

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

WELCOME / BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“God Himself Is Present”

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

The LORD gives Israel the Ten Commandments after rescuing them from slavery in Egypt. These commandments express how we are to show our love for God and for our neighbors.

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

God's wisdom appears foolish to the "wise" of this world. Instead of sending a powerful earthly warrior, God chose a suffering Savior as His way of saving the world.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE

“Return to the Lord”

LSB pg 157

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-25 (ESV)

Jesus condemns those who turned God's house of worship into a place of profit. When a sign is demanded of him, Jesus points to his coming victory over death.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the second chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him,

"What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Dunbar

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

#718

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

#435

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#850

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Ben Francisco, Faith Lutheran Church & School, York

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

Joan Luebbe recovering from surgery for a broken hip

For Our Congregation and Community:

Dealing with an illness: Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Derek Glassman, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Jackie Corner, Jeff Wellman, Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Declining Health: Norma Ehlers

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In Response to God's Love

February 28: Total Attendance: 169 Sunday School: 20

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(03-07-21) Acolyte: Devin Slawynk Lay Reader: Gene Schlechte Organist: Donneta Schmieding

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (03-07)	9:00 AM	Worship /Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (03-08)	-----	NO Afternoon Bible Study
	-----	Pastor out of office at Spring Conference in York
TUESDAY (03-09)	-----	Pastor out of office at Spring Conference in York
	7:00 PM	Administrative Meetings
WEDNESDAY (03-10)	8:20 AM	Chapel 7th & 8th Grades
	9:00 AM	Kindergarten Roundup
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Lent Worship Service
THURSDAY (03-11)	-----	NO School
FRIDAY (03-12)	-----	NO School
	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (03-13)	-----	
SUNDAY (03-14)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 03-01-21	Amount received 02-28-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$10,499.00		\$110,613.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$7,702.00		
Total	\$10,499.00	\$15,814.00	\$118,316.00	\$138,174.00	-\$19,858.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$250.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$50.00		\$225.00	Teacherage Fund	\$125.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,055.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$140.00	\$86.00	\$2,755.00	\$2,500.00	\$255.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

St. Paul Lutheran School (Utica) will have Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children who are or will be 5 years old before July 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. You are also invited to attend our school chapel at 8:35. There will be special activities for the children, while the parents will have an opportunity to receive information about our program and address any questions or concerns. Letters of invitation have been sent to those names we currently have on our list. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know someone who might be interested in this Christ-centered educational opportunity, please call the school at 534-2121 or Mrs. Luebbe's cell at 641-9383.

The family of Emil Lampe wishes to say thank you for all of the sympathy cards, memorial gifts and kindness after Emil's death.

Lenten Devotion Booklets Available These booklets are short daily devotions for your family to use Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. They are based around our worship theme, "Return to the Lord" (Joel 2:13), and are available at the Welcome Center.

Lutheran Basics Class Pastor Dunbar is teaching a six-week class on Lutheran teaching (based on the Small Catechism) started on Sunday, February 21st. This class is open to anyone interested in church membership or as a refresher course for current members. We will meet in the choir room (next to the sanctuary) during the Sunday School hour.

NEW Women's Bible Study Group

Here is an opportunity for women in our congregation to have a midweek refocus on their faith during this season of Lent. Started Ash Wednesday (2/17) a group will be meeting in the fellowship hall every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm. No homework or prep necessary! Just come and enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship and time in God's Word. If you have any questions, please contact Lana Hoffschneider.

Main Street Living offers special Palm Sunday programming Main Street Living will be airing an actual tour of the Holy Land on Palm Sunday. The tour visits sites in the Holy Land that are significant in the life and ministry Jesus Christ. This tour will be an hour long program and will replace both the "This is the Life" segment and the worship service. It is the hope of Main Street Living that this tour will bring everyone a new understanding of Jesus and where He taught. Come and see the sights on The Eternal Rock Tour - Palm Sunday March 28, 2021. From His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Mount of Olives, betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Crucifixion, to His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This tour will also be accessed through the MSL web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.