

Third Sunday in Lent - Oeuli

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL
1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years
Sunday, March 07, 2021, 9:30 a.m.



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Ringing of Bells

During Lent there is no prelude, flowers on the altar, alleluias, Gloria in Excelsis, Nunc Dimittis and Thanksgiving due to the penitent, reflective nature of the season.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE III ✠

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Please stand and face the processional at the entrance of the church nave.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Introit for the Third Sunday in Lent

*Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16 (respond with the words in **bold**)*

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*

for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame,*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*

bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*

and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

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♪ The Gloria Patri

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Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

P: Let us pray: 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**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 8:16-24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the

wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The “alleluias” are omitted during Lent.

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn LSB #424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Sermon Text: Luke 11:14-28

Please stand

Offertory

Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn LSB #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church

Response after each prayer petition:

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

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Please be seated

Distribution

LSB #617 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

LSB #421 *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

LSB #658 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

Please stand

During Lent, the Nunc Dimittis and Thanksgiving are omitted.

Post Communion Collect

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P: 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

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Announcements (*Stewardship Announcement*)

Recessional Hymn LSB #883 *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

♪ **Closing Prayer**

Postlude