

Third Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

At 10:00am we'll go live on Facebook. Pastor Dustin will be inside the sanctuary. Rich will be doing the amazing magic behind the screen and camera.

At 10:20am Pastor Dustin will be with the opening welcome.

And here's who's doing what:

Pastor Dustin

Video

GATHERING

***Weekly Announcements**

(begin at 10:05 a)

***Prelude**

(begins at 10:15a)

Welcome

Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Messiah Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes all people into full participation in the body of Christ without regard to race, nationality, ethnicity, ability, marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Kyrie Eleison

VIDEO

P. Holy and merciful God,
we come to you confessing we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone....

A.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two phrases of music, each with a melodic line and a bass line. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the vocal lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Greek Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
English Lord, ——— have mer - cy. Lord, ——— have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

P. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and strength.
 We have not expressed the mind of Christ.
 We have not stayed in step with the Spirit....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Our lives are distorted and the lives of others diminished by our self-indulgence and sloth, pride and privilege, fearfulness and faithlessness, avoidance of our kin, apathy towards other species, degradation of your creation, and disregard for future generations....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. O God our Savior, amidst our being overwhelmed by our individual and collective transgressions, by the harm that we have caused our neighbors near and far, by the persistence of evil in our lives and in the world, we seek your mercy, illumination, and might....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord, guide us by your Word, and strengthen us in your Spirit, so that we may increasingly discern and do the fast acceptable to you and so embody your love for the world.
 Amen.

Gathering Hymn – *Seek Ye First*

VIDEO

Welcome

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

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

A. Amen.

P. We shall continue with our first reading.

WORD

First Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

NEW VIDEO

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. 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. 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 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. 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.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 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.

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading - John 2:13-22

Rev. Dustin Wright

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 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. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 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.

Sermon

Rev. Dustin Wright

Hymn of the Day – *Canticle of the Turning*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

- P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.
- P. Hear us, O God
- A. Your mercy is great.**

Intro to Response to God's Call: Lord You Are My Strength

- P. In this Lenten Season, we are reminded of the brokenness of this world and our need for God. But we are also reminded that we are called by God to enter into this world and to respond to the brokenness. We call for God to strengthen us in our response.

Response to God's Call: Lord You Are My Strength **VIDEO**

Peace

- P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.
- A. And also with you.**
- P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

P. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

VIDEO

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

VIDEO

P. On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Invitation to Communion

VIDEO

P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

VIDEO

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

A. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

P. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

P. 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.

Sending Hymn – *Send Me, Lord*

VIDEO

Benediction

P. Go in peace. Share the good news.

A. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

VIDEO