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

John 2:19

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 427

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen 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 swallow 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.

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

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.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

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.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"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. 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, 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, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. 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.

"Honor your father and your mother, 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 his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Gradual

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 Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

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. 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those

who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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. 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; 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. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

"Alleluia" *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. John 2:13-25 (ESV)

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

So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do You show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*" The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. 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.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Ardella Halter & Family, as they mourn Ray’s death.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today we join the Girl Scouts of our congregation in celebrating the 100th year of Girl Scouting. The girls are performing a community service today by serving as greeters. The following girls and their families are part of Girl Scouts: Emma Gillig, Paige Wolf, Gracie Keller, Mikayla Voegelé, Alyssa Schutt, Katlyn Blaisdell, & Kylie Scherer.



Special Music: The Handbells will ring “Crown Him with Many Crowns” during the gathering of our morning offerings.

Today in Sunday School, we study the account “Jesus Walks on Water.” Jesus was gracious to Peter when he feared drowning. Jesus is gracious to us and is ready to catch us as we sink in sin and unbelief, His hand is always strong to save us. Consider asking, “*How did Jesus rescue peter? How does Jesus rescue us?*”

LWML: Please remember our LWML Rally Planning Meeting this morning following the mission update.

LYF: There will be an LYF Meeting for grades 1-7 and parents at 10:30 today, grades 8-12 will meet at 1:00. Please bring thoughts and ideas of what you would like your Lutheran Youth Fellowship to be!



Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on Against You and For Me, based on Psalm 51. Soup and Sandwiches will be served by LWML beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday school next Sunday, March 18th.

Greeters are needed for 2012. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulleting board in the social hall.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven, the soul of our dear brother, Ray Halter. Christian Burial was this past Tuesday, March 6, 2012. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).”

A Biblical Tour of Israel & Jordan: (October 15-25, 2012) An Experience of a Lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as visiting Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mt Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Rev Darold Reiner (LCMS) (Former LWML International Counselor) is leading this tour from Kalispell, MT. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a full brochure.

Lent Soup/Sandwich Schedule		
March 14		LWML
March 21		Council
March 28		To be determined



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 89 Offerings: \$4,742.00

The good news of salvation in Christ Jesus is that God has chosen us in Christ to be His stewards, that is, the managers of all that He entrusts to us to use for His glory and the welfare of other people. May God’s Holy Spirit give us the power to be good and godly stewards of all of life and life’s resources.

† **This Week at Concordia** †

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Sunday School/Mission Update
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 2:00 pm Pastor @ KRCC

Tuesday 10:15 am KRCC Communion
 1:30 pm Naomi Guild

Wednesday 5:30 pm Soup/Sandwiches—LWML
 6:30 pm Lenten Service
 7:15 pm Chime Practice
 7:45 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 7:00 pm *Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin*

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
 9:30 am Bible Class
 11:00 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*

Church Office Hours
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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*