

*The Third Sunday in Lent*

**Sunday, March 15, 2009**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Six*

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## **GATHERING**

The Gathering Music: “What Wondrous Love is This

The Welcome & Announcements

*The assembly stands*

The Confession & Forgiveness ELW p. 94

The Gathering Hymn  
**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** ELW 803

The Greeting ELW p. 165

The Kyrie ELW pp. 165-166

The Prayer of the Day ELW p. 170

*The assembly is seated*

## **WORD**

The First Reading Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

<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 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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so 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.

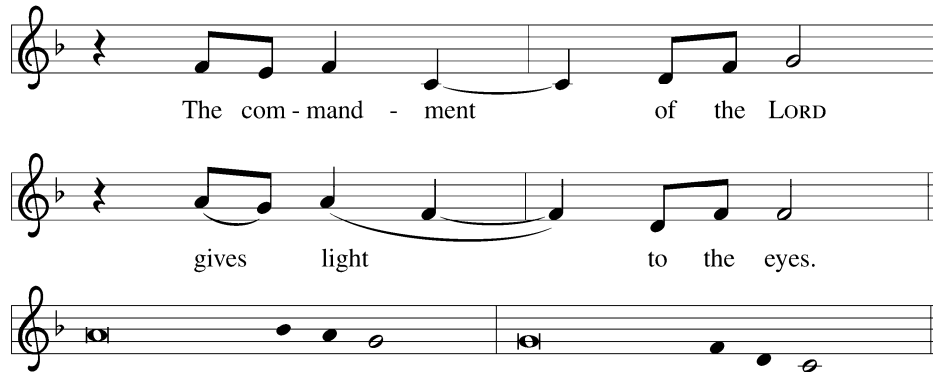
<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to

your neighbor.

The Psalmody

Psalm 19



- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. *Refrain***
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. *Refrain***
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. *Refrain***

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

<sup>18</sup>For 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. <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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness 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 God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*The assembly stands*

The Lenten Acclamation

ELW p. 171

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <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, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>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.

*The assembly is seated.*

The Children's Message

The Sermon

*Silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands*

The Hymn of the Day

**“Jesus is a Rock in a weary land”**

**ELW 333**

*The choir will sing the verses marked “leader” with the assembly singing the Refrain*

The Apostles’ Creed

ELW p. 105

The Prayers & Peace

ELW p. 172

*The assembly is seated*

**MEAL**

The Offering

**The Senior Choir: “Remember Me”**

*The assembly stands*

**“Seed that in earth is dying”**

**ELW 330**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW pp. 172-173

The Thanksgiving at the Table (VII)

ELW p. 67

The Lord’s Prayer

ELW p. 173

*The assembly is seated*

The Lamb of God

ELW p. 174

The Distribution

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please kneel as you are able. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.***

Music during Distribution

**“Canticle of the Turning”**

**ELW 723**

**“Be Thou my Vision”**

**ELW 793**

*The assembly stands.*

The Post-Communion Prayer ELW p. 174

**SENDING**

The Blessing ELW p. 174

The Sending Hymn  
**“Built on a Rock” ELW 652**

The Sending ELW p. 174

The Sending Music: “Print Thine Image Pure & Holy”

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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*Dale Ann Conner*

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*Dave Himes, Mike Himes, Ryan Himes, Nicole Himes*

The **Altar Flowers** are given by the Duff Family to the Glory of God’s beauty in the coming of Spring.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Sam & Cyndi Seward in honor of Sam’s mom Dorothy.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**—David Himes, Esther Olinger, Jane Woyen, and all nursing home residents.

**Sacristy & Musical Life**—meets this Tuesday to make worship plans for Spring at 7pm.

**Social Missions** – meets this Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm.

**Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Social Hall after worship today.**

From the Finance Committee:

The amount needed to meet the budget - \$17,500.00

The actual amount brought in to date - \$14,794.00.

A difference of \$2,706.00.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 3/15—3/22)**

Sunday	<b><u>Third Sunday in Lent</u></b> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 11:30 AM—Fellowship Hour (Social Hall) 3:30 PM—Cooperative Catechism (St. James, Tuscarawas)
Monday	6:30 PM – Social Missions (Luther Library)
Tuesday	9 AM—Busy Bees (Quilter’s Room) 12 PM—Rachel Circle (Chicken Manor & Luther Library) 7 PM—Sacristy & Musical Life (Luther Library)
Wednesday	10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i> 6 PM—Simple Soup (Social Hall) 7 PM—Midweek Lenten worship (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7 PM— <i>The Divine Drama</i>
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	10 AM—First Communion (Social Hall)
Sunday	<b><u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u></b> 9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations) 10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

*Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week*

Sunday	Worship
Monday	DAY OFF
Tuesday	11-8
Wednesday	9-9
Thursday	1-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i> )
Friday	DAY OFF
Saturday	10-Noon

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***