

# Repent or Perish

## The Parable of the Fig Tree

Luke 13:1-9

### **Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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**Lent 3 - March 24, 2019**

#### **Invocation**

P: In bringing many to glory, it was fitting that God should make the author of our salvation perfect through suffering. Therefore:

**C: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:2

**The Confession of Sins and Absolution based on Exodus**

P: For having other gods before you, for indifference to your might and power, for thinking that security lies in me rather than in you:

**C: Let me remember and turn to you and trust in you, O Lord.**

P: For using your name without respect, for cursing and swearing without thinking, for the lack of prayer and praise in my life:

**C: Do not let me ever forget that your name is holy, Lord.**

P: For ignoring the meaning of the Sabbath, for forsaking the assembly of the believers, for honoring you with my lips and not with my life:

**C: Forgive me for saying one thing and doing another Lord.**

P: For not honoring those who are over me, for my lack of concern for my parents, for evading my responsibility as a citizen:

**C: Help me to see through rationalizations and excuses, and to give honor to whom honor is due, Lord.**

P: For the ways I cheapen human life and mistreat my own body, for the desire to get even when I have been wronged, for nourishing hatred and allowing it to grow:

**C: Let me never hurt someone intentionally or cause them physical harm.**

P: For making light of the marriage bond, for nourishing impure and lustful thoughts:

**C: Help me to control myself, O God, and give me the desire to want to be pure.**

P: For my lack of concern for my neighbor’s needs, for the poor use I make of my time, abilities, and possessions, for stealing and calling it something else:

**C: Let me treat others as I want to be treated.**

P: For careless words that can damage someone else’s reputation, for making fun of others, for talking unkindly about other people:


**C: Let me learn to speak the truth in love.**

P: For trying to get what someone else has, for thinking that happiness lies in material things, for jealousy which eats away at contentment:

**C: Teach me what the most important things in life are.**

**Response:**

Tune: Abide With Me – 588CW – Tune Public Domain



Cre - ate in me, O God, a spot - less heart,  
Re - new in me a spir - it that is right,  
And from your pres - ence nev - er make me part  
Or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from my sight.

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Be of good cheer: your sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, purifies us from every sin. In the joy of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

**Sing:**

**Restore to me salvation's joy, O Lord;  
Give me a willing spirit; keep me true.  
Then I will teach transgressors in your Word,  
and many sinners will turn back to you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Luke's Passion History – Part Three

## *Peter's Denial and Jesus on Trial Before the High Priest*

<sup>55</sup> But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup> The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. <sup>64</sup> They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" <sup>65</sup> And they said many other insulting things to him.

<sup>66</sup> At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. <sup>67</sup> "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, <sup>68</sup> and if I asked you, you would not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." <sup>70</sup> They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am." <sup>71</sup> Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Hymn – *"When O'er My Sins I Sorrow"***

**CW 109**

# **Sermon – Repentance, Grace, and Fruits of Faith**

**Luke 13:1-9**

## ***Repentance***

<sup>1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

## ***Grace***

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.

## ***Fruits of Faith***

<sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”

## **Confession of Faith - Apostle's Creed**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

## **Offering and Signing of Friendship Register**

**Hymn of the Day – “Christ the Life of All the Living”**

**CW 114 vv 1-3**

## Children's Lesson

### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

#### Blessing

Closing Hymn - *"Christ the Life of All the Living"*

CW 114 vv 5-7

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did thy foes accuse thee – Thence I gain security.  
Comfortless thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently.  
Even death by crucifixion, Full to atone for me.  
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my death should be prevented  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon For thy sorrows deep and sore.  
For thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,  
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, For thy bleeding and thy dying  
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.**

## CALENDAR – March 24

Today	8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45a Annual Town Meeting 12p Catechism
Monday	NO SCHOOL March 25-29 7p Outreach and Adult Discipleship
Tuesday	10:30a Sr. Bible Study 7p Sunday School Staff
Wednesday	6p Dinner (hot dog bar) 7p Devotion “ <i>Watch and Pray</i> ” NO CHOIR
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday	8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p Catechism

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL TOWN/VOTER MEETING;** Please join us at 11:45a for our Annual Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer’s Ministry.

**RMLHS PRESENTS “Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.”** Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School is performing “Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.” on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, at 7p. Performances will take place at Lord of Life in Thornton. Tickets are on sale now. Reserved seats \$10, walk-in \$8, students (K-12) \$5. Call 303-346-1947 to reserve seats.

**SILENT AUCTION:** COR’s 50K for 50 Years Silent Auction will run through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and bid anytime! Proceeds for the 50K for 50 Years will help update our playground equipment. If you would like to give directly to the fund, please mark 50K for 50 on your offering.

**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> DINNER:** We are doing a “Retro Potluck Hot Lunch” theme. We’ve missed those pizza burgers, tater tot hotdishes and rice crispy bars! Please sign up to bring something! Sign-up sheet on the table in the entrance hall. A free-will offering will be taken – proceeds going to our 50K for 50 Years.

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Worship at 9a) and Thursdays  
at 7p

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on Video Broadcast.
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