

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Setting III**  
**March 4, 2018**

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# **“THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE”**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK ANY USHER.**

**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning's worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

## Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

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**Eucharistic Assistant(s):** Joanna Aragon, Olivia Mitchell

**Greeter(s) - Front Door:** Marlene Custer, Joyce Masterson

**Greeter(s) - Side Door:** Roy & Theresa Tuason

**Ushers:** John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

**Altar Guild:** Laura Dhanaraj & Wendy Callahan

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Contemporary Worship Leader:** Joe Howard

**Worship Team:** Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Paul Mitchell, Claudia Zichterman,

Ron Zichterman, and Deb Mandac.

**Director of Music:** Claudia Zichterman

**Organist:** Claudia Zichterman

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Sound-Computer Tech:** Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

**No Altar Flowers - LENT**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRE WORSHIP MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**PRELUDE**

**Claudia Zichterman**

**CALL TO WORSHIP SONG:**

***"YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH"***

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Bob McKee**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***"BUILT ON A ROCK"***

***ELW #652  
(Red Hymnal)***

## **INVOCATION & KYRIE** (Please Stand)

*(music found on page 138)*

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**[C] And also with you.**

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**[C] Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** “*The Feast of Victory*” – **(Congregation sings all verses and refrain)**

*(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)*

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[P] Let us pray...

**[C] Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME WITH PASTOR BOB MCKEE**

**SONG: “I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD”**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.** (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

## GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

Read by Amy McKee

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 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 male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### Psalm 19

Led by Amy McKee

[W] *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.*

[M] One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

[W] *Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,*

[M] their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

[W] *It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*

[M] It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

[W] *The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.*

[M] The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the

LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

[W] *The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

[M] More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

[W] *By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.*

[M] Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

[W] *Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

[C] **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**CHORAL OFFERING:**

**“WALK WORTHY”**

**Worship Choir**

(by Williams and Martin)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Read by Naomi Smith**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

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? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – John 2:13-22**

**Read by Pastor Bob McKee**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's

house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

**MESSAGE "THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE" Pastor Bob McKee**

**SERMON SONG: "GIVE US CLEAN HANDS"**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

(\*universal)

#### **GATHERING OUR TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests collected when plates are brought forward.)

#### **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)*

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[P] With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

[P] Merciful God,

[C] **Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*(Pause for reflection)*

[C] **We were silent when we should have said something.**

*(Pause for reflection)*

[C] **We acted when we knew better.**

*(Pause for reflection)*

[C] **We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*(Pause for reflection)*

[C] **For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[P] People of God, look to the † Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

[C] **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

[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.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found pg. 146)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST** *(be seated)*

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are

baptized and believe in our Lord's presence"...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

**COMMUNION SONG: "SCANDAL OF GRACE"**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

(music is located in hymnal – service music hymn #204)

[C] **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with SHOUTS of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**SENDING SONG: "OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS" ELW #772  
(Red Hymnal)**

**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Claudia Zichterman**

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