

'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'

1 Corinthians 1:18



Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 4, 2018 10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus - Our texts today speak of the heart of the matter from God's perspective. The Old Testament lesson is God's giving of the Ten Commandments. Paul's message is at the heart of the Christian faith as he proclaims faith in Jesus Christ crucified and risen as God's sole means of redeeming all creation. The Gospel lesson is in keeping with John's view that Jesus' coming into the world created the moment when all must decide between following the light which Jesus represents or the darkness which separates humanity from God.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER: God says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (*Exodus 20:5-6*). God Himself establishes His covenant in the context of His commandments; then God turns around and fulfills them through the mission and crucifixion of Christ. This is the incomprehensible grace bestowed on generations of Jews and Gentiles who confess Christ as Lord and Savior.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "*Come to Calvary's . . .*" **LSB 435 v. 1,3,4**

INVOCATION

Psalm 19:7-14

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

ABSOLUTION

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

ESV

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

ESV

GOSPEL ANTHEM

"The Law of God Is Good . . ." **LSB 579**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

ESV

THE NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ Alone"

SERMON

"Tremendously Comforting"

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

Hopkins

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Corinthians 8:7

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE AGNUS DEI

"O Lamb of God for. . ."

Tune: LSB 579

THE DISTRIBUTION

Hymns during the distribution

"O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

Tune: LSB 461 *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

"There is a Redeemer"

LSB 971

**THE POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN *"When I Behold Jesus Christ"* **LSB 542**
Tune: LBW 390 "I Love to Tell the Story"
+ Silent Prayer +

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE**

✝ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✝

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

March 4 (Exodus 20:1-17)

"When God's Darkness Surrounds You "

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 11 **"Condemned Already"** (John 3:19-21)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Some things just work better in the dark. You know, things like watching for shooting stars and getting a good night's sleep or dreaming about the future. People love the darkness for a lot of reasons, and not all of them are good.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: March 4

"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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Comparative Christianity

STEWARDSHIP: March 4: Lent 3

John 2:16 – *"And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' "*

The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/04 Sun	Third Sunday in Lent w/HC
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
3/05 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
3/07 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 3
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
3/09 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
3/10 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
3/11 Sun	Fourth Sunday in Lent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Bill Woll and Gwen Johnson

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Attendance: 2/25/2018: (Service cancelled – weather)

Offerings -- Regular \$0; Loose Plate \$0; Total: \$0

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

Same Program – New Name!

"Worship for Shut-Ins" is now named "Worship Anew"
Broadcasting a 30-minute weekly workshop service via television,
internet and a DVD subscription

Visit us at WorshipAnew.org | Call toll-free 888-286-8002

BIRTHDAYS: 4th Brandon Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg,
Harriet Harris, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell,
Nanc Rixe

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering in Rehab in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) aneurysms in
stomach/legs

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother)

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Beverly Papcek (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer; will be
starting chemo/radiation.

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers,
please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the
Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the
Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

Direct Your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars by Mar 31, 2018

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice
Dollars[®] have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Go to
Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836
and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**2018 Midweek Series:
The Servant Songs of Isaiah**
Midweek Services are on Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Lent Service Schedule

Mar 7	Midweek 3 (The Committed Servant)	"Learn and Live!"
Mar 14	Midweek 4 (The Suffering Servant)	"The Servant Suffers"
Mar 21	Midweek 5 (The Triumphant Servant)	"The Great Reversal"

March For Meals Campaign

Eastside Meals on Wheels encourages you to take part in their **March for Meals Campaign**. On **Thursday March 22**, if you dine at **Ginger Hop** (201 East Hennepin), **Maeve's Café** (300 13th Avenue NE.) or **Culver's of St Anthony** (4004 Silver Lake Road), they will donate a portion of their receipts. **Be sure to let them know you are there to support Eastside Meals on Wheels**. All donations will help pay for meals for our isolated neighbors in Northeast, Southeast, South Minneapolis and the St Anthony Village areas. Thank you for your support!

For more information about Eastside Meals on Wheels, meal delivery, donating or volunteering at MEALS ON WHEELS, INC. please call Eastside at 612-277-2529.

Shortened Luther Movie Now on Netflix

A one-hour version of "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World" is now available for viewing on Netflix. The full-length, two-hour edition of the acclaimed film premiered in selected theaters last year and nationwide on PBS Sept 12. The shortened version will be offered for two years. Netflix is very selective, adding just 50 new programs in January and because Netflix watches viewership levels closely, if "Martin Luther" does well, it could lead to similarly themed productions going forward. The streaming service also reaches audiences worldwide. Funded by Thrivent, the film dramatizes the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with. Included are insights and commentary from LCMS theologians and historians. For more information about "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," visit NewLutherMovie.com

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
Are Not Multiple Choice

SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF

Please remember those less fortunate by filling our grocery cart. **During the month of January 137 pounds of food was donated to our Minneapolis NE Central Ave location.**

Ethnic foods are in high demand. Several food shelves allow visitors to choose their food instead of taking what they're given. This model eliminates waste and ensures guests receive only the food they truly need and will use. **High demand items are** 100% juice; low sugar cereal; canned chicken, salmon and/or pork; low sugar canned fruit; soups (low sodium); dry or canned beans; granola bars and dried fruit; rice (white, jasmine, or brown); salad dressings; condiments and spices. Hygiene items: toothpaste; toilet tissue; shampoo; bar soap; deodorant. Your support is appreciated.

TOGETHER IN MISSION



At the Annual Voter's Meeting in November 2017, Gloria Dei voted to become a TOGETHER IN MISSION congregation. This partnership agreement means because of our desire to participate more directly and personally in God's mission of bringing the Good News of salvation to the very ends of the earth, we committed ourselves to support the mission endeavors of The Lutheran

Church—Missouri Synod through LCMS Mission Advancement in partnership with **Missionary Kayla Hoem while she is in Spain.**

Our agreement to support Missionary Kayla Hoem is the amount of **\$600** per year OR **\$150 per quarter**, payable quarterly for one year. This also includes praying in private and weekly in public worship for Missionary Kayla and the work of the Spain/Latin America Team; and to communicate with Missionary Kayla through letters, cards, and e-mails.

If you would like to participate in the quarterly door offering scheduled for **March 12**, it would be best to use the **Together in Mission** envelopes with **your envelope number written** on it so as to get credit on your annual statement.

Thank you in advance for your donation to this important cause!

Catechesis Note for the Week

Denying Self and Taking Up the Cross

*This third week of meditation upon Holy Baptism leads us into the daily significance of our Baptism: **"the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."***

Let us unpack these words. Contrition and repentance are part of what it means to believe in Christ and let go of the self for salvation. Contrition is that aspect of faith that realizes and believes that we have sinned against the God who loves us and it grieves our heart. The New Man of faith desires to love and trust in Christ above all things.

Daily contrition recognizes that we still daily sin much and need His daily mercy and forgiveness. Repentance is that aspect of faith that not only confesses sin, but does so with the conviction that Christ alone is the Savior from that sin. Contrition and repentance desires to hear and receive Christ's forgiveness. It yearns to hear Christ's life-giving Word by which faith is strengthened, comfort is bestowed, and the New Man arises.

The New Man is Christ Himself in us, joined by the Spirit with our spirit, who lives joyously and confidently in the everlasting "righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" of the cross. The New Man is born in us in Holy Baptism and daily arises from contrition and repentance by the Word of forgiveness. This is why it can be said that the Baptismal life of contrition and repentance leads us to confession and absolution and why confession and absolution is a return to our Baptism.

*Contrition and repentance, the renouncing of self in confession, the clinging to Christ's Word of grace that makes us alive, is what is taught by Jesus in this week's Bible verse: **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."** (Luke 9:23).*

Today's *Scripture* Readings

GENESIS 20:1-17: The law of God, given through Moses to Israel at Mount Sinai, was spoken by the voice of God and written by him on two tablets of stone. Although brief, this code of conduct yet encompassed a breadth of social behaviour towards family and community which would guarantee an ideal society if followed comprehensively. God Almighty (El Shaddai) had the right to expect Israel to follow his stipulated will as he was the gracious and protecting saviour who had brought his people out of Egypt. Nearly all the commands (except for the abrogated Sabbath command) are repeated and amplified variously in the New Testament.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31: We still run up against the same difficulty as St Paul did with the gospel if we proclaim it faithfully. The world sees it as weak and foolish. The sophisticated 'wise' of our time also expect to reach and find God only if he can be defined and explained by human intellectual power. Paul shows us that salvation comes only by the power of God through the word he chooses to use to change people and save them. The crucifixion calls for humble sorrow over sin, but because it is the 'wisdom of God' is the only effective means of lifting people above their own intellectual limits unto an eternal relationship with the Father.

JOHN 2:13-25: Because of the Jewish dispersion, the sale of sacrificial animals and money changing was offered as a service to people who had travelled long distances to Jerusalem. However, the presence of competitive commercial enterprise and no doubt the accompanying opportunity for exorbitant profiteering had threatened true devotional worship. Hence Jesus' sharp and dramatic reaction. His reference to 'my Father's house' implies clearly a distinctive messianic claim. Recognition of this claim led the Jews to ask for a 'sign' or miracle to prove his authority. Understandably the enigmatic reply about raising his body in three days went past their comprehension. The disciples, on the other hand, remembered the saying after the resurrection. Their faith that Jesus' word was on the same level as the Old Testament scripture was thus strengthened.

Lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21