

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

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AS WE GATHER

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

Opening Hymn - LSB #809 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

PREPARATION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit of the Day (responsively)

Kyrie – Page 152

(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-20

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Verse for Lent – "Return to the Lord" Page 157

Holy Gospel – Luke 13:1-9

Hymn of the Day – LSB #691 "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

Sermon – "Are You a Productive Person" Text: The Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory - Page 159 "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini – "The Peace of the Lord"

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God"

Distribution

Hymns during Distribution –LSB #'s 420 & 550

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Benediction

Closing Hymn – LSB #861 "Christ Be My Leader"



And He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'"
Luke 13:6-7