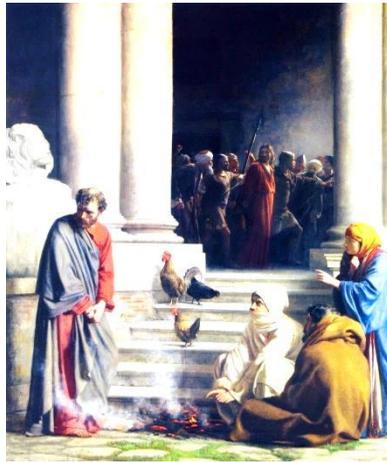


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Reminiscere – The 2nd Sunday In Lent
March 17, 2019

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ... For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” (Matthew 9:12-13)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 32 (pages 130-131 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 149 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

PASSION HISTORY, part 2 – Trial And Denial

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest’s house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus at a distance, and so did the other disciple. Now that disciple was

known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in, right into the courtyard of the high priest.

And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the courtyard stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself at the fire. And after they had sat down together, Peter sat down with the servants to see the end.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said.”

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do You answer the high priest like that?” Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. But at last two false witnesses came forward, and bore false witness against Him, saying, “This Fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?” But Jesus kept silent, and answered nothing. And the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed!” And Jesus said, “I am. It is as you said. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death!”

Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him in the face and asked Him, “Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?” And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Now Peter was sitting outside, below in the courtyard. And a certain servant-girl, one of the servant-girls of the high priest, the one who kept the door, saw Peter warming himself as he sat by the fire. She came to him, and said, “You are not also one of this Man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” She said, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” She looked intently at him and said, “This man was also with Him.” But Peter denied it before them all saying, “Woman, I do not know Him, I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch. And a rooster crowed.

And after a little while, when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and began to say to those who stood by, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth. This is one of them.” And again he denied it with an oath. He said, “Man, I am not. I do not know the Man.”

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean.” Those who stood by said to Peter: “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter therefore denied it again. He began to curse and swear, saying “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” And immediately,

while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

And when Peter thought about it, he went out and wept bitterly.

GRADUAL (from Psalm 130)

M: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

C: LORD, HEAR MY VOICE! LET YOUR EARS BE ATTENTIVE TO THE VOICE OF MY SUPPLICATION.

M: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

C: BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH YOU, THAT YOU MAY BE FEARED.

M: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I do hope.

C: MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING – YES, MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING.

M: O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy. And with Him is abundant redemption.

C: AND HE SHALL REDEEM ISRAEL FROM ALL HIS INIQUITIES.

The Apostle's Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 289 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*The Law Commands And Makes Us Know*"

SERMON: Luke 22:61-62

REMEMBER JESUS' WORDS

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." 62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 324:1, 5-8 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung*

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 376 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! We're very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Rick Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we're discussing the article:

"Marijuana, Medical Illness, And Violence."

FRIDAY: North Aurora Care Center Bible study: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE

CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at

4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering on Ash Wednesday was \$105.00, and on last

Sunday was \$1,245.35 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our

attendance on Ash Wednesday was 7, and on last Sunday was 17. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$872.00. Our expenses are currently all paid.

THE FEBRUARY CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

CLC NEWS: Teacher Nathan Wales has resigned his call at Holy Trinity Lutheran School,

West Columbia, SC, effective the end of this school year. Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has returned the call from Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN.

The preaching and hearing of God's Word are the Holy Spirit's instruments. By, with, and through these instruments the Spirit desires to work effectively, to convert people to God, and to work in them both to will and to do (Philippians 2:13).... God works through this means (i.e., the preaching and hearing of His Word). He breaks our hearts (Jeremiah 4:3-4) and draws us to Him (John 6:44). Through the preaching of the Law, a person comes to know his sins and God's wrath. He experiences in his heart true terrors, contrition, and sorrow. Through the preaching of, and reflection on, the Holy Gospel about the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ, a spark of faith is kindled in him. This faith accepts the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake and comforts itself with the Gospel promise. So the Holy Spirit (who does all this) is sent into the heart (Galatians 4:6). ... No conversion would follow (this preaching and hearing) if the power and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit were not added (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). The Spirit enlightens and converts hearts through the Word preached and heard. So people believe this Word and agree with it. ... [The preacher and the hearer] should be certain that when God's Word is preached purely and truly, according to God's command and will, and people listen attentively and seriously and meditate on it, God is certainly present with His grace. He grants, as has been said, what otherwise a person can neither accept nor give by his own powers. For we should not and cannot always judge from feeling about the presence, work, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as to how and when they are experienced in the heart. They are often covered and happen in great weakness. Therefore, we should be certain about and agree with the promise that God's Word preached and heard is truly an office and work of the Holy Spirit. He is certainly effective and works in our hearts by them (2 Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:5-6). (Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord II 52, 54-56)