# Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 4, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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<ul> <li>INTROIT</li> <li>Ps. 69:14–16; antiphon: Ps.</li> <li>P: For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches those who reproach You have fallen on me.</li> <li>C: Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.</li> <li>P: Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or pit close its mouth over me.</li> <li>C: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.</li> </ul>	of m
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saving, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "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. 5 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, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 "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. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 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. 11 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. <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> "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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles. 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
<sup>14</sup> In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not

make My Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume Me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do You show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking about the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> 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.

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1 To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.

This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

- 2 I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child. Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

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## THIS WEEK AT CLC — (3/4/18 – 3/11/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: April calendar events due

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year

Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

# **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE** (Week ending February 25, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$5263.75; Blessings: \$10.50; Road Sign:

\$140.00

Attendance: Thursday: 49; Sunday: 105

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!

**LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP** continues this Thursday as we examine "The Gift of Light".

All **PIZZA SALE** order forms need to be placed in Grace Pfingsten's mailbox by this Sunday, March 4.

## "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to 'deliver us from evil.' We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a 'right.' May God have mercy on us." Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) – (www.lutheransforlife.org)

