



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, March 4th, 2018 The Third Sunday of Lent

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, as we remember the sacrifice Jesus paid for us on the cross, help us to realize what this cost our Lord. We realize the difficulties that we face, and the poor job we have done with our response Your Word. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 409 – He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Dearest Lord Jesus, help us to live your Gospel in our lives as you would want us to live, guided by your Law, but saved by your sacrifice on the Cross of Redemption. Help us to be worthy of your gift to us. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

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."

PSALM - Psalm 19 with Doxology (ESV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1st Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)**Christ the Wisdom and Power of God**

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."

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-25 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.**Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

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.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON *“Psalm 8:4: What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou shalt care for him?”* **Pastor Steve Dygert'**

SERMON HYMN:238 - Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; [God of God], Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. "Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

THE OFFERING: 555 - Deep River, Pastor Steve

We will sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE, Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER; WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE; THE DISTRIBUTION; THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 554, My Savior, First of All

Aaronic Blessing THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL, Congregational Song Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	Let there be peace on earth
	And let it begin with me

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship

our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will be celebrating our Maundy Service with the Lord's Supper Service around 6 pm on March 29th, immediately following our Soup and Sandwich meal together. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship immediately following after the meal. We will sign up for soup and sandwich commitments next Sunday, the 11th of March.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a Stripping of the Altar Service at 6 pm on March 30th at 6 pm. Pastor's Tony and Steve have a special service for this event.

TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: On Good Friday the church will be open starting at 1 pm for prayer and a message at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve at any time during the 3 hours for prayer and a short message for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross.

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!: Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

We Serve Today, March 4th:

Reader: Geri McGary

Offering: Jeff and Bev Cisco

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson

Greeter: Geri McGary

We Serve Next Sunday, March 11st:

Reader: Sheryl Sinico

Offering: Jeff and Bev Cisco

Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson

Greeter: Geri McGary

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert

Bible Study 1: Sunday 11 A.M. Sunday

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Anniversary: July 4th

