



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

AS WE GATHER: *Rolling Stones* - Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in Scripture, this Lenten sermon series centers around the compelling metaphor of stones. These metaphors illustrate God's will for our lives and our failure to trust, follow and obey Him in all things. These stones show us our sins and our need for a Savior, Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation. Join us this Lenten season as we journey to the Cross of Christ and the forgiveness that He won for us. This series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and continues Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #905

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
 Help us Thy name to sing;
 Help us to praise;
 Father all-glorious,
 O'er all victorious,
 Come and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless,
 And give Thy Word success,
 And let Thy righteousness
 On us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
 Thy sacred witness bear
 In this glad hour!
 Thou, who almighty art,
 Now rule in ev'ry heart,
 And ne'er from us depart,
 Spirit of pow'r.

- 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
 Eternal praises be
 Hence evermore!
 Thy sov'reign majesty
 May we in glory see,

And to eternity
Love and adore.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
We confess to you, Merciful Father,
People: That we struggle to trust Your wisdom and strength.

Pastor: We confess to you, Jesus, our Savior,
People: That we are overwhelmed by our sinful thoughts and desires.

Pastor: We confess to you, Spirit Comforter,
People: That we put our trust in worldly powers rather than in You.

Pastor: O Lord,
People: Have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,
People: Have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,
People: Have mercy. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection and confession)

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we struggle to

stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 17:37-50

³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-18a

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rolling Stones: Struggle”
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;

They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The
third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

We want to remind everyone to go in and create your profile and set your privacy levels in CCB. Visit drlc.org/ccb for all the information you need as well as the link to CCB. Remember to upload your photo to your CCB account by Palm Sunday to be entered to win the prize basket. You can also refer to login information sent to your email on 2/23 OR go to drlc.org/ccb for all the information! Lastly, Stephanie and Stacey are in the Fellowship Hall with technical support ALL morning today.

Call Committee Candidates - There are two more candidate Q&A evening opportunities. This Tuesday is Pastor Seth and Melinda Flick and Thursday is Pastor Jason and Laurel Zobel.

On March 27, we invite you to two unique events happening that day. Join us at 10 AM for an Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to 6th grade (7th grade and higher can volunteer & an interactive guided

Footsteps to the Cross experience. Learn more at www.drlc.org/events

Mission Haiti Update: so far, we have raised \$6,386 out of our goal of \$8750 (This includes both Church and School Offerings: Praise God!) That's roughly 255 pairs of shoes which means 255 children get to attend school! As a direct result of your generous donation.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As God's chosen ones, beloved sons and daughters of God, justified by faith and thereby at peace with God, let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church throughout the world, that all sin and causes of offense may be cast out of our lives by the power of the cross, so that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For people of every language and nation in the world, that all may be delivered from warfare, oppression, and violence, and live in the peace and safety God intends for His creatures. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, that they may defend the innocent, maintain justice, and establish peace. Comfort and guide the families of those who are deployed far away. By the death and resurrection of Your Son, reconcile us with our enemies that all may bear witness to Your power and peace. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick, facing surgery, or convalescing, that their sickness may be turned to health, and that they may experience the love of God through our care and concern. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the people of this congregation, that we make the good confession with our lips that Jesus is the Christ and also take up our cross to show the love of God with our lives. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who have gone before us in faith and have died, we give thanks. When our days on

earth come to a close, bring us to that place of never-ending praise, worship, and thanks to You in heavenly splendor. Let us pray to the Lord,
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Justified by faith, at peace with God, and called to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we entrust our prayers to the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Anniversary and Recognition of Faithful Service

Adam: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, with gratitude and joy we give thanks this day for our blessed brothers and sisters who serve our families here at Divine Redeemer faithfully. We praise the Lord that He has permitted them to serve His Church faithfully and that He has sustained and supported them and blessed their service among us.

Church and School staff anniversaries:

Adam: Vicki Beversdorf - 5 years

Jeff: Laina Uttech - 5 years

Adam: Seth Flick - 10 years

Jeff: Lynn Cox - 15 years

Adam: Kris Bahr - 20 years

Jeff: Jennifer Boris - 25 years

Adam: Nancy Bretzmann - 25 years

Jeff: Jeni Zimmer - 30 years

Adam: Karen Lippert - 35 years

Jeff: Jeff Schubert - 40 years

Jeff: We are thankful to Jesus for two specific sisters in Christ who have invested Christ's love into so many students throughout their teaching ministry. Nancy Bretzmann is celebrating 25 years of faithful service to Jesus. Cindy Stoltmann is celebrating 23 years of faithful service to Jesus. This is a combined total of 48 years of serving countless kids and forming them as followers of Jesus. At the end of this academic year, both of these gifts to Christ's ministry will be retiring. As a school and as a church, we just wanted to take a moment to say thank you. (invite the congregation to affirm these servants of the Lord)

Adam: We also acknowledge Pastor Jeff's retirement will occur this summer and we are thankful for the 40 years of ministry he's been given with the understanding that we will honor him later in the year as well.

Adam: Let us hear the Word of the Lord.

Philippians 1:3-8 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Jeff: Let us pray:

Gracious Father, You direct each person to use the gifts that they receive to serve others with strength that only You can provide. We give thanks to You for the faithful service of Your servants. Bless each one with wisdom and patience and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that with gladness they may continue to teach, serve, comfort, counsel and guide Your people on the way to life everlasting in Jesus name. Amen.

Adam: Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit be with you and bless and strengthen you for continued faithful service in His name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #804, vs. 1,2,5 *“O Worship the King”*

- 1 O worship the King,
 all-glorious above.
 O gratefully sing
 His pow’r and His love;
 Our shield and defender,
 the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor
 and girded with praise.

- 2 O tell of His might,
 O sing of His grace,
 Whose robe is the light,
 whose canopy space;
 His chariots of wrath
 the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is His path
 on the wings of the storm.

5 Frail children of dust
 and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
 nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
 how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
 redeemer, and friend!

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Lay Readers:

8:00AM: Jan Prox

10:30AM: Andy Portale

Acolytes:

8:00AM: Ava Lenz

10:30AM: Noah Garlock & Aaron Bronner

Sound:

8:00AM: Todd Radke

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Ben Wehmeier