

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare - "Rejoice"

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL
1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years
Sunday, March 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Tim Laatsch

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Acolyte: Kingston Koester; Book Bearer: Garrett Flood

Ushers: Jason Koester, Mike Wolff



Ringing of Bells

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(Please stand)

♪ **Versicles** (*Lent*)

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PSALMODY ♪

♪ **Antiphon** (*Lent*)

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*C: **O come, let us wor-ship Him.***

♪ **Venite** - "**O Come Let Us Sing**"

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Fourth Sunday in Lent *Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a*
(congregation responds with the words in bold)

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*

all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*

from her con- | soling breast.

I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Our feet have been | standing*

within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*

I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

(Please be seated)

Office Hymn LSB #524 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

(Please be seated)

Readings from Holy Scripture

P: A reading from Exodus the sixteenth chapter.

Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music – choir – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

P: A reading from Galatians, the fourth chapter.

Galatians 4:21-31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Remain seated)

P: A reading from St. John, the sixth chapter.

John 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ **Responsory** (*Lent*)

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P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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Sermon Text: John 6:1-15

Title: “*The Breadking’s SoulFood Bread*”

Theme: **REJOICE AND CONFESS THAT YOUR BREAD COMES FROM GOD.**

(During Lent, the Te Deum is omitted.)

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

(The congregation will stand and sing the first two stanzas of #781 as the offering is brought forward.)

(please stand)

PRAYERS

♪ **Kyrie**

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The Lord’s Prayer

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♪ **Collects**

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Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

P: 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. *C: ♪ Amen*

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen

Collect for Grace

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C: ♪ Amen

♪ **Benedicamus - ♪ Benediction**

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Closing Hymn LSB #617 *O Lord, We Praise Thee* (*March 2021 Hymn of the Month*)

♪ **Closing Prayer**

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Postlude