

# Third Sunday in Lent

## Christiania Lutheran Church

### Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

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*Singing indoors in large groups is not yet considered a safe activity during the pandemic. If you are worshipping indoors, please refrain from singing with hymns and songs. Instead, take the opportunity to meditate on the lyrics and the beauty of the gift of music that God has bestowed upon us.*

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND STORY TIME

#### CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

#### SONG: *Humble Thyself/Awesome God*

Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord.  
Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord.  
And He shall lift you up high-er and high-er,  
And He shall lift you up. **Repeat**

Our God is an awe-some God, He reigns from heav-en a-bove;  
With wis-dom pow'r and love-Our God is an awesome God!  
Our God is an awe-some God, He reigns from heav-en a-bove;  
With wis-dom pow'r and love-Our God is an awesome God! **Repeat**  
Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

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

<sup>1</sup>Then 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING: 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON - Senior Pastor Jon Rhodes**

#### **SONG: Jesus Messiah**

(1) He be-came sin, who knew no sin; that we might be-come His right-eous-ness;  
He hum-bled Him-self, and car-ried the cross. Love so a-maz-ing, love so a-maz-ing.

**Refrain:** Je-sus, Mes-si-ah; Name a-bove all names; Bless-ed Re-deem-er; Em-man-uel.  
The Res-cue for sin-ners, The Ran-som from heav-en; Je-sus, Mes-si-ah, Lord of all.

(2) His bo-dy the bread, His blood the wine bro-ken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trem-bled, and the veil was torn. Love so a-ma-zing, love so a-maz-ing. **Refrain**

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### **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.**

**SHARING THE PEACE:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Traditional*)

**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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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