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**Third Sunday in Lent — February 28, 2016**

**LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**PRELUDE**    *Safe in His Arms*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.      Merciful Father,

**C we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

**C Amen**

**\* HYMN LBW # 104**    *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**\* 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**

P Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

(8:00) **Special Music:**    *The King of Love*    -Bell Choir

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that

which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not

know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the

LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up

to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing

he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Word of God is flesh and grace who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.  
So dare to be as Jesus was, who came to live and love and die.

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**



<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they

did."  
<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 327** *Rock of Ages*

## SERMON

\* HYMN WOV # 734 *Softly and Tenderly*

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

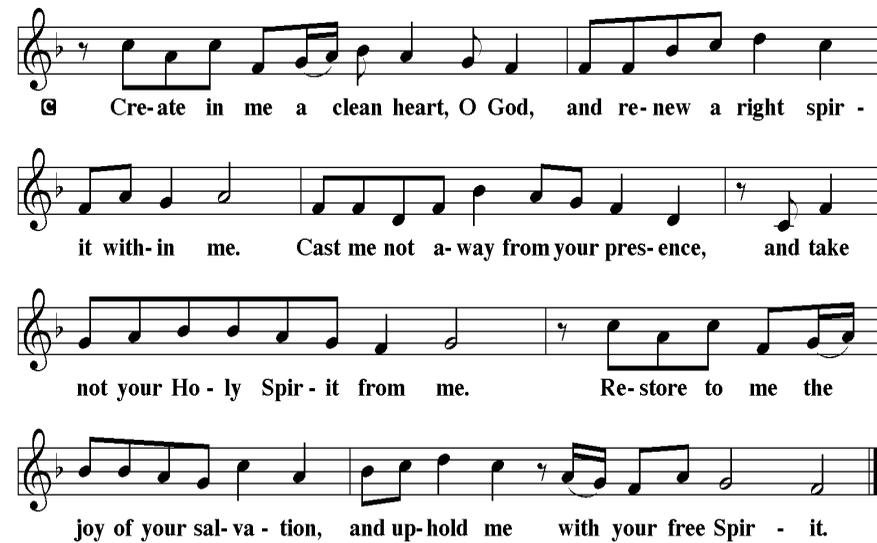
**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (8:00) *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* -Bell Choir  
(10:30) *He Touched Me* -Lester Kruse

### OFFERTORY (please remain seated)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please remain seated)*

A Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

*A brief silence.*

A Incline our ears to you, faithful God. Open us to receive your word. Transform our thoughts into your thoughts and our ways into your ways for the glory of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Send rain to dry and weary lands, faithful God. Quench the thirst of the earth and every living creature. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Make all governments thirst for your justice, faithful God. Bring citizens and elected officials together to create communities where all people may live in peace. Sustain us by your grace in this work. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Gather the hungry around your table, faithful God. Satisfy and unite us with the body and blood of your Son. Send us out to share the bountiful feast you give to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Keep us in your steadfast love, faithful God. We give thanks for all who mentored each of us in the faith and now celebrate life eternal with you. By their witness we know you more fully. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Fill the cups of the thirsty, faithful God. Fill the plates of the hungry. Give peace to all who mourn and healing to all who live with mental illness. Be with all who suffer (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

### \* LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN LBW # 540** *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

**POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Tune*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Schink in loving memory of Ron.

**Caring Corner** for February — Food Pantry at St. John’s Episcopal  
Please think in terms of complete meals for this small, but important, food pantry: spaghetti & sauce; canned chicken/tuna with broth/cream soup & noodles; canned stews & meat; canned fruits (in juice, not syrup); peanut butter, cereals. Please check expiration dates!

**Hunger Calendars**

“40 Days of Giving” flip calendars are available for your Lenten devotion. “Providing voice to the needs of our neighbors who are hungry...This resource provides devotions, reflections, prayers, and poems to encourage you in your call to action – action to create a world in which all are fed and none go hungry.” What do you think? What can you do?

**Statistics**

2/17 Lent (??) Offerings \$464.00  
2/21 86+85 (171) Offerings \$4,771.50 (\$185 Bldg Fd; \$210 Wrld Hngr; \$8.50 Sun Sch; \$480 Catech Retreat)  
2/15-2/21 Simply Giving \$40 Gen

**Volunteers needed**

We need sound board operators for our Wednesday Lenten services on March 9 & 16, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring. Thank you for your willingness to help!

**Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Readers - 8:00 Tom & Barb Hoffman 10:30 Ronnie Rohrs  
Sound Board - 8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt 10:30 Larry Ashbaugh  
Acolytes - 8:00 Nate Brubaker & Jayce Brubaker  
10:30 Jennifer Canfield & Morgan Ashbaugh  
Ushers - 8:00 Leonard Sonnenberg, Kevin Gerken, Tiffany Biederstedt, Ed Biederstedt  
10:30 Bob Ivancso, Bill Panning, Tom Schroeder, Denny Ehlers  
Altar Guild - Julie Mt.Castle & Wendy Schroeder  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

**This Week**

Monday	1:30 p.m.	PERI meeting here
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:15 p.m.	Choir in basement
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

Ridgeville Township Fire Department is hosting its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 7:00 a.m until 1:00 p.m. at the Ridgeville American Legion on Co Rd 19. Free will donation.

**Soup Challenge** — Thursday, March 3, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
...at HOPE Services in the Filling Home Gym. Donations will benefit HOPE Services Foundation. Financial assistance is provided by Thrivent Financial.