



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
March 7, 2021 + Zion Lutheran Church  
10:00am Drive In Worship

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 51)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**  
For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Remove my sins, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**SONG**

***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your lovingkindness,  
hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.

3. Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

## SONG

### *God of Grace and God of Glory*

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

3. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer petition ends: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*You may hold your bread and wine in your hands for the communion prayer.*

We give you thanks, holy, mighty, and merciful Lord . . . with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

This is the body and blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*All are invited to eat and drink saying, "The body and blood of Christ is given for you."*

## BENEDICTION

The God of steadfast love, who gathers us into one body for the sake of the world, now send us in the power of the Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in + Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG

### *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

## SENDING IN PEACE

The peace of the Lord, which heals our hearts, is with you always. **And also with you.**  
Let us go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*You may honk your horns and wave to share the peace with others.  
Following worship you are asked to depart safely from the church parking lot  
following the directions of the parking attendants.*

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Nathan Gragg

Assisting Minister: Emily Whitlow

Director of Music: Julie Branham

Tech Team: Todd Elrod, Walt Hampton, Russell Kleckley, Steve Shumpert

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