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3rd Sunday of Lent



*He will provide the  
way of escape*



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**Hymn: TLH #144**

*"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

**P** Pastor

### **Confession of Our Sins**

**C** **Congregation**

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**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.**

**P** O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution from Our God**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

## The Introit

Ps. 5:4-8; Ps. 1:6

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- C** For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- C** You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- C** Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Gloria Patri

TLH 331:5-6

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ 7. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
For absolution full and free,  
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.
8. Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** 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.

YOU ARE  
GREAT,  
O LORD  
GOD.  
FOR... THERE IS  
NO GOD  
BESIDES YOU.  
2 SAMUEL 7:22, ESV

## Ezekiel 33:7-20

"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. <sup>8</sup> If 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. <sup>9</sup> But 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. <sup>10</sup> "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?' <sup>11</sup> Say 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? <sup>12</sup> "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. <sup>13</sup> Though 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. <sup>14</sup> Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup> if 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. <sup>16</sup> None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup> "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup> And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup> Yet you say, 'The way of

the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

## **Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or 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? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup> And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> And 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?' <sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## **Confession of Faith**

## *The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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### **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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the  
Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Hymn: TLH #318**

*"Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All"*

## ✠ The Sermon ✠

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do 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." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now 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. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No 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.

### **If You Think You Stand Firm, Re-check Your Balance**

- I. Realize that you too can fall
- II. Take note of the warning signs
- III. Reach out to Christ for support

### **The Offertory**

*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

**✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

## ✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #395:1,2,7,8

*"O God, Thou Faithful God"*

## ✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

**C** ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; for your Son 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:

**C** ♪ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

### The Words of Institution

*Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

### The Order of Holy Communion





## The Agnus Dei

*Latin phrase meaning, "Lamb of God."*

- ☞** ♪ 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.

### **Communion Today is for Members Only Please**

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

### **✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠**

#### **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29-32*

- ☞** ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

#### **The Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

- ☞** 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 His peace.
- ☞** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

### **Closing Hymn: TLH #54 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

<b>March 13 Offerings:</b>	\$ 1,433.00
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$22,258.61
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$24,767.95
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$63,064.94</b>