

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 10:45am



As We Gather – Receive God's Forgiveness

From the time that Adam and Eve first fell into sin, God's people have been in conflict - with Him and with one another. Throughout the Bible, God tells us how He reconciled us to Himself through the atoning work of Jesus Christ, His only Son. He further instructs us how to respond to our conflicts with others. We hope and pray that this sermon series and Bible Study "Go and Be Reconciled - What Does This Mean?" will be helpful to you on your faith journey.

PRESERVICE, “Hear Us From Heaven”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG, “Give Me Faith”

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may receive the forgiveness You have promised and love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING, 2 Samuel 12:1-13

¹And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” ⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall

restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.’⁸ And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’¹¹ Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.’¹² For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.”¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING, 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL, John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MYSTERY BOX MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Bodin

SERMON SONG, "His Mercy Is More"

SERMON

"Forgiven by God"

Pastor Dan Bodin

NICENE CREED *(See the screen or the inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an Ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

OFFERTORY, "I'm Listening"

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *(See the screen or the inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG, "At The Cross (Love Ran Red)"

GROWING IN THE WORD

- C** First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. – Matthew 5:24

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

SENDING SONG, "Your Grace is Enough"

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TRINITY TIDINGS

March 3, 2024

The Flowers at the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Karen and Mike Prokosch.

Easter Garden of Victory – order forms are available on the counter by the office. Deadline to order is NEXT SUNDAY!

The 2024 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the commons (across from confirmation pictures).

The **March Newsletter** and the new issue of **Portals of Prayer** are available on the cabinet by the office.

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE IS BACK! SST is hosting them again this year. Call 651-653-3122 for more information or to make an appointment.

Lenten Coin Folders are available on the cabinet by the office (limited number of them). Your donations support members of SST who are formally pursuing a church work degree. Each folder holds \$10 worth of quarters. We have Peter Ross and Max Johnston who are at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Beside the coin folder you can also use the *Scholarship for Future Church Workers* envelope that is in your box of envelopes.

Stewardship will have the annual **S.O.U.P Sunday** collection on March 16-17.

Easter Festival and Easter Egg Hunt: Event is Saturday, March 23 at 10:00AM until noon. Activities include indoor Easter egg hunt, indoor mini-golf, bingo, additional games, kids craft corner and refreshments!

Medical Supply Ministry -- Just a reminder about the SST Medical Supply Ministry. Please share with others that we have medical equipment available. We have a supply of adult incontinence products too. Please check in at the church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available, please contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke

Associate Pastor, Rev. Dan Bodin

Acolytes: 8:00 Liliana Peterson | 10:45 TBD

Anna Altar: Muriel Janneke and Ann Janneke

Coffee: Gary and Reenie Blanchard

Counters: Marilyn Erickson and Corrine Erickson

Readers: 8:00 Paulette Genz | 10:45 Don Benson

Organist/Pianist: 5:30 Rich Carlson | 8:00 Dr. Jeff Burkart

Live Stream Tech: 8:00 Jayne Kurpius | 10:45 Chris Hesselbach

AV Tech: 5:30 Ron Wenzel | 8:00 Ari Smith | 10:45 Kevin Froelich

Ushers: 5:30 Glenn Borkenhagen | 8:00 George Gifford & Ross

Hoernemann | 10:45 Mark Molkenbur

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

(Please include the follow people in your prayers)

Those celebrating a birthday: 3/3 – Gavin Hoernemann, Nadia McWilliams, Dan Sittler, 3/5 – Lori Gerlach, Dave Deeg, Stephanie Boleen, 3/6 Harold Krenz, 3/7 – Erica Boleen, Janice Schaller, Olivia Selix, 3/8 – Jeanie Vette, Jack Frahm, 3/9 – Shawn Linda

Those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries: 3/3 – Giovanna Johnston. 3/7 – Melody Sweet, 3/8 – Linda Ferwerda, Austin Lundgren

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary: 3/4 – Lewis and Karolina Peterson



**HOLY WEEK 2024
WORSHIP SERVICES**

Palm Sunday
March 23 & 24 - 5:30pm, 8:00 & 10:45am

Maundy Thursday
March 28 - 11:00am & 7:00pm

Good Friday
March 29 - 11:00am & 7:00pm

Sat. Easter Vigil
March 30 - 5:30pm

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 4

8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid (2nd floor)
11:00-1:30pm Lively Ladies [F8]
6:30-8:00pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 5

No activities Election Day

Wednesday, March 6

9:30am Young-at-Heart Bible Study [F8]
9:30am Women's Bible Study [B9A]
11:00am LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
11:30am Lenten Luncheon
11:30am Ladies Card Game
5:45pm Fellowship Meal
6:30pm LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00-8:00pm Forge (6-12th) Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7

8:00-12pm AARP Senior Tax Aid (2nd floor)
9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study [F8]
9:30-11:30am [B9] In Use
12:30pm Dorcas Quilters [B22]
6:00pm Vesper Bells [S]
7:00pm Adult Bible Study [F8]

Friday, March 8

6:00-7:00pm Girl Scouts [2-6]

Saturday, March 9

10:00-Noon MOPs/MomsNEXT [2-2]
10:00-Noon Grief Share [F8]
11:00am Gladys McClelland Memorial Service
11:00-Noon Al-Anon [2-5]
5:30pm Worship with Communion

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Please use this Prayer Guide in the coming week to pray for the following people and situations.
Those who are listed in italics are friends and family of SST disciples.

For those recovering from surgery: Jennifer Jewell, Tim Lundgren, Merlin Holman, April Reed, *Dee Dee Hudak*

For those in hospice: Rick Carlson, Pastor Norb Streufert

For those the family and friends who mourn:

- Gladys McClelland who passed away on February 2. Memorial service will be Saturday, March 9, at 11:00am at SST. There will be no visitation
- *Wayne Leverkuhn* who passed away on February 10. Service will be on March 9 in Houston, TX
- Harlan Arndt who passed away on February 11. Service will be on March 18 at 11:00. Visitation one hour prior to the service
- Officers Paul Elmstrand, Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth who died in the line of duty on February 18

God's healing: Eileen Spreeman, Danna Anderson, Herb Frederick, Margaret Ribble, Elizabeth Iverson, Marian Meier, Tim Lundgren, Lin Carlson, Elaine Frahm, Betty Frohrib, *Noah Boleen*, Celeste Gifford, Jolene Patricelli, *Connie Barbeau*, Ruby Moskop, *Warren, Everett, Gloria (Emmie Boleen's relatives)*

Those with on-going health issues: *Verna Benson*, Jim and Meredith Reinholdt

God's comfort, peace and healing for those with cancer: Jack Frahm, Jill Larson, Patti Molkenbur, Bill Niebergall, Rick and Lin Carlson, *SST's Letter Carrier, Bruce Semling, Jo Biebighauser*

Protection of our Armed Forces and their families: *Peter Gifford, Megan Lisowy, Aaron Meissen, Brodey Perron, Scott Polack, Andrew Reed, Jim Schumann, Dalton Wenzel, Dylan Wenzel, Brandon Boleen, Teddy Boleen, Wyatt Kassa*

For SST Missions and missionaries: *Rev. Dr. Fung and Kalia* missionary family to SE Asia in Thailand | *Pastor Stephen Heimer and Vicar Alex Escarciga* at *Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas* | SST Preschool, reaching our community | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)

Federal, State and local government and all those in positions of authority