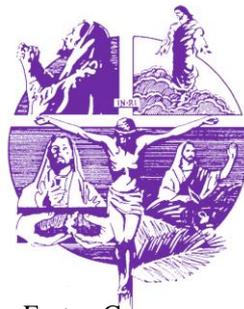


THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

OCULI - *My eyes are ever toward the Lord.*

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL



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Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel
Crucifer: Kingston Koester -- Acolyte: Olliver Shoaf -- Book Bearer: Easton Caraway
Ushers: Jason Koester, Jeremy Ruffner, Jerod Ruffner

Ringing of Bells

Prelude *HERZLIEBSTER JESU* - Johann Crueger

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, **Setting Three** ✠

Please stand and face the processional cross as it enters the church nave.

Processional Hymn LSB #439 *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*
stz. 1, 6-7, 15

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Introit for Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: vv. 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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for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
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♪ The Gloria Patri

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♪ Kyrie

During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

♪ Salutation

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: *Jeremiah 26:1-15*

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

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 of the Day LSB #659 Lord of Our Life

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:1-9 Title: "Real Memes"

Outline: **WHAT'S YOUR CHRISTIAN MEME SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE?**

- I. You are to meme Christ's love in how you walk with thanksgiving [vv. 1-5].
- II. You are to meme Christ's love in your words of goodness, righteousness, and truth [vv. 6-9].

Please stand

♪ **Offertory**

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Please be seated

Offering

Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn

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

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Lord, the mother of Your Son was blessed because she heard Your Word and kept it. Grant that we who hear Your Word would also treasure it in our hearts and minds and so receive Your eternal blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface - ♪ Sanctus - ♪ Lord's Prayer –

♪ The Words of Our Lord - ♪ Pax Domini - ♪ Agnus Dei

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Please be seated

Distribution

LSB #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB #658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Please stand

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Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand

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

Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).

Postlude

„Selig sind, die das Wort Gottes hören und es befolgen!“