



**Jesus Cleanses the Temple (John 2:13-22, Holy Gospel of the Day)**

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***The mission of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:  
Teach the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to all;  
Reach the lost with the same Word by the witness of our words and actions;  
Care for all in need as we live in Christ's love through the same Word.***

**THE DIVINE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 4th, 2018, 9:00 am**

Martin Luther said of the Sacrament of the Altar, "This Sacrament is the Gospel". The wonder is that it is not only the Gospel received (forgiveness of sins), but also the Gospel proclaimed (the Lord's death). As we make this common proclamation, we also acknowledge that oneness in doctrine is witnessed to by those receiving the Sacrament together. Penitent, believing members of sister Missouri Synod congregations are welcome to commune at this altar. We ask that all other guests desiring to commune would speak with the Pastor before the service.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: RINGING THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**HYMN:** *LSB 728, "How Firm a Foundation, O Saints of the Lord"*

*(Stand)*

**LITURGY: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE,** hymnal p. 184 and following

**Confession and Absolution,** p. 184-185

**Introit of the Day**

*Ps. 69:14-16; antiphon: Ps. 69:9*

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

**Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;\***

**let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.**

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,\*

or the pit close its mouth | over me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;\***

**according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

**Kyrie,** p. 186 *(\*\*\*NOTE: The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent)*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *(Responses sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. 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.**

*(Sit)*

### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<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.

<sup>4</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>"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.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all

### **Exodus 20:1–17**

your work, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

<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."

L This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual for Third Sunday in Lent** *(read by the lector)*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Epistle**

### **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, <sup>24</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

\*\*\*NOTE: *The Triple Alleluia is omitted during Lent.*

(Stand)

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 2:13–22 (Responses sung)*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

<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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **NICENE CREED, 191**

*(Sit)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *LSB* 645, "Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand"

**SERMON** *(Based on the Holy Gospel of the Day)*

**OFFERTORY, "Create in me a clean heart,"** p. 192

## **OFFERING**

*(Stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (P: ...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**)

(We include our shut-ins, those on our hearts and minds, and the following)

Charlie Crosby (residing at Adams Heritage, Monroeville)

Mrs. John (Suzi) Fuelling (therapy at Adams Memorial)

Jim Hammond (Vickie's husband; undergoing treatments)

Frank Bittner (Woodcrest)

Rita Gerke (home)

Max Fuelling (home)

Kay Brown (sister of David and Lynn Matthews; at home in GA, receiving therapy)

Dr. Cynthia Matthews

Julaine Hockemeyer (mother of Lori Conrad)

Faith Gibson (grandniece of Jim & Joyce Gariepy; in Pennsylvania)

Sarah Biskupski (Traverse City, MI; wife of one of Pastor's nephews)

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT,** p. 194 and following

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *LSB* 625, "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

*LSB* 581, "These Are the Holy Ten Commands"

**CONCLUDING LITURGY,** p. 199-202

**HYMN TO DEPART:** *LSB* 865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

*Organist:* Leanne Busick  
*Deacons:* Steve Fuelling (Head), Louie Fuelling, Andy Wolf, Dan DeLong  
*Elders:* Dale Busick, Jim Fuelling, John Fuelling (Head), Louie Fuelling

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERINGS**

**DVD COPIES OF THE DECATUR CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE** (from last Sept. 9th) are available for \$10.00 from Pastor Moehring. There are a limited number of the DVD's, but more can be ordered as needed. Proceeds will go into St. Peter Home Purpose.

**"KATY AND I WISH TO THANK ST. PETER'S** for allowing us to remain in the parsonage for the next year as we address my health issues and work on recovery, in order that I may finish my education at Concordia Theological Seminary. St. Peter's has been very kind to us and we want you to know how very grateful we are to you. We would like to open the parsonage for visiting on Sunday, March 11, from 2:00 to 5:30 pm so that you may drop in and have a look at the house and visit with us. There will be light refreshments, and you will be able to examine the whole house (except for Pastor's study). We want the congregation to know that we are taking good care of your property, and we hope it will be an opportunity for us to get to know you better!" (*James & Katy Beadle*)

### **THE SEASON OF LENT, 2018 + Theme: "Words of Life from the Cross"**

**Wed., March 7, 7:00 pm + "The Compassionate Word"**

**Wed., March 14, 7:00 pm + "The Suffering Word"**

**Wed., March 21, 7:00 pm + "The Dying Word"**

**KANTOREI LENTEN EVENING PRAYER** at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS), Fort Wayne; Sunday, March 18, 4:00 pm, in Kramer Chapel on the Seminary campus. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at CTS; directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. This service includes choral music for the season and congregational hymns and canticles; accompanied by Kantor Matthew Machemer. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse will serve as liturgist and preacher.

**"WORSHIP ANEW"** can be viewed on the following stations:

Sunday, 7:00 a.m., NBC-TV 21.2, Fort Wayne  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., WISE-TV 21.3, Fort Wayne; FiOS Cable 9  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m., DIRECTV 377 & DISH 7442  
Sunday & Monday, 4:00 p.m., Comcast 55 & FiOS 25  
Monday, 10:00 a.m., Comcast 55 and FiOS 25

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** can be heard on the following radio stations:

WZBD-FM 92.7, Sundays, 8:05 am      WOWO-AM 1190, Sundays, 11:30 am  
WFCV-AM 1090, Sundays, 3:30 pm

### **LUTHERAN INTERNET PROGRAMMING**

**1) LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.org...** your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, current issues from a Lutheran worldview, and daily worship opportunities. This week, we continue studying the Gospel of Mark on "Sharper Iron" with guest hosts Rev. Bryan Wolfmuehler and Rev. Peter Ill (weekdays @ 9:00 am); we learn more insights into the Book of 2 Kings on "Thy Strong Word" (weekdays @ 12 Noon); and, we have the opportunity to hear Lenten worship from Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis (March 7 @ 12 Noon). Join us! Archived at KFUE.org. Find us at kfue.org and follow us at Facebook.com/KFUEradio, or [Instagram@kfue.radio](https://www.instagram.com/kfue.radio) for shareable photos and program info. ***This program is available only on the Internet!***

**2) ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL; and is hosted by Missouri Synod Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want, when you want, at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) ***This program is available only on the Internet!***

**3) LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO...** "Sacred Music for the World"; listen to the music of the Church anytime, at LutheranPublicRadio.org, ***available only on the Internet.***

**4) CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE,** live streaming of daily chapel service and special services; go to the Seminary's home page at [www.ctsfw.edu](http://www.ctsfw.edu), and click on the proper link on the right side of the home page.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY'S (MARCH 11) READINGS**

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

**Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We Would Look to Him and Live**

The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4-6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set in on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8-9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the Cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "would have eternal life" (John 3:14-16). By His Cross, "the Light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17-19). While we "were dead in trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with Him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4-6).

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4th, 2018**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service of Holy Communion ( <i>Sunday School and Bible Class after</i> )
	3:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	SPI Chapel Service
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting (tba)
	9:30 am	Pastors' Study Group, at Bingen