



3rd Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to today's worship with Shepherd of

the Valley Lutheran Church. Our commitment is to provide safe and meaningful worship during COVID. To participate in the parking lot, tune to: **91.3 (NEW Station) on your FM radio**. To access live worship online, go to SOTV Facebook page or sovluth.org.

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.

All: 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Fountain of living water,

All: 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.

Amen.

Kyrie

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. 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.

All: Amen.

1st Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Acclamation

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are
merciful and kind— slow to anger, rich in
blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

Gospel: John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making 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. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will

consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

Sermon

Song *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #332*

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.**

Prayers of God’s People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering and Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic & Lord’s Prayer

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The Celebration of Holy Communion & Prayer

Blessing & Announcements

L: You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
All: Amen.

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**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life
I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!
All: Thanks be to God!

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Passcode: 339004

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