CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH		
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Ministers: The Congregation		
Pastor: Sarah Toney	Pianist: Susan Gubsch	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Worship: 10:00am	March 3, 2024
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WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP		

Gathering Music

Confession and Forgiveness

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

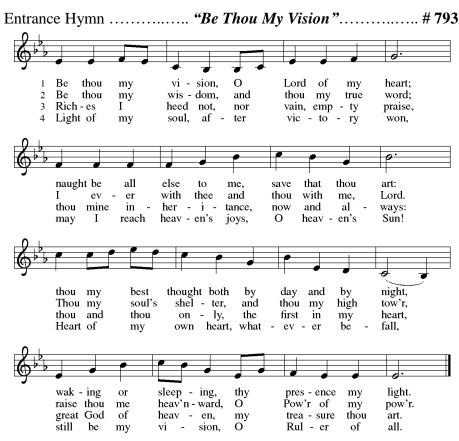
C: Amen.

L: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

C: Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

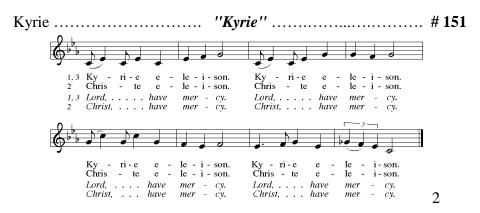
C: Amen.



Greeting

L: 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

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. Amen

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

<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. 3

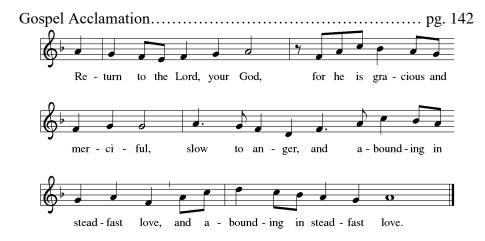


## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<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.



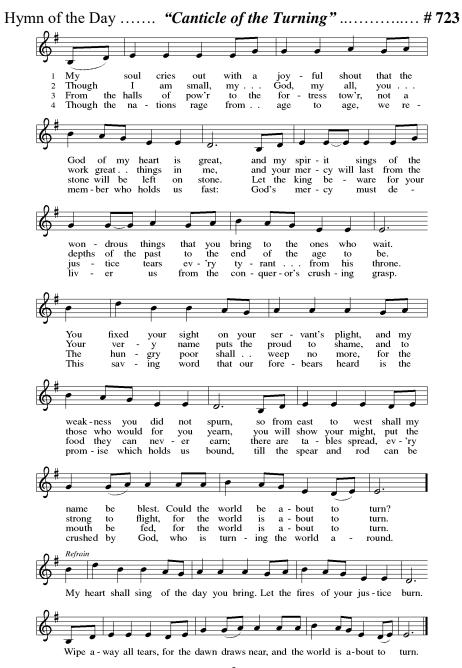
#### Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

After announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. <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.

After conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

#### WE RESPOND IN THANKFULNESS



### Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

# A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (regions in conflict may be named). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (especially). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

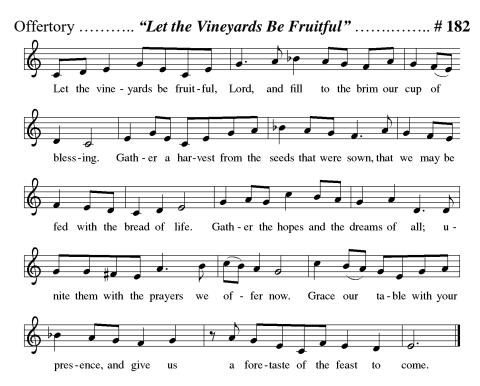
# Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We Offer Our Gifts



Prayer of Thanksgiving

**L:** Let us pray...

C: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in your 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.

### WE SHARE CHRIST'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

- L: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Communion Prayers and the story of our Lord's Supper The Lord's Prayer...

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

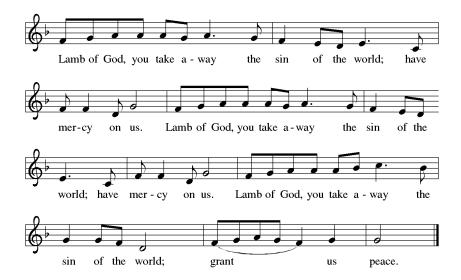
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we

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.

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#### Prayers

Blessing



Dismissal L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

### WE ENTER INTO MISSION!

#### SUNDAY: 3/03/2024

- 9:00am Adult Forum/Young Group/Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 1:00pm New Vision Church
- MONDAY: 03/04/2024
- TUESDAY: 03/05/2024
- 5:30pm-7:30pm Boy Scouts WEDNESDAY: 03/06/2024
- 6:3pm Midweek Lent Service

THURSDAY: 03/07/2024

- 7:00pm NVC Prayer Service
- FRIDAY: 03/08/2024
- 7:00pm NVC Music Practice

SATURDAY: 03/09/2024

• 11:00am Ray Babcock Memorial

SUNDAY: 03/10/2024 Daylight Savings!!

- 9:00am Adult Forum/Young Group/Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 1:00pm New Vision Church

#### Announcements:

- <u>Pastor Sarah Toney's new email address: pastorsarah@clcewen.org</u>
- Midweek Lent Schedule: Wednesdays ~ 6:30pm March 6,13,20
- Holy Week Schedule:
  - March 28 ~ 6:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday
  - March 29 ~ 6:30pm ~ Good Friday 6:30pm
  - March 31 ~ 10:00am ~ Easter Worship
    - 11:00am ~ Easter Brunch
    - 11:30am ~ Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Candy Donations!! Easter is right around the corner! If you would like to donate candy towards the Annual Easter Egg Hunt...Please bring in your candy donations starting now through March 17<sup>th</sup> and place in the big basket in the Narthex. Thank you!!!
- March 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00pm ~ Fellowship Fun! Warm Springs Inn & Winery
- Holden Village Retreat ~ July 22-25<sup>th</sup> ~ All are Invited! Celebration members, families, youth! Join Pastor Sarah and others at Holden Village for 4 days focusing on the Love of Creation. For more details ask Pastor Sarah or call the church office. More Information coming as individual reservations will need to be made soon!

Month Budgeted Income Received Income November \$21,300 \$14,110 \$21,300 \$22,170 December January \$20,000 \$12,230 February \$20,000 \$16,696