



# Third Sunday of Lent

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DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL  
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CALLED BY GOD

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**C: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.**

L: We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.

**C: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

L: Having been reconciled, will we be saved by Jesus' life.

**C: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

GATHERING SONG: "Softly and Tenderly"

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### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Gracious God,

**C: We confess that we listen to the wrong voices and that we prevent others from hearing your call. We define people by their empty water jugs, and we fail to recognize how you are at work in surprising ways. Forgive us, claim us, and call us anew so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed our lives are transformed for the sake of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

L: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. Amen.

### GREETING

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tune our hearts to listen to your voice, O God. And help us to discern which voices to listen to in our daily lives. Meet us in our places of need and longing. And inspire us to trust in your call upon our lives. In the name of + Jesus, **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7 *Water from the rock in the wilderness*

PSALM: Psalm 95 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11 *Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 *Baptismal image: the woman at the well*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Sonja** Johnson

**Ashley** Rayhons

**Liam** Bartleson

**Ken** Melby

**Tim** Schmidt

**Hazel** Barloon

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Marge** Solberg

**Hayden** Despenas

**Lisa** Overlie

**Jennie** Spencer

**Clara** Eisenmann

**Carolyn** Price

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Bill** Hamm

**Jon** Ranheim

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **"Change My Heart O God"**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

## LORD' PRAYER

SENDING SONG: **"Lord, Reign in Me"** by Brenton Brown

Over all the earth You reign on high, every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim is that You'd reign in me again

*Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r, over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am so won't You reign in me again*

Over every thought over every word may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won't You reign in me again

## BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### **Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Altar Care: Jeanette Neuman

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Scripture Reader: Ken Korth

Ushers: Hanson family

Sound/Video Techs: Dave Midtgaard/Bruce Midtgaard

Piano: Karen Post

Song Leaders: Mark & Joy Newcom

Band: Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Dave Melby-guitar

Coffee Fellowship: Bell Choir

**Today's worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over K10W 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Gisle 'Doc' Bartleson from Joann Bartleson and family.