

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:20-25 NIV "Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. 21 Declare what is to be, present it - let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me. 22 "Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 By Myself I have sworn, My Mouth has uttered in all integrity a Word that will not be revoked: Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear. 24 They will say of Me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against Him will come to Him and be put to shame. 25 But in the LORD all the descendants of Israel will be found righteous and will exult.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 4:1-7 Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the LORD Jesus to do this more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the LORD Jesus. 3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The LORD will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Historic Gospel (Sermon Text)

Matthew 15:21-28 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "LORD, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So His disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before Him. "LORD, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, LORD," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

3-Year Gospel

Luke 13:31-35 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to Him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill You." 32 He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the Third Day I will reach my goal.' 33 In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day - for surely no Prophet can die outside Jerusalem! 34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.'"



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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March 17th, 2019 Lent-2 Remeniscere Remember, LORD

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets or in BLACK ELH Hymnary p.60.

Suggested Hymn	ELH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	24 (3v)	LORD, Open Thou My Heart to Hear
Gloria Hymn Verse	283 (6v)	<i>Sing v.1</i> Glory Be to Jesus, Who in bitter..7
Psalm 91	Ps. 91 "3v"	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> 7
Hymn of the Day	257 (7v)	When In the Hour of Ut--most Need
Offertory Verse	283 (6v)	<i>Sing v.2</i> Lift we, then, our voices, Swell →
Distribution Hymn	313 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	524 (7v)	In Thee LORD, Have I Put My Trust

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Numbers 14:1-45	Num. 16:1-22	Num. 16:23-50	Num. 17:1-13	Num. 20:1-29	Nu 21:1-22:1
Luke 13:1-17	Luke 14:25-35	Luke 15:11-32	Luke 16:10-18	Luke 17:1-10	Luke 18:1-8

PROPERs for REMINISCERE SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY in LENT) ✧✧ MARCH 17TH

INTROIT Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindness, for they have been ever of old. Let not mine enemies triumph over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles! To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed. ...from Psalm 25

COLLECT O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives... **C: A—men.**

GRADUAL c: The troubles of my heart are enlarged. Bring me out of my distresses. Look upon my affliction and my pain, and forgive me all my sins. ...from Psalm 123

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

OT **Isaiah 45:20-25** "I AM the LORD your God" & there is none other.
Ep. **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7** (1 & Only Holy) God called us to live a holy life.
Go. **Matthew 15:21-28** Jesus tests & heals Canaanite woman's daughter.

Psalm 91 REFRAIN BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. **C: ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.**

#158 GLORIA: 1. Glory be to Jesus, - Who in bitter pains Poured for me the Life-Blood - From His sacred Veins!

OFFERTORY: 2. Grace and life eternal - In that Blood I find; Blest be His compassion, - In-fin-ite-ly kind! A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing.	David back working
Larry Rector (friend of Ron & Fay Schulz)	Undergoing tests for Parkinsons	
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon back from AK job. Andrea was in Tampa General	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her	
John Weber (Orpha)	John has/had surgery this week	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar	
Wendt family (Steve, Ethel & kin)	Comfort. Steve's mother passed away in AL	
Frances (Barb Wolkens' sister)	Frances had a surgery; came through it fine	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Carolyn & Don Miner	Joan Patrick
Treaters S/W	S: / W: Marquardts	Sun: / Wed: .

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sun. / Wed. Attendance (L.S.)	34 / (-) 21	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	7, 9	10, 9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. + \$. (1.3K)	YTD \$., (\$12.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, March 17 th	8:30 am	BibleStudy (Key Themes) Symbols: Fire
Lent-2C Remeniscere	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Remember Me, LORD	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Mon. Tue. - Thu. Fri. -	all-days -	Pastor in Clermont for Spring Softball
Wednesday 3/20	430,515,6	Lent-2Wed. Vespers; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible St.
Next Sunday 3/24	8:30 am	BibleStudy Key Symbols: Idolatry/Adult.
Oculi ☉☉ Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
3 rd Sunday in Lent	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✧ We so heartily thank (visiting rabbi) **The Rev. Alexander K. Ring** for sharing the (Law AND) Gospel and his (better half) **Caroline** for accompanying Worship ...well
Sunday 3/24 **Oculi Lent-3C (No LS p.5) 32 (158.1; Ps.91) 263 158.3 151 354**

REMINISCERE LENT-2 Matthew 15:21-28 "THE SILENT GOD" 03.17.19 AKR

PRAYER *Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us, we beseech You, by the Holy Spirit, that He may strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy, so that although we have reason to fear because of our conscience, our sin, and our unworthiness, we may nevertheless with the woman of Canaan hold fast to Your grace, and in every trial and temptation find You a ready help and refuge; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, the one true God now and forever. Amen.*

In the Name of the One Who promises to hear the prayers of His children, dear fellow redeemed:

THE SILENT GOD

We should understand that when the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away", they do not intend to be rude or unmerciful. Just the opposite, they believe they are doing something good, or at least doing the right thing. Mark helps us to understand this when he relates this incident, telling us that when Jesus "arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet" (St. Mark 7:24-25). Very often when we hear the story of the Canaanite woman we tend to picture Jesus walking along the road, going to His next destination. Mark tells us that Jesus was in fact at a home looking for a little bit of privacy, some quiet time to relax, but this woman was making it impossible for this plan to work, because when she heard Jesus was in the area she found the house, found Jesus and kept crying out for Him to help her daughter. So much for the plan of no one knowing where Jesus was.

We are not told how long this little drama played out, but it was long enough so that the disciples decided that something had to be done if anything was going to get salvaged of the plan. They had interpreted Jesus' silence to mean that Jesus did not intend to help this woman. She, apparently, was not smart enough to take the hint, and as far as the disciples were concerned there were a lot of good reasons why Jesus might not help this woman or her daughter. She was a Canaanite, a member of those people who had occupied the land God had promised to the children of Israel, a member of the people that had caused no end of problems for the Jews from the time they had crossed into the land with Joshua. They had violently opposed their entry into the land, subverted the people of God with ungodly customs and practices, and had often allied themselves with Israel's enemies. That a daughter of this people should be possessed by a demon was probably just desserts in the minds of the disciples.

Even ignoring any racial guilt she held, perhaps they may have reasoned this woman or her daughter had themselves done something so terrible that God was now punishing her, that they deserved to suffer, and this was why Jesus was silent to her pleas. Perhaps she had disobeyed God once too often, and now she was reaping the bitter fruit of her disobedience. Or maybe she was one of those people who was just irritating. Try as you will to like them, you just can't; everything they do just rubs you the wrong way, and so you try your best to ignore them and just hope they go away and bother someone else. As she kept crying out for help, this last option was probably climbing higher on the disciples' list of

reasons. Very likely they had already tried to get rid of her themselves; you might recall they had once shooed mothers and children away from Jesus. But this woman had apparently ignored them and their orders to leave, so now they come to Jesus saying, "Lord, send her away. It's fine by us if You've chosen not to help her, but please, isn't it now time to get rid of her?"

But Jesus is not on their timetable, or the woman's, He is on His. The disciples interpret the silence of Jesus to be a refusal, and we can understand that, since we tend to interpret the silence of God that way as well. But the woman sees something else in Jesus' silence. Coming on behalf of her daughter, the woman herself acts like a child coming before a parent asking for something they want. She has adopted a child's logic which says, "Jesus hasn't said 'No', therefore He may still say 'Yes'. Therefore until I get a clear answer, I'm going to keep asking." Every parent becomes familiar with this logic as soon as their child can put together sentences. It is often first encountered when children begin asking for a pet. "Can we get a pet?", the child will ask. And not wanting to say no, but not really wanting to discuss the question, a parent might try a vague answer like, "We'll see." An adult might take the hint and stop questioning, but a child won't.

"When will we see?"

"I don't know, we'll talk about it with mom sometime."

"When will we talk about it with mom? Can we do it tomorrow?"

"We'll see, I have to ask your mom."

"Will you ask her tonight?"

"Maybe, if she's not too tired."

"You could ask her right away when you see her, then she wouldn't be too tired."

Unless you come right out and say "No, absolutely not," you know what will happen, you will end up with a dog, or a cat, or a goldfish. As long as the parent never gives a definitive answer, the child figures there's still a chance for "yes" and will keep crying out after you for what they want. Ambiguity, or even silence, is not interpreted as a refusal, ironically it is interpreted as an invitation for further petitioning until a concrete, definitive answer is given.

So here. The woman refuses to be deterred by Jesus' silence, because she knows that in the end it isn't an answer. Nor will she be put off by His first two responses, because they too, are not really answers to her petition.

Thus Jesus commends her for her faith. Not for her persistence; Jesus isn't commending the fact that she kept asking, but for what *motivated* her to keep asking. It may seem like a fine point, but it is important. Jesus is not saying, "If you keep on asking, God will eventually give you what you want." Rather He is commending the fact that in her faith she knows God is never deaf to the cries of His people. Her faith will not allow her to interpret God's silence as rejection. It simply meant that God was working on His own timetable. So she continued to ask, trusting that God would eventually answer her prayer. He might eventually answer "no", and the same faith that drove her persistence would have accepted the "no" answer as well.

This is why this text is a comfort to us as Christians, because the situation of this woman is not unknown to us. Our lives, too, often have the appearance that Satan is having his way with us. Even worse, at times it can seem that God is a willing accomplice, or at least ambivalent on the matter. Silent to our prayers and concerns. And like the disciples, when God, when Jesus is silent, we can be tempted to fill that silence with our own answers; we try and speak for Him. And the answers we come up with are usually not very comforting. We start to ask ourselves, Why would God be silent, and then we look back on our lives and try and find reasons. And we have no trouble finding them. We know that we have been among those who have caused no end of problems for others, perhaps even by our sin have subverted others, led others to sin with ungodly words, or actions or practices. That God should not help us would be just desserts. We have done things worthy of the punishment of God, and have deserved to reap the bitter fruit of our disobedience. By our words and actions we have been irritants to God; and worse, then cozied up to God, thinking we could still get in good with Him, that He should be pleased with us and our piety, all the time offending Him with the filth and stink of our sin.

Yet even in His silence, God does not ignore us, nor does He simply dismiss us or send us away. Nor is God punishing us for some great sin we've done. We tend to think that God's silence is a result of His justice against sin, but the truth is that for God to punish us for our sin, or ignore us, or be silent toward us would be a great injustice. God cannot punish us for sin, because He has already punished Jesus. Jesus became the troublemaker, the offender, the irritant; Jesus became the sinner in our place and suffered the punishment for our sins on the Cross. God cannot ignore us, for on the Cross, God ignored Jesus, forsook Him and left Him to suffer hell so that we would not have to. Because of our faith in Jesus we are no longer an offense to God; we are welcome, even encouraged to come to Him. At times we may experience what seems to be the silence of God, but God is not ignoring us, any more than a loving parent would ignore their child. He is inviting us to further prayer. Not as if our first prayers were not quite good enough, or weren't pretty enough, or didn't have enough faith, but as a reminder of where our help lies. God would also have us grow into that childlike faith that says, "So long as I don't hear "no", the answer might be "yes". And even if I hear "no", I can be sure that it is the best decision for me, that it is the answer given by my loving heavenly Father who will only allow the best to happen to His children, who is powerful and loving enough that He even takes what is evil and uses it for my good.

Which is also why we call this Sunday "**Reminiscere**", the Latin word for "**Remember**". When troubles enter our life, or when we believe that God is being silent, we tend to remember our sins and all the reasons why we deserve to be punished. God would have us remember His tender mercies and loving-kindnesses. Like that woman, God would have us look through the troubles that He at times allows in our life and by faith trust in the working of a loving, Heavenly Father. God would have us look through the crosses of this life and remember the Cross of Jesus, and trust in the love and mercy of the One who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and thus with Him promises to freely give us all things. To be persuaded with St. Paul that

neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, (not even silence), shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***IJ/N, Gloria Patri... SDG***

Possible Prayer of the Church Lent-2 Reminiscere March 17th, 2019
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs. Possible brief silence

Almighty Father, let Your Word continue to be preached in its fullness among us, and grant us grace to submit to its accusing and killing Law, so we receive and believe the sweet forgiving and resurrecting Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, sin has caused our bodies and minds to be crippled and weakened. In Your mercy, be with those who seek to overcome the all-consuming war with addiction. Provide family, friends and professionals to love and treat our neighbors and be lights of Your mercy to hurting hearts and minds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As a loving Father, You call us to lives of holiness and faith in Your wise providence. In our ongoing struggles against unbelief and doubt, discipline us as Your dear children, that we learn to know and trust Your forgiveness and unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You are the Great Physician of both body and soul. You chasten and You heal. According to Your gracious will, provide healing and health to those suffering in body and mind, *especially [OSL Prayer List]*

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If it be Your will that they remain under their cross, give them grace sufficient to endure in peace and hope of the glory to come in the Resurrection on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, as we continue our spiritual journey to the Cross and Resurrection this Lententide, abide with us here and now. Keep before us the certainty of our own death. Help us to confess and forsake our sins and to rejoice that Your Son, Jesus Christ, carried the weight of all sin to the cross for us. Remind us, in the midst of death, that we are in Him who is life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray You, be the companion of the lonely and mourning. Strengthen them and us through Your promise that those who loved and served You on earth now rest from their labors, awaiting the resurrection. Thank You for the unspeakable comfort of the Eucharist, for where Jesus is present in His true body and blood, we know also there are "angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** +++ Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting Your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lords' Supper, p.72...**