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Divine Setting Three ~ LSB 184

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As We Gather ~ Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

Announcements

(Please stand, if able)

(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184

Entrance Hymn “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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

1 Samuel 16:1–13

1The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” 2And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ 3And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” 4Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” 5And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” 7But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” 8Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 10And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” 11Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”

12And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

**You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

1If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if able)

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

31 Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” 38 And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” 42 And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

(Please be seated)

Hymn *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

LSB 849

Sermon

‘By Faith Alone’

Luke 18:31-43

(Please stand, if able)

Offertory

LSB 192

Following the Offertory, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(Please be seated)

Offering

(Please stand, if able)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

(Please be seated)

Distribution Hymns

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

LSB 556

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

LSB 819

(Please stand, if able)

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

Farewell and Godspeed to Members

Benediction

LSB 202

Hymn "O Son of God, in Galilee"

LSB 841

(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, leaves the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

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: Genesis 3:1-21, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 and Matthew 4:1–11.

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: Today in Sunday School, the lesson is "Jesus Heals Many." Through many miracles, Jesus shows us His power over sin. Ask your children to tell you, "Who did Jesus heal? What were some of the sicknesses the people had?" Talk about sin—yours, theirs, and the world's—and how Satan holds the world in bondage, causing sickness and death. Assure them that Jesus is the Holy One of God, who defeats Satan and frees us from his hold, granting us eternal life in paradise. Emphasize that Jesus has power over sin and sickness, saving the lost by His death and resurrection.

Orphan Grain Train is the Missions recipient for next Sunday. An offering basket will be available in the fellowship hall.

Stewardship: *Luke 18:35* – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.” The last known words of Martin Luther were found scratched on a slip of paper next to his death bed: “We are all beggars, this much is true.” All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts.

Building Healthy Families for Feb. 23rd: “How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.” *Psalms 139:17-18* The next time you go outside, look around. Notice the details of the world God placed around you. If you’re enjoying vacation on a sunny beach somewhere, put your toes in the sand and consider the Psalmist words. If you’re not on a beach but still here enjoying our Iowa winter, consider Isaiah 1:18. Let every bit of God’s amazing creation remind you of His amazing love! ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

Life Quote for Feb. 23rd: “I am extremely thankful for the many doctors and nurses who stand firm in their opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia, although they are finding themselves being pressured to change their position. Please pray they remain firm in their For Life stance. May we also pray that ... they boldly ... maintain the ethical standards their professions were created to provide to society and that the Gospel clearly proclaims.” Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for March 1st: Hear “Singled-Out but Not Alone” based on Exodus 3-4 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you’re not alone. ~ **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.**

On the entryway table are 2 sign-up sheets for bowling and Take Away Hunger. Information on both of these are in the March newsletter.

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...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 teachings include: The Book of 1 Thessalonians, "Love" in the New Testament, The Season of Lent, Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 3/1--3/7 is **Smith/Thorpe**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 3/8--3/14 is **Stanek**. 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

Dylan Freese...Monday

May God bless you today and each day that follows. May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be comforted by His care, and live in His grace now and forever.



Confirmation Memory Work for February 26

6th Grade

Daily Prayers: *Luther's Morning Prayer "I thank you...Amen."*

8th Grade

Lord's Supper: *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Darlo Kelting
	Greeter:	Kracht
	Ushers:	Dale & Gavin Gilman
	Servers:	Diane Schultz & Sharon Krumm
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Joey & Elizabeth Koepp
WEDNESDAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Steve Haase
	Greeter:	Krumm
	Ushers:	Ben Loudon & Kevin Schultz
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Ellie Mintle & Sloane McDonough
NEXT SUNDAY	Organist:	Pam Haase
	Elder:	Darlo Kelting
	Greeter:	Louden
	Ushers:	Randy Carnine & Kevin Schultz
	Servers:	Diane Schultz & Kathy Stanek
	Acolyte/Crucifier:	Sophia & Lauren Loudon

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

February 16, 2020

Attendance	51
Communion	36
General	\$12,679.55
Missions	\$100.00

WEEK AHEAD

TODAY	9am 10:30am	Quinquagesima Christian Education/Bible Study Food Pantry Sunday
MONDAY	1pm	Greek Study
WEDNESDAY	1:30pm 4-5pm 5-6pm 5:15pm 6:30pm	Windsor Manor 6th Grade Confirmation 8th Grade Confirmation Meal Service
THURSDAY	11am	Bible Study
NEXT SUN.	8am 9am 10:30am 11:30am	Elders Meeting Invocavit Missions: Orphan Grain Train Christian Education/Popcorn Sunay/Bible Study Board of Education Meeting

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

Ressurrection of Our Lord

April 12 at 9:00am