



**Worship Bulletin: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
March 6 (5:30 PM) and March 7 (8:45AM) 2021**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of our baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

P: Merciful God,

**A: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**A: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“God Loved the World”  
as interpreted by Dan Gresh



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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.**

## **FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17**

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>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.

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALMODY:**

“Tell Me”

by Carrollton

Feel like I'm a nobody  
Wonder if I'll ever amount to much  
Seems like no matter what I do  
It's never gonna be enough  
Should I just give up?  
Lord, I need to hear You speak

Tell me I am loved  
Tell me I am known  
That You died for me  
I am not alone  
Tell me I'm Your child  
The one Your heart beats for  
I can find my strength  
Knowing I am Yours  
You've always known what my heart needs  
And You tell me

You wrote Your name upon my heart  
You knew me long before my life began  
You still have a plan  
And when I'm starting to forget  
Jesus, You tell me who I am  
Who I am

You tell me I am loved  
Tell me I am known  
And that You died for me  
I am not alone  
You tell me I'm Your child  
The one Your heart beats for  
I will find my strength  
Knowing I am Yours  
You've always known what my heart needs  
And You tell me, oh

Your voice has the power to heal the hurt inside  
Your voice speaks the truth, brings my heart back to life

I am loved  
Oh, I am known

You tell me I am loved  
Tell me I am known  
That You died for me  
I am not alone  
You tell me I'm Your child  
The one Your heart beats for  
I will find my strength  
Knowing I am Yours  
You've always known what my heart needs  
And You tell me  
  
Lord, You tell me (Who I am, Who I am)  
Oh, You tell me (Who I am, Who I am)  
You tell me, oh (Who I am, Who I am)

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

R: The word of the Lord,

**A: Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P: Return to the Lord your God!

**A: We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

P: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-22**

P: The holy Gospel according to John,

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<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.

P: The gospel of the Lord,

**A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"A Little Light" by Sturgill Simpson

from Metamodern Sounds in Country Music

Through all these earthly trials of sorrow, through all these days of mortal sin,

Through all these eternal nights of no tomorrow,

Gotta stay straighter than an arrow, find a little light within

Gotta walk that road, (Gotta walk that road)

all the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)

Gotta walk that road, (gotta walk that road), until the dawn

Gotta walk that road all night, all we need is a little light

And the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on

Don't need no compass, no map or chart

Don't need no stars shining above

I don't need no nothing but a little light in my heart

Glowing inside me like a blanket of love

Gotta walk that road, (Gotta walk that road)

all the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)

Gotta walk that road, (gotta walk that road), until the dawn

Gotta walk that road all night, all we need is a little light

And the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on

I said the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on

### **SERMON**

"A Little Light"  
by Sturgill Simpson  
from Cuttin' Grass Volume 1

Through all these earthly trials of sorrow, through all these days of doubt and sin,  
Through all these eternal nights of no tomorrow,  
Gotta stay straighter than an arrow, find a little light within  
Gotta walk that road, (Gotta walk that road)  
all the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)  
Gotta walk that road, (gotta walk that road), until the dawn  
Gotta walk that road all night, all we need is a little light  
And the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on  
Don't need no compass, no map or chart  
Don't need no stars shining above  
I don't need no nothing but a little light in my heart  
Glowing inside me like a blanket of love  
Gotta walk that road, (Gotta walk that road)  
all the way to heaven (all the way to heaven)  
Gotta walk that road, (gotta walk that road), until the dawn  
Gotta walk that road all night, all we need is a little light  
And the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on  
I said the closer you get Lord, brighter it turns on

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**A: 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: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

P: There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that

in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all (especially). Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering (especially). Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for (Perpetua, Felicity, and) all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. Hear us, O God.

**A: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful God,

**A: receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

P: In 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.

P: 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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**A: Amen.**

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**A: Amen.**

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**A: Amen.**

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**A: 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**

P: Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

## **SHARING OF COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Sovereign God,

**A: in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN:**

“I am a Pilgrim“  
by The Byrds

I am a pilgrim and a stranger  
Travelling through this wearisome land  
I've got a home in  
That yonder city, good Lord  
And it's not  
Not made by hand

I've got a mother, sister and a brother  
Who have gone this way before  
I am determined  
To go and see them, good Lord  
For they're on  
That other shore

I'm goin' down to the river of Jordan  
Just to bathe my wearisome soul  
If I can just touch  
The hem of his garment, good Lord  
Then I'd know he'd take me home

I am a pilgrim and a stranger  
Travelling through this wearisome land  
I've got a home in  
That yonder city, good Lord  
And it's not  
Not made by hand

**BLESSING**

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **A: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **A: Thanks be to God.**