

Holy Cross Lutheran
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021 - 9 AM



AS WE GATHER When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

LSB 981 vs. 1-4

1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 19:1-2, 7-14

P: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

C: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C: the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine 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.

P: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

C: keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

P: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The primary purpose of Ten Commandments is to show us our sin. It is used as a mirror, showing that we have fallen from being in harmony with the Lord and all He created good in creation. Who then can discern ones errors?

C: Lord please pardon me from hidden failures.

P: Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Lord, God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Because You have graciously worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.

P: The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

LSB 981 vs. 5-7

5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my
soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel
bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1–17

(The Lord gives Moses the Ten Commandments)

L: And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

C: "You shall have no other gods before Me.

L: "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.

C: You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.

L: Visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,

L: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

C: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

L: Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 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. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

C: "Honor your father and your mother,

L: that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

C: "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

(The cross of Christ may seem weak and foolish but it is salvation for all who are called to believe)

L: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

L: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

C: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

L: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,

C: it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

L: For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

C: but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

L: but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

C: For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L: For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,

C: not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

L: 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;

C: God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

L: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

C: Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

John 2:19

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13–25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus in righteous anger rebukes those who have turned His Father's house into a market place)

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his

body. ²²When 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.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645 vs 1-3

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.

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SERMON

Faith Tested: Worship God Above All Things

Ex. 20:1-17; John 2:13-25

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645 vs 4-5

4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

5

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")*

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting.

Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **O God the Father, who sent Your Son into human history so that He could be given over to death as one of us, despised, and in weakness and lowliness, we give thanks that in giving us His body and blood in this Sacrament You have bestowed on us the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Accompany us as we leave that we may proclaim Christ crucified to all who do not yet know Your true wisdom, strength, and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

By: John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, Thomas Miller

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

POST SERVICE MUSIC

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

March 7 – March 14, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – The OT book of Nahum led by Rev. Robert Nowak continues today.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 8, 7:00 pm in person and zoom if unable to be in person.

SOUP SUPPERS -Please come to our soup suppers each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. **Sign-up sheets** are now posted in the Commons. As always help is needed with various food categories as well as set up and clean up. We are taking safety measures as we come together to enjoy this fellowship opportunity. If **all** help, **all** can enjoy the soup suppers! Thank you! We will also be collecting a free will offering for PABLO support during the Lenten Soup Suppers.

CONFIRMATION IN PERSON starting March 10, on Wednesdays 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm. Please bring your Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, highlighter, and a pen or pencil.

Sales for hanging baskets will begin next Sunday - If this week's warmer weather has turned your thoughts towards spring, the Mission Board has some fun news for you. Hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood, will be available for purchase beginning on March 14. Plants will cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. The sale will continue until April 18 or until all available baskets have been purchased. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti. See the March newsletter for more information.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME –We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings after the Lenten service until 8:00 pm in the sanctuary.

MCKENNA VISITING UPDATE –Please pick up a visitation guideline for McKenna crossing if interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing's office after reading the guidelines to schedule your appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY - SUNDAY MARCH 7, 2021 9:00 AM

Elder/Communion	Jon Dobberstein
Lector:	Paige Westrum
Ushers:	Jason Kruse
Acolyte:	Blake Dobberstein
AV:	Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters:	Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 7:00 PM

Elder/Communion Brit Weimer
Lector: Carol Albrecht
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Jonas Petrie
AV: Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 9:00 AM

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Judy Weimer
Ushers: Meg Batchelder
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50
Contributions received in February: \$16,179.58

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 27 Drive-up Communion: 5
Communion: 26 Bible Class: 10
Zoom: Sunday School: 6 kids, 3 teachers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 21

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

- Sun. March 7 Third Sunday in Lent**
9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:00 am Bible Study
10:15-10:45 am Drive-Up Communion
- Mon. March 8**
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting in person/zoom
- Tue. March 9**
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
- Wed. March 10**
12:00 pm Happenings Articles Due
4:15 – 5:45 pm Confirmation Class in person
6:00 pm Lent Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Service
7:45 pm Informal Prayer in Sanctuary
- Thu. March 11**
- Fri. March 5**
9:30 am Cleaning Crew
- Sat. March 6**
- Sun. March 7 Third Sunday in Lent**
9:00 am Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:00 am "Nahum" Bible Study in back of the Sanctuary
10:15 -10:45 am Drive-Up Communion



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