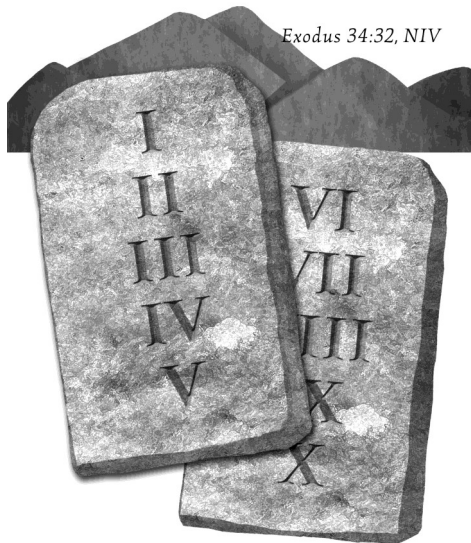


...he gave them all the  
commands the Lord had given  
him on Mount Sinai.

*Exodus 34:32, NIV*



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The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in *bold type*.

## **PRELUDE**

### **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### **Litany For The Third Sunday Of Lent**

During Lent, we remember the events that led up to the crucifixion. Jesus had come to bring hope and light to the world, but at every step there were those who could not accept the power of that light. He brought grace and forgiveness, but these gifts were often rejected by those filled with great love for other things.

We read in the Gospel of Mark: As Jesus was going on his way, a man ran up, knelt before him and asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: do not commit murder, do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and mother."

"Teacher," said the man, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at the man with love and said, "You need only one thing more. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven;

then, come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

When Jesus spoke the truth, there were those who could not face its light, and they turned away. Every time one of these turned away, a little of the light that had come into the world was put out.

*(Extinguish one of the remaining candles  
in the crown of thorns.)*

**HYMN: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
(ELW 334 verse 3)**

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



Liv - ing Wa - ter of sal - va - tion, be the



foun - tain of each soul; spring-ing up in new cre-



a - tion, flow in us and make us whole, flow in



us and make us whole.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

<sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

☐ This is the word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

## Psalm: Psalm 19

*☐/☑ by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## **GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**📖** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

**🙏** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>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.

## **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

**📖** The Gospel of the Lord.

**🙏** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON 5 COVENANTS OF GOD: PROMISE OF GOD’S LAWS**

*(Silence for a time of reflection)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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

📖 Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

📖 There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.

🗣️ **Your mercy is great.**

📖 The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

🗣️ **Your mercy is great.**

📖 Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all. Hear us, O God.

🗣️ **Your mercy is great.**

📖 Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering (*especially*). Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

🗣️ **Your mercy is great.**

**L** You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**L** The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**L** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE COMMUNION MEAL**

### **THE OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **DIALOGUE**

**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 our thanks and praise.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of  
sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

The elements were given as you entered.

**P** The body of Christ given for you.

**C** Amen.

**P** The blood of Christ shed for you.

**C** Amen.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF SENDING FOR SERVICE**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### **BLESSING**

**P** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you **+** that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C** Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God. We will!

### **POSTLUDE**

If you have any prayer needs, please reach out to us on our Facebook page or websites.

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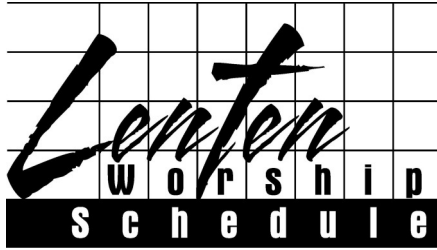
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### **Midweek Lenten Services 2021**

This year we will gather virtually with our friends from Big Spring United, Center, Centerville, St. Matthew, St. Peter, and Zion Lutheran churches. We will meet online through our website or Facebook pages on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Each week the ministry leader from two of our collaborative churches will preach and preside with a message from Open My Eyes, Lord liturgy of the Word (no communion).

		<b><u>ONLINE HOST</u></b>
Wednesday Midweek 3/10/21	7 pm	St. Peter
Wednesday Midweek 3/17/21	7 pm	St. Matthew
Wednesday Midweek 3/24/21	7 pm	Zion

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