

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ..... LBW #250

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day  
**Eternal Lord, 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, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Jeremiah 7:3-11  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... I Corinthians 1:18-31  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Mackenzie Smith  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:  
**Oh, grant us God, that we may, too,  
Return in fast and prayer to you.  
Your steadfast love, for us, is poured,  
Through grace and mercy by your Word.**  
Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... John 2:13-22

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ..... “Gunning for the Cross” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ..... LBW #482  
(Hamburg tune)

Apostles’ Creed  
**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The 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.**

The Distribution ..... “Lamb of God” ..... LBW pg. 92  
Communion ..... LBW #306, 480, WOV #776

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “God of Grace and God of Glory” ..... LBW #415

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday in Lent

## What Does This Mean?

1. What was scandalous and confusing about Jesus' "cleansing" of the temple?
2. What radical claim did Jesus make about worshiping God?
3. How does Jesus' behavior help explain why he was crucified?
4. How does St. Paul build on Jesus' actions in his theology of the cross?



Third  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

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