. Minimum requirements: education degree preferred, must have experience working with children, background screening, demonstrate skills that address developmental needs of young children

Counselors at Village Lutheran Preschool Summer Camp must be loving, passionate, have a love of learning and having fun with children. Will follow the direction of the Camp Director to effectively implement the Summer Camp themes. We will have a lot of fun and will share the love of Jesus with our campers. Minimum requirements: must be 18 years of age, education students preferred, background screening, demonstrate skills that address developmental needs of young children
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Sunday, March 14:
8:15 AM  Divine Service
9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM  Divine Service

Tuesday, March 16:
6:00 PM  LifeLight
7:00 PM  Quarterlife

Wednesday, March 17:
Noon  Lenten Service
4:00 PM  Children’s Choir
5:00 PM  Meal
6:00 PM  Education Hour
7:00 PM  Lenten Service
7:45 PM  Adult Choir

Thursday, March 18:
9:30 AM  Women’s Bible Study

Friday, March 19:
6:30 AM  Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, March 20:
8:00 AM  Youth Service Day
5:00 PM  Divine Service

Sunday, March 21:
8:15 AM  Divine Service
9:30 AM  Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM  Divine Service
2:00 PM  Voters’ Meeting

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