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The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

Liturgical Color: Violet

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

- ◆ * *The assembly will please stand.*
- ◆ P Pastor/Priest
- ◆ C Congregation
- ◆ A Assisting
- ◆ L Lector

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD— The GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome—Online guests

Announcements:

Pastor Mick Shriver

Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

"...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God's Holy Spirit."

***Opening Acclamation**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

- P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
C His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

- P** Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** You shall not make for yourself any idol.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** Honor your father and your mother.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** You shall not commit murder.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
- P** You shall not commit adultery.
C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

P You shall not steal.

C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

P You shall not be a false witness.

C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

P You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

***Confession**

P If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

*Absolution

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*Kyrie

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef, G-clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef, F-clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy." The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system continues the lyrics: "Lord, have mercy, O Lord." and ends with a double bar line.

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray...

**The Collect of the Day/Prayer of the Day*

- P** Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- C** Amen.

WORD

First Lesson/Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

- ¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

Pray responsively

- A** ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- C** ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- A** ³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.
- C** ⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**
- A** ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- C** ⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- A** ⁷ For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- C** ⁸ **My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Lesson/Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

***Gospel Acclamation/Gradual**



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily/Sermon

Rev. Mick Shriver

**Apostles Creed*

C 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*

*The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.*

A Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

P We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

C **Amen.**

*Peace

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

The assembly is seated following the peace.

HOLY COMMUNION/LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

- P** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offering/Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a basso continuo line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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****Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)***

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

****Preface***

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

The Holy Eucharist
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Eucharistic Prayer/Prayer of Consecration

- P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

****Memorial Acclamation***

P And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray



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 Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

- Ⓒ Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.



*Fraction

- P Risen Lord, be known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
- C Thanks be to God

*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Invitation to Communion

- P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- P *Lord I am not worthy to receive you*
- C But only say the words and my soul shall be healed.
- P At this time, God invites his children to receive the Blessed
Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Cherié Hockenberger

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

(see page 20)

****Prayer of Spiritual Communion***

****Post Communion Prayer/Prayer after Communion***

- A** Let us pray...
- C** Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!

Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.

Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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SENDING



****Blessing***

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
† bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

****Sending Hymn/Recessional Hymn***

“Light Dawns On a Weary World”

(see page 22)

****The Sending***

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve
the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Jack Conklin, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Julie Martz, Jonah Schmidt, Joyce Usiak.



Pray for our Friends: Baby Ray Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Hunter Bowman, Goldie Jean, June Brault, Charles Hayes, Margret Hayes, Graeleigh Jensen, Kendra, Ken Kolb, Charity Lawler, Bruce Mitchell, Leah Mitchell, Michael Otto, Elisabeth Rice, Edward Ritzema, Randy Robins, Rev. Bill Huether, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Rev. Dennis VanKampen, Tom Tenney.

Pray for those at home:

Pray for those in care facilities: Ann Bird, Cathy Marrison, Carolyn Malkewitz.

Pray for our Armed Forces: *Army* -Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* - Tad Reed; *National Guard* - *National Guard* Ezra Swan -*Army Reserve*

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, especially for the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing and Rev. Carl Ballard. We also pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, For all the staff in our parishes Church of the Mediator, Harbert - Darlene Kuhn, Rector St. John's, Charlotte - Wendy Brown, Priest-in-Charge

The names on the Prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified other wise. The Pastor can not assume that people want a personal visit, but is more then happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. (231)843-3686



Worship Assistants

Sunday: March 23, 2025—The Third Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild:	Mary Hoffman and TJaye Brand
Parish Associate	the Rev. John Brown
Assisting Minister	Pastor John Brown
Lector	Ryan Glanville
Chalice Bearer	TJaye Brand
Acolyte:	Sarah Shriver
Ushers	Larry and Karen Rathburn
Coffee Hour	Beth and Bob Budreau
Offering Counters	Mike Gould and Tim Pomorski and Tracey Laaksonen

Sunday: March 30, 2025—The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild:	Carole Vipond and TJaye Brand
Parish Associate	the Rev. John Brown
Assisting Minister	TJaye Brand
Lector	Diane Shank
Chalice Bearer	Julia Maltbie
Acolyte:	Kayleigh Shriver
Ushers	Larry and Karen Rathburn
Coffee Hour	Remos and Julie Lenio
Offering Counters	Cathy Iteen and Carole Vipond and Jessica Wood