



# **JESUS' VICTORY, OUR STRENGTH**

**THE PERSISTENTLY  
PATIENT GARDENER**

**LUKE 13:1-9**

**THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 20, 2022 – 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

**JESUS' VICTORY, OUR STRENGTH**

Jesus' journey (ministry) begins with the temptation in the wilderness. Throughout His entire journey, He always knew He was going to His death. Along the way, Jesus continued to show us the way to be in relationship with Him. Dependability on the protection of the Son, the gift of repentance and reception of forgiveness, the undeserved and unending generosity of the Father, and the finality of the death of our Savior which is for the decimation of our sins. During this Lenten season, we will journey with Jesus to the cross where His victory became our strength.

Repentance is a gift from God, given to us to then receive His forgiveness. God will always forgive, and He will always be patient with us, working in us to build our relationship with Him. Through repentance, Christ builds our relationship even deeper to produce good fruit.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* – arr. A. B. Sherman

Heavenly Handbells

**WELCOME**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



## ENTRANCE HYMN

*O God, My Faithful God*

LSB 696, vs. 1-4

1. O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
2. Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
3. Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
4. Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

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## CONFESSION

*John 20:21-23*

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins  
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ  
to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
**C Who made Heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

**But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your Boundless Mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## ❖ ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM

*Psalms 85 [ESV]*

*(Surely God's salvation is near to those who hear Him.)*

L LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**  
*Selah*

L You withdrew all Your Wrath; You turned from Your hot Anger.

C **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your Indignation toward us!**

L Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your Anger to all generations?

C **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

L Show us Your Steadfast Love, O LORD, and grant us Your Salvation.

C **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

L Surely His Salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.  
C **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

L Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

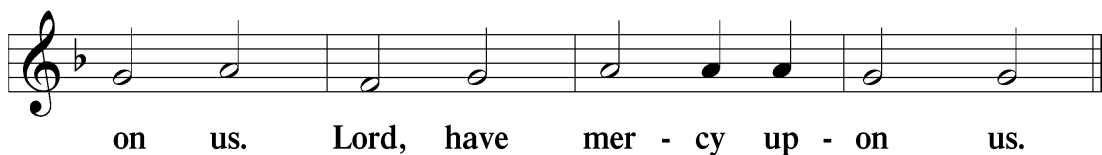
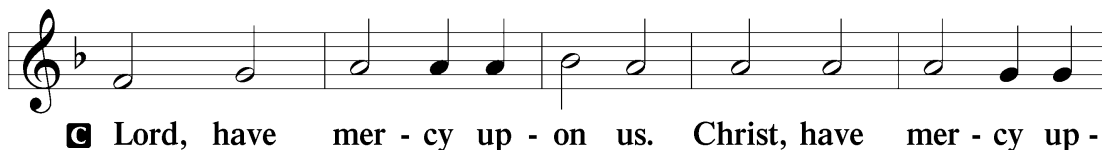
C **Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

L Righteousness will go before Him and make His Footsteps a way.

## ❖ GLORIA PATRI



## ❖ KYRIE



## ❖ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Whose Glory it is always to have mercy,

C **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. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Ezekiel 33:7-20 [ESV]*

*(God reminds all of us to turn from our evil ways and live!)*

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My Mouth, you shall give them warning from Me.

If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way,

and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, thus have you said:

‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them.

How then can we live?’

Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live;

turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?’

“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.

Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live,

yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die.

Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*I Corinthians 10:1-13 [ESV]*

*(God is Faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability to bear it.)*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

“Yet your people say, ‘The Way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just.

When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it.

And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this.

Yet you say,

“The Way of the Lord is not just.”

O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.  
No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

God is Faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **VERSE**

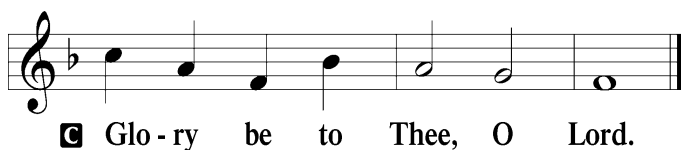
P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.  
C **[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.** (*Hebrews 12:2; 2 Peter 3:9b,c*)

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:1-9* [ESV]

*(Jesus calls us to repentance and reminds us of God's Grace.)*

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



There were some present at that very time who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.  
And He answered them,  
“Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?  
No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

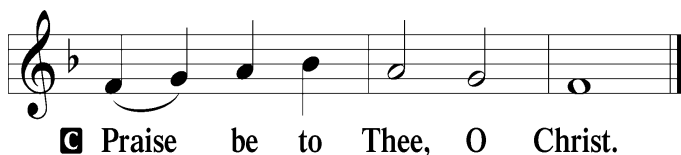
Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?  
No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”  
And He told this parable:  
“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.



And he said to the vinedresser,  
 'Look, for three years now I have come  
 seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find  
 none. Cut it down.  
 Why should it use up the ground?  
 And he answered him,

'Sir, let it alone this year also,  
 until I dig around it and put on manure.  
 Then if it should bear fruit next year,  
 well and good;  
 but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**LSB 809**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**  
Refrain

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## **SERMON**

Pastor Zach Sarrault

A Persistently Patient Gardener  
*Luke 13:1-9*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENT**

*Eva Robison*



### **GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*)

Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

## **OFFERING**

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex. Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.)

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Ah, Holy Jesus* – arr. S. U. Hungerford

Heavenly Handbells



### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C Amen.

## ❖ LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

## ❖ BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

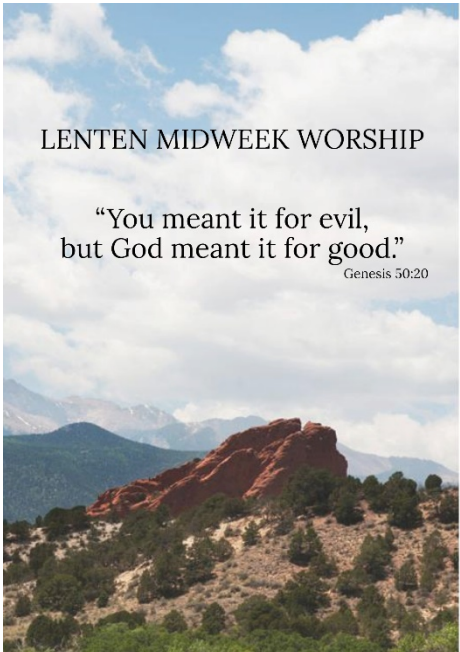
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**Servants in Worship**

Preacher..... Rev. Zach Sarrault  
Presiding Minister.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke  
Assisting Minister.....Rev. Alan Shaw  
Assisting Minister.....MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
Organist/Director.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry  
Heavenly Handbells  
Lector.....Bill Xenakis  
Camera Operators.....Jill Hammergren, Garrett Nigg  
Live Stream Producer.....Susan Moore



Join us for **Wednesday Night Worship** during Lent  
as we explore the theme,  
*You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good!*

**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary\***  
**March 9-April 6**

Throughout the Passion narrative, the chief priests,  
the teachers of the Law, Pontus Pilate, Judas Iscariot,  
and Satan, attempted to get rid of Jesus.  
This Lenten season, we recall how God uses events  
intended for evil in His Plan of Salvation.

May we all be led to confess with Joseph  
in the Old Testament,  
“You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.”  
(Genesis 50:20)

## Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebrations

### Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion Weekend

*Saturday, April 9*

6:00 pm          Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

*Sunday, April 10*

8:00 am\*, 9:30 am

Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am\*      Praise and Worship with Holy Communion, Family Life Center

### Maundy Thursday

*Thursday, April 14*

4:00 pm          Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

7:00 pm\*        Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary  
(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

### Good Friday

*Friday, April 15*

12:00 pm        Worship, Sanctuary

7:00 pm\*        Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

### Easter Weekend

*Saturday, April 16* (No Worship Service)

*Sunday, April 17*

6:30 am          Sanctuary Easter Worship

8:00 am\*, 9:30 am

Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am\*      Praise Worship with Holy Communion, Family Life Center

*\*Live Stream Services Indicated with Asterisk*



## *Easter Flower Order*

**Please select your choice and quantity.**

**LILIES 6"**

*\$15.00*

**HYDRANGEA 6"**

*\$20.00*

**AZALEA 8"**

*\$25.00*

**Please indicate how you would like your information to appear.**

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**Order forms need to be received by Sunday, March 20th. You may also email or call the church office with your order. Payment can follow.**

Please make checks payable to **RLC**.

Place in **Linda Merrill/Office** mailbox.

You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter Service on **April 17st.**

The plants will be provided by **Fairview Garden Center.**



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