



Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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3rd Sunday in Lent

PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 390 Drawn to the Cross, which Thou has Blest

1 Drawn to the Cross, which Thou has blest
With healing gifts for souls distrest,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ Crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ Crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, tho' it be thro' pain,
Christ Crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ Crucified, I come.

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

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

(NKJV)

THE PASSION HISTORY LESSON: Trial Before the Jewish Council

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THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 142:1-3 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer;
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and saith,
“Willing all this I suffer.”

2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great Friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
“Go forth My Son,” the Father saith,
“And free men from their fear of death,
From guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Thy Passion men shall share
The fruit of Thy salvation.”

3.”Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
I’ll bear what Thou commandest;
My will conforms to Thy decree,
I do what Thou demandest.”
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!
The Father offers up His Son!
The Son, content, descendeth!
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!
Thou beddest Him within the grave
Whose word the mountains rendeth.”

THE SERMON: John 2:13-22

Theme: Jesus Cleansing the Temple Reveals

I. The Authority of God’s Law Enjoined by the Christ

II. The Power of a Crucified and Risen Christ Authenticating Scripture.

SERMON TEXT: John 2:13-22

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" ¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

¹⁸ So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ Then the Jews 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 of the temple of His body. ²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 367:1, 2, 4 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,
Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor!
Life is given thro' Thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin may be forgiven
Thro' the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of heaven;
Peace is made 'twist man and God.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen.

Hymn 37:3 Praise the God of All Creation

Praise the God of all creation;
Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration
To the great Jehovah give.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

Midweek Lenten meditation begins at 7:00 p.m. This Lenten season our meditation series is entitled “**It’s All About Redemption**” reflecting Luther’s explanation to the second article of the Apostle’s Creed. Our second meditation will be “**He Saved Me from Death.**” Text Romans 6:23.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Adult Bible class is scheduled to follow the service. Next Sunday’s sermon text: Numbers 21:13-22.

Daylight Saving Time begins. “Spring forward!” Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night!

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 28 worship – 12 Wednesday 3/03 - 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$925.00	Property Impr. Fund	\$105.00
Needed for Year:	\$11,565.00		
Received for Year:	\$10,330.00		

March Church Cleaning – Hellickson

CARD SHOWER: The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a wedding card shower for Amy Odmark Busse, to express our joy and good wishes for her married life. Cards will be collected through March 28th.