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Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184
February 9, 2020

As We Gather ~ *Grace Alone*

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

Announcements

(Please stand, if able)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession/Absolution LSB 184

Entrance Hymn *"O Word of God Incarnate"* LSB 523

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 17:1–7*

1All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from
the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment
of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for
the people to drink. 2Therefore the people quarreled with Moses
and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why
do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” 3But the
people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against
Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us
and our children and our livestock with thirst?” 4So Moses cried to
the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready
to stone me.” 5And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the
people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in
your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6Behold,
I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall
strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will
drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7And
he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of
the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the
LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
Arise, O LORD!
Let not man prevail.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5*

24Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if able)

Alleluia LSB 190

Holy Gospel *Matthew 20:1–16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them
into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw oth-
ers standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, ‘You go
into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ 5So they
went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he
did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found
others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle
all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said
to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ 8And when evening came,
the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers
and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’
9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of
them received a denarius. 10Now when those hired first came, they
thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a
denarius. 11And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the
house, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have
made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and
the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am
doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?
14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last
worker as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose
with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’
16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

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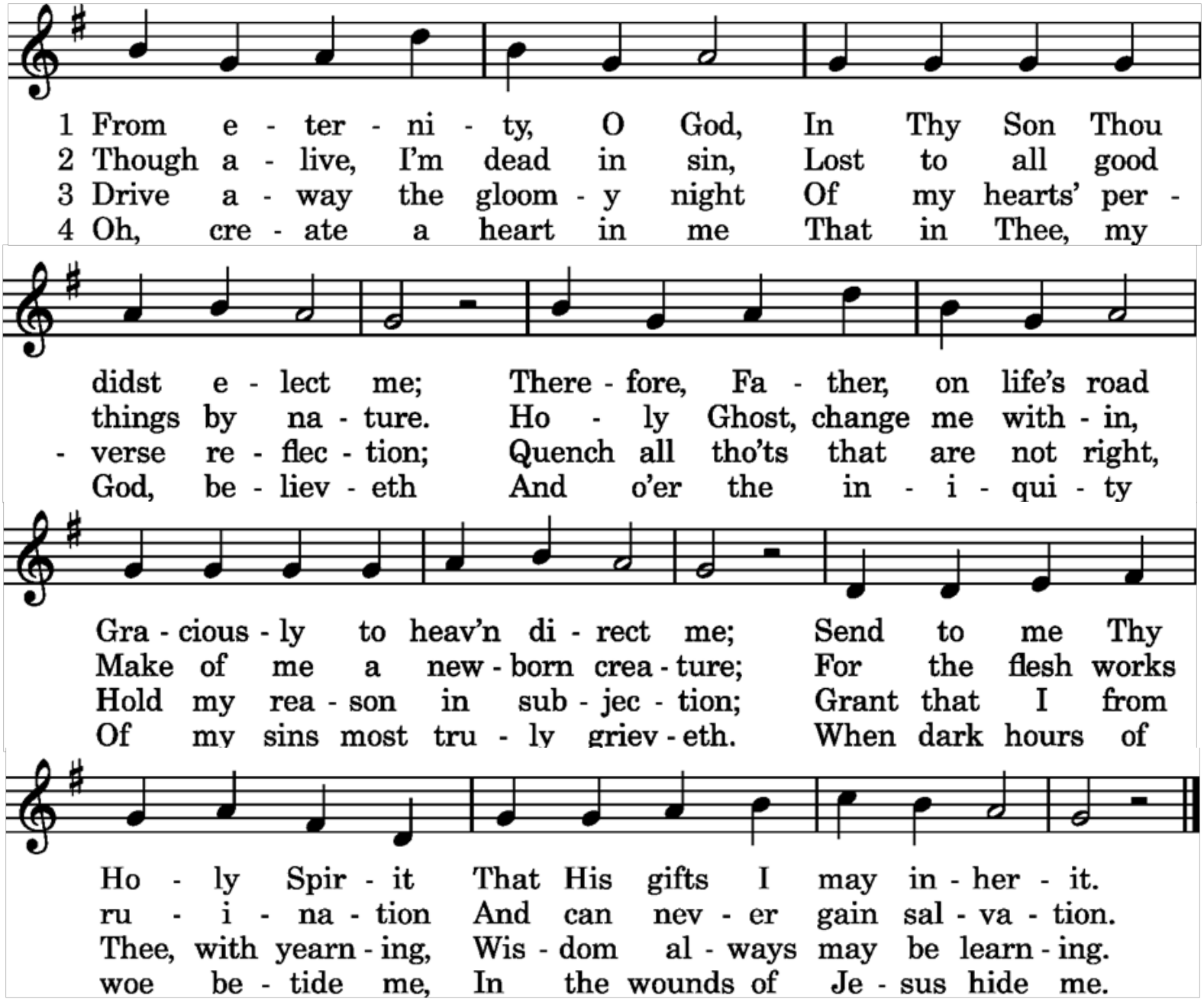
Hymn *“From Eternity, O God”* TLH 411



5 As a branch upon a vine
In my blessed Lord implant me;
Ever of my Head divine
To remain a member grant me.
Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior,
Be my Life and Love forever!

6 Faith and hope and charity
Graciously, O Father, give me;
Be my Guardian constantly
That the devil may not grieve me;
Grant me humbleness and gladness,
Peace and patience in my sadness.

7 Help me speak what's right and good
And keep silence on occasion;
Help me pray, Lord, as I should,
Help me bear my tribulation;
Help me die and let my spirit
Everlasting life inherit.

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Sermon "With What Is His" *Matthew 20:15*

(Please stand, if able)

Offertory LSB 192

(Please be seated)

Offering

(Please stand, if able)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

(Please be seated)

Distribution Hymns
"Salvation unto Us Has Come" LSB 555
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643

(Please stand, if able)

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect LSB 201

Salutation and Benedicamus LSB 201

Benediction LSB 202

Hymn *"By Grace I'm Saved"* LSB 566

Welcome! ***Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.***

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Isaiah 55:10–13, 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9 and Luke 8:4–15.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see *Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20* and *1 Cor. 11:17-34*. Thank you.

Sunday School: "Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth" is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss, "How does sin blind our eyes to the Savior and cause us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death?"

Stewardship: Matt. 20:9 – "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God's being.

Building Healthy Families for Feb. 9th: Valentine's Day is coming soon! This year, try something new: Go through the entire day WITHOUT saying, "I love you!" What? Instead, look for other ways to say it! How about, "My life is better because you are in it," or "I am so proud that you are my daughter," or "I am so thankful that God brought you into my life." Be creative! And remember – on Valentine's Day and always - how much you are loved by your Father (John 15:9-17) ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

Life Quote for Feb. 9th: "Our sexuality can glorify God by demonstrating the beauty of both flourishing and forgiveness. And the good news about this is that every single Christian can express the truth of at least one of those options. If you did not follow God's plan for flourishing, you haven't blown your chance to honor and glorify God with your body. Acknowledging where you rejected His wisdom, accepting His forgiveness, and living in the joy of that peace also points others to the glory of God." Amy K. Hall, Stand to Reason ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheranforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb 16th: Hear "Happy Families Are All Alike" based on Genesis 50:15-26 by Guest Speaker Dr. Dean Nadasdy. God is at work to bring about His good purpose, even in unhappy families. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Defending Boyhood, The Academy Awards, The Death of Education, Rebuilding Institutions and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lent and Easter Brunch sign-ups are on the entryway table.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/16--2/22 is **Schutt/Shell.** Household(s) responsible for the week of 2/23--2/29 is **Sittig.** If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is $50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Birthdays this week

Kistie Johnson...Tuesday

Carmen Wiebold...Thursday

June Routier...Friday

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work

Wednesday, February 12th

5th/6th Grades

Sacrament of the Altar:

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

7/8th Grades

Office of the Keys: *What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?*

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Joel McDonough
	Greeter:	Koch
	Ushers:	Ben & Oliver Louden
	Servers:	Sharon Krumm & Maralee Kruse
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Joey & Elizabeth Koepp
NEXT SUNDAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Ken Mergen
	Greeter:	Koepp
	Ushers:	Randy Carnine & Kevin Schultz
	Servers:	Sherry Baker & Kathy Stanek
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Sophia & Lauren Louden

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

February 2, 2020

Attendance	52
Communion	38
General	$4030.00
Missions	$182.00

WEEK AHEAD

TODAY	8am	Council Meeting
	9am	Septuagesima
	10:30am	Christian Education/Bible Study
MONDAY	11:30am	LWML
TUESDAY	9am	Winkle
WEDNESDAY	4-5:30pm	5th/6th Grade Confirmation
	5:30-7pm	7th/8th Grade Confirmation
THURSDAY		No Bible Study
SATURDAY	9am	LWML Zone Board Meeting at Immanuel
NEXT SUN.	9am	Sexagesima
	10:30am	Christian Education/Bible Study

Creation and Re-Creation: Christ's Holy Week Work as Witness to Days of Creation

Sermon Series for the Season of Lent

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Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. These words, taken from the Rite of the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, recall for us the curse of the Fall into sin in Genesis 3. God's perfect creation was cursed, as the pinnacle of creation, the one's created and placed into a position of stewardship failed into their duty. Rather than being like children and trusting in their Father to care, nurture, and sustain them, even through simple means, such as one, clear Word of command and promise, they sought to be like God. As the parents, so are the children. From the fall, all mankind is cursed with returning to dust. In those words of cursing, hope was given; a promise from God was made. From the dust, a Savior would be born to restore mankind. From the cross, that very promised Man cries it to be completed, and the payment for sin finished. Three days later, that same man would rise. Dust returning to dust and then waking from the dust to life eternal. God took on flesh, became one of the dust, to restore man to its rightful place and bestows upon you, through faith in His simple words of command and promise, heirs of the Kingdom of God. This Lent, we are going to look at Christ's work of Creation and Re-Creation, specifically as He bears witness to the days of Creation through His work during Holy Week. We will note parallels of Genesis 1-2, with Jesus life from Palm Sunday through Easter. We also have the added joy of welcoming four of our fellow Circuit Pastor's to proclaim to us God's clear words of command and promise, His Law and Gospel. This Lent is marked as even more special, as we will on March 25 celebrate the Annunciation of Our Lord. Nine months before Christmas, it is the day we recall the announcement to Mary of her pregnancy, and the incarnation of our Lord—Jesus in the flesh! It is a day of all days, as we mark God-in-the-flesh for the first time, His first step in redeeming man from his fallen state. Please plan to join us as we walk from Ash Wednesday (February 26) to the Resurrection of Our Lord (April 12) hearing Creation & Re-Creation: Christ's Holy Week Work as Witness to Days of Creation.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
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Ash Wednesday
February 26
Meal will be served at 5:15pm followed by the service at 6:30pm

Mid-Week Evening Prayer Services
Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, March 18
Wednesday, April 1
Meal will be served at 5:15pm followed by the service at 6:30pm

The Annunciation of Our Lord Evening Prayer Service
Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30pm

Palm Sunday/Confirmation
April 5

Holy Week Prayer Services
Monday, April 6 at noon
Tuesday, April 7 at noon
Wednesday, April 8 at noon

Holy Thursday
April 9 at 6:30pm

Good Friday
April 10 at 6:30pm

Holy Saturday Prayer Service
April 11 at noon

Easter Vigil Service
April 11 at 6:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service
April 12 at 6:30am

Ressurection of Our Lord
April 12 at 9:00am

Summer Camp Registration: NOW OPEN!

Summer Camp Theme:
Teach Us To Pray
Luke 11:1-13

Head on over to our newly updated website at www.campiodiseca.org and click on the Summer Camp tab for information on all of our camps and to register. You can register by completing the online registration process or by downloading a registration form and submitting that.

We're also please to announce our summer camp theme for the summer of 2019: Teach Us To Pray: *Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." - Luke 11: 1*

We're incredibly excited for another fantastic summer and we hope you'll be a part of it! Registrations are already pouring in, so be sure to get your registration in soon! If you're not able to make it out for summer camp, please come support Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca at our I BELIEVE IN CAMP Fundraiser Auction and 1-Mile/5K fun runs for 2021 summer camp scholarships on August 1.

2020 Summer Camp Staff

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca is one of dozens of Lutheran camps across the country looking for college-aged young adults to make a difference in the lives of children. The opportunity to serve at a camp awaits. Go to www.nloma.org to start your summer camp service today!

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca also needs Junior Counselors (JC's) to assist the summer program. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. JCs spend the week with a cabin group enjoying the many camp activities and serving as a positive role model and motivator for younger campers while helping the cabin counselors supervise younger campers. It's a great experience for only $100 per week. Please contact Camp Director, Daniel Sanchez by emailing director@iodiseca.org for more information or to receive an application.

To Eat and to Drink

If the Lord's Supper is God's gift, why is it connected to confirmation education?

The Lord's Supper is a gift to Christians, as we teach our children in the Small Catechism: "given for us Christians to eat and to drink." Confirmation is not commanded by God. The Church in her liberty has been using confirmation to make sure that children are instructed in the Christian faith.

We need to know what the gift is that we are receiving (1 Cor. 11:29). This means not only knowing that the bread and wine are Christ's body and blood, but that they are received in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins. Luther's Small Catechism teaches this well.

Notice what parts of the catechism are at play in teaching someone to know the gifts he is receiving in the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith. Desiring the forgiveness of sins requires knowledge of repentance (Ten Commandments, Confession). The desire for the forgiveness of sins is faith in Christ and what He has done (the Creed, or who God is and what He has done).

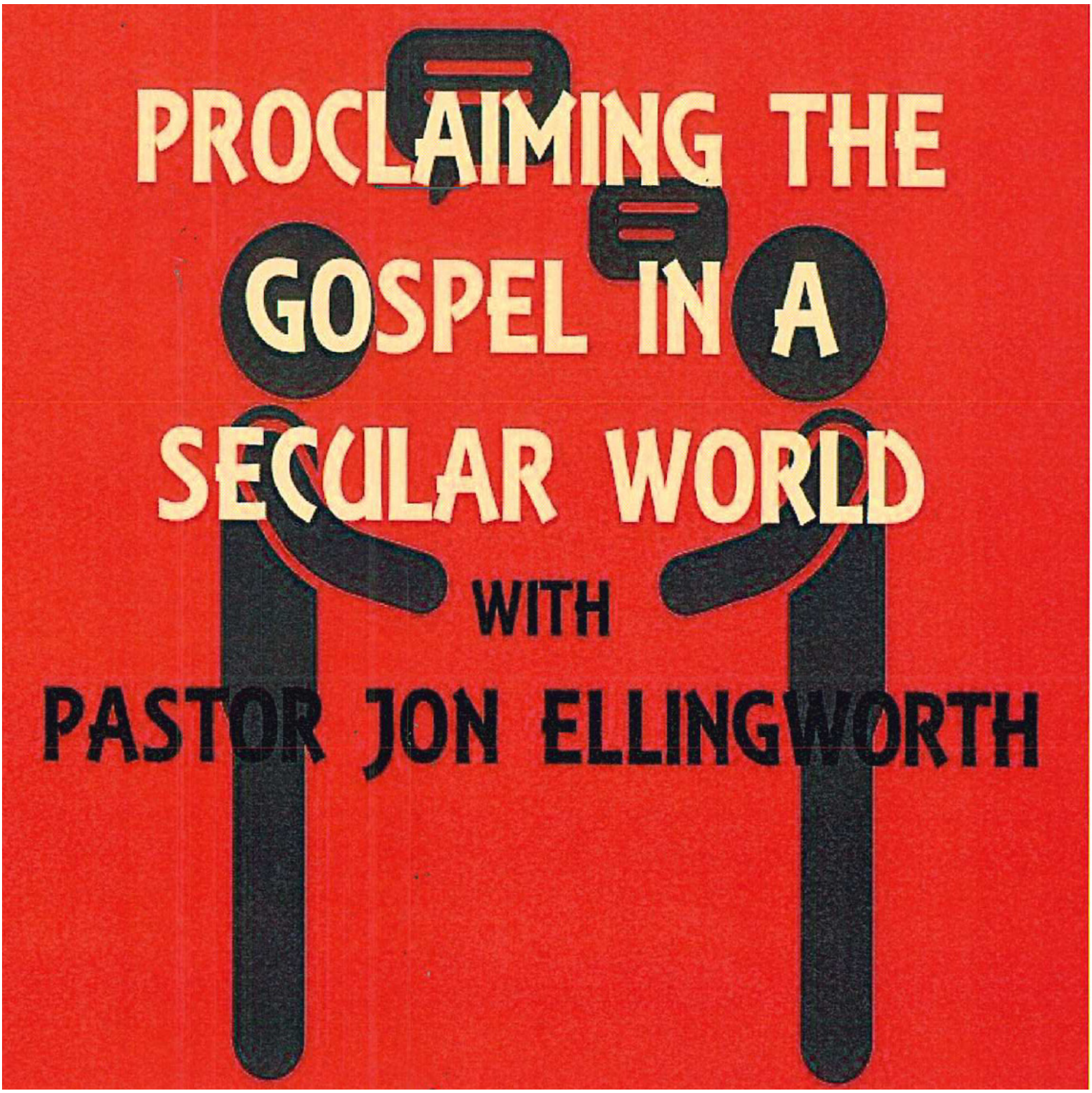
When we repent, thank God for the Lord's Supper and use the Lord's Supper for strength in temptation, we pray as Jesus taught us to (Lord's Prayer). When we have confidence that the Lord's Supper is for God's children, we base this confidence on God's Word to us in Baptism. And obviously we should know what the Lord's Supper is, its benefits and how we receive it properly (Sacrament of the Altar).

Additionally, we need to be able to examine ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28). We examine ourselves in the light of the Ten Commandments (the Law), but also in the light of who God is and what He has done for us in Christ (the Gospel). We are only able to do this if we are taught the Word of God. The Small Catechism does a wonderful job of instructing us.

The Lord's Supper is not a gift to be given to just anyone. It is for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and desire God's Word (Acts 2:42;1 Peter 2:2). Confirmation is not necessary, but instruction is. Confirmation is a good tradition that helps us instruct people for properly receiving the Lord's Supper.

The Lutheran Witness

by Mark Preus



IDE Sr. High Retreat

Friday, April 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM

3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, IA 52333