

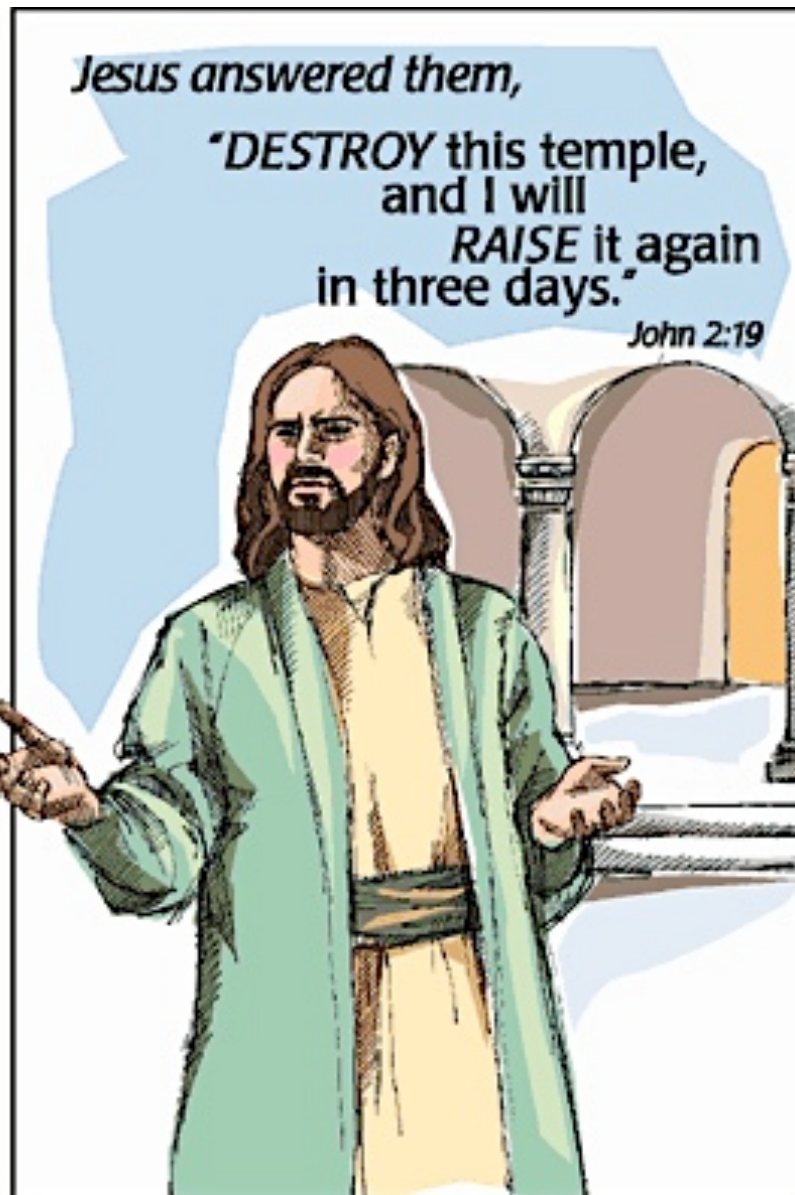
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3rd Sunday in Lent – March 3, 2024

Order of Worship

Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 130 (pew bible, p.551)
- ◆ The Hymns: 700, 579, 626, 707
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 1:21-31, John 2:13-22
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 19
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Exodus 20:1-17

Lent Is the "Serious Season" of the Church Year

when God shows us in a graphic way ...

1. How terribly serious are our sins against Him.
2. How tremendously deep is His love for us in Christ.

- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (707)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:21-31

God's Foolish Wisdom

21 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. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 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. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 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. 27 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."

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 19

The Law of the Lord is Perfect

- P The heavens declare the glory of God:
C **And the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**
P Their voice goes out through all the earth:
C **And their words to the end of the world.**
P The precepts of the **LORD** are right:
C **Rejoicing the heart.**
P The commandment of the **LORD** is pure:
C **Enlightening the eyes.**
P The rules of the **LORD** are true:
C **And righteous altogether.**
P More to be desired are they than gold:
C **Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
P Moreover, by them is your servant warned:
C **In keeping them there is great reward.**

Second Lesson – John 2:13-22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 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. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 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.

Sermon Text – Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 “I am the **LORD** your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 “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, 6 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. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the **LORD** your God is giving you. 13 “You shall not murder. 14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15 “You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 “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.”

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar 6,13,20, 7:00 pm
- Palm Sunday Worship: Mar 24, 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday brunch served by men, 10:45 am
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service: March 28, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: March 29, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: March 31, 9:30 am
- Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, April 14, 10:30 am, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne (*date/time tentative, to be confirmed soon*)

In Our Prayers: Linda Wamboldt, who is undergoing cataract surgery tomorrow. <> Marty Schmoldt, who is recovering from eye surgery. <> Shannon (Wamboldt) Solvie, niece of Jim Wamboldt, who is undergoing chemo treatment for breast cancer. <> *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble ... Be still, and know that (he is) God ... The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Psalm 46:1,10-11).*

Our Fourth Midweek Lenten Service will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This year's overall theme is *The Vocabulary of the Cross*. This week's word: "ATONEMENT." Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer, Cheyenne, will conduct the service here. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Prince of Peace, Loveland.



Request for VBS Volunteers: Plans are being made for a potential three-day vacation Bible school session at St. Paul in mid/late July. The dates for the session will likely fall in the two weeks between July 14 and July 27. We are still gauging the viability of such a program, as it will likely depend on the availability of volunteers and potential student enrollment. If you think you would be available during that time and would like to volunteer, please talk to Derek Barthels or reach him at (715) 379-4399 or barthelsderek@gmail.com.

Synod News & Notes

- **Declaration of Fellowship:** After almost three years of correspondence (and several visits by our CLC missionary which included a representative of the CLC Board of Missions and a representative of the CLC Board of Doctrine) Pastor Jordan Palangyos of the *Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines (LAMP)* has successfully completed a colloquy and demonstrated unity with our confession. Based on this, CLC President Michael Wilke has made the following announcement: “as President of the Church of the Lutheran Confession, it is my blessed privilege to declare that the Church of the Lutheran Confession is in fellowship with Pastor Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines. *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1.*” The LAMP consists of 2 congregations and 1 preaching station numbering about 60 souls, served by Pastor Palangyos and four lay men who assist. May the LORD bless our joint church work together in spreading the Kingdom of Christ!

- **The February/March CLC World Missions Prayer List**, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. You may also view the prayer list at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Please be sure to read, remembering with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16).
- **Registration is Open** for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!
- **Call for Nominations:** The CLC Moderator is soliciting nominations for individuals to serve in various synodical offices that will be expiring at the end of June (elections to be made at the June Convention). Nominations can be made at clclutheran.net (there is a link on the clclutheran.org cite to the online nomination ballot). Deadline for making nomination is the end of March. Any voting member of a CLC congregation may submit a nomination.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 4-9

Mon John 10:24-33 The threats to Jesus' life did not begin in Holy Week. Here the Jews asked if He was the Christ, then picked up stones to kill Him when He admitted that He was the mighty God (Is. 9:6).

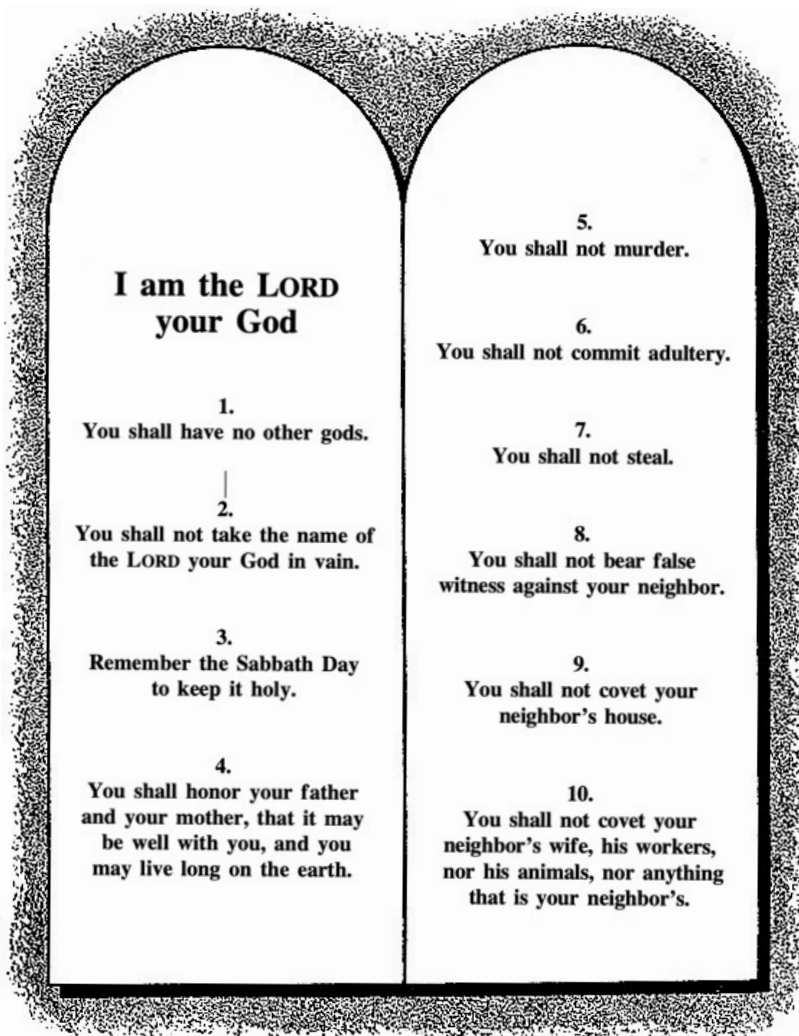
Tues Hebrews 5:7-10 Jesus prayed fervently for the removal of the cup of suffering, but not if it meant giving up His role as the "source of eternal salvation" (v9). [For Melchizedek as a special priest, see Heb. 7 ff.]

Wed Genesis 22:1-6 Abraham loved the son of his old age, but even Isaac was a gift from God, who deserved Abraham's greatest love. Abraham shows that love by his three-day journey to a mountain to be determined, all to offer his son back to the Lord. His faith is also shown by the words: "We will come back to you" (v5).

Thurs Genesis 22:7-12 Little did Abraham know just how God would provide, when Isaac asked him where the lamb was, but he offered his son to God believing that God would keep all of His promises to him, and God accepted the offering of his heart.

Fri Genesis 22:13-14 It was surely no accident that Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in the thicket. In his joy over God's way of providing for his thank-offering, Abraham calls the site of the future temple "The Lord will provide," and we are reminded how He provided for us all in Christ.

Sat Genesis 22:15-24 The Angel of the Lord now calls blessings upon Abraham, repeating again that all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. The chapter closes with a notice that Isaac's future wife, Rebekah, has been born.



O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --
What dark transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted,
God is committed.

I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.