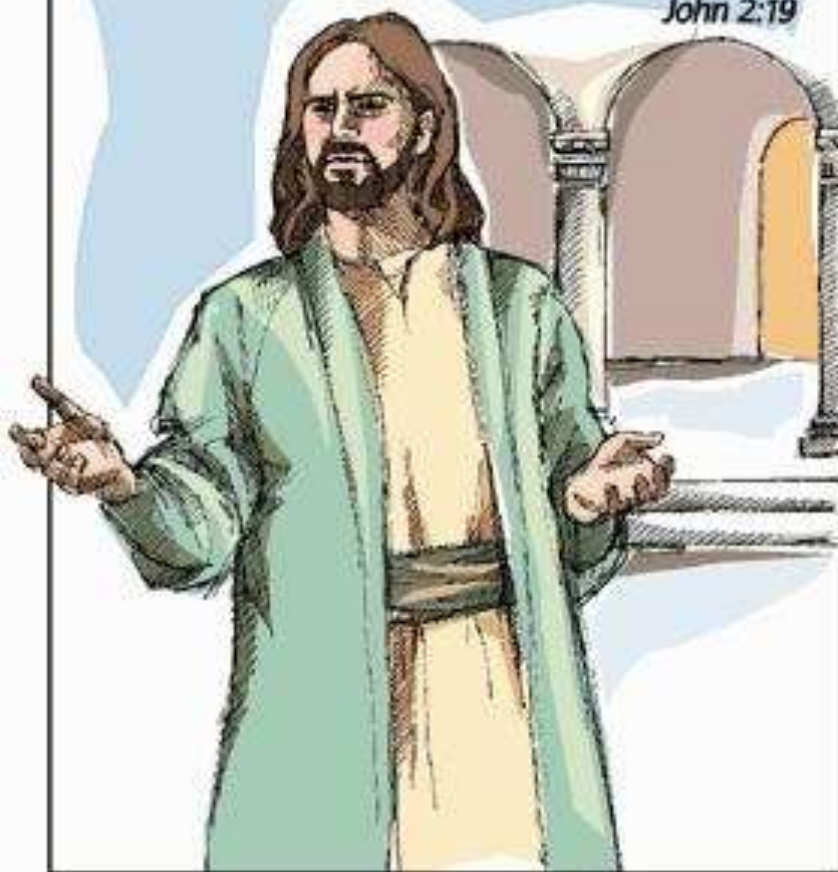


Jesus answered them,

"DESTROY this temple,
and I will
RAISE it again
in three days."

John 2:19



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 – 9:00am

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THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Confession & Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection.*) Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: "Be Thou My Vision" – ELW #793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Response to the Word

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Acclamation: "Return to the Lord"

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel: John 2:13-25

L: The holy gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Christopher Martin

Hymn of the Day: "Built on a Rock" - ELW #652

**Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples
are falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still
are chiming and calling—calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life
everlasting.**

**Christ builds a house of living stones; we are his own
habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will
seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when
church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your
Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own,
my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

Confession of Faith: 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "Rock of Ages" – ELW #623

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which
flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its
guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever
flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou
alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for
grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close
in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy
judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide
myself in thee.**

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

THE SENDING

Benediction

Closing Hymn: “Sen Forth by God’s Blessing” – ELW #547

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
Thy supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev’ry-day life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

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Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns: Covid 19 Patients, John Bohun, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Van Bundgaard, Cindy Jansen, Sue Joles, Christine Kauffman, Pam Leuthi, Addie Lund, Pat McEathron, Tina Mojeck, Harold Roberts, Marge Spangberg, Kathy Titera, Jim Trottier, Jerry Van Ert, Bud Ziebarth; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents; Grieving: family & friends of Elaine Wegener; Amie Rausch in the death of her dad, John Fisher.

Our radio broadcast is given by Gretchen Pedersen in loving memory of Larry Pedersen.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Judy Soyring, George Lawrence; Lector – Kathy Peterson; Acolytes – Owen Burmeister, Manny Moore; Communion Asst. – Chris Holtebeck.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services “Words of Hope from the Cross”



WEDNESDAYS – 6:30PM

March 10 - "Woman, Behold Your Son...Behold, Your Mother"

March 17 - "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

March 24 - "I Thirst"

Committee Meetings this Week: Tuesday, March 9 – 3:30pm Social Ministries, 4:15pm – Congregational Care & Outreach, 4:30pm Youth Ministries, 6:00pm Property; Thursday, March 11 – 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance.

Bible Study: The “Family Matters” Bible study continues on Sunday mornings following the worship service (approximately 10:15am).

Men’s Breakfast: Men of Hope are invited to the Ladysmith Family Restaurant each Thursday at 7:00am for breakfast, fellowship, and a study of the lessons for the coming Sunday.

Scrip: Scrip cards are sold following worship most Sundays. Through the scrip program you receive the full value of the cards and a percentage of every card sold is returned to the church as a charitable contribution. Proceeds from the Scrip program go towards building and maintenance needs. Cards are available from several local retailers and can ordered from a list of others. Please stop by the table in the multi-purpose room following worship to purchase cards or for more information.

Power House Volunteer Training: Power House Youth Center will be holding a volunteer training session on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00am-12:30pm. You can participate in this session either in-person at the new Power House meeting site (the old Ladysmith Elementary School) or via Zoon. Lunch will be provided. If you have questions, please contact George Lawrence.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Choir 10:15am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School
Tuesday	3:30pm Social Ministries Committee 4:15pm Cong Care & Outreach Committee 4:30pm Youth Ministries Committee 6:00pm Property Committee
Wednesday	5:30pm Choirchimes 6:30pm Lenten Worship
Thursday	7:00am Men's Breakfast 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee
Friday	12:00noon Prayer Group
Sunday	8:15am Choirchimes 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir 10:15am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School

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