

Concordia Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday in Lent



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

John 2:19

SERVICE

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 981

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
The earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior’s face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe.
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear Your speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

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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.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in then beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

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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: 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 2:13-22 (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.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from *Lutheran Service Book*

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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 sins, “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!

Bible Class: What does God mean in the 8th Commandment when He says, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor”? In the sham trial of Jesus, we see the religious leaders effortlessly break this Commandment. How do we transgress this Commandment and how does God call us back from our sin, to look to Him and find our rest? Please join us this morning as we continue our “Return to the Lord” series.



Lenten Worship: Join us for “Return from False Witness” on Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 14th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening.

During the month of March, we are collecting Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Items may include bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, Werthers candy.

Main Street Living is on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sundays. On March 14, Rev. Larry Harvala, presents the message “Behold and Live,” based on Numbers 21:9.



Greeters are needed for the months of March, April and May. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and council minutes are on the table in the social hall.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	2:30 pm	Birthday Party @ Knife River Care Center
	4:00 pm	Catechism
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 84 Offerings: \$6,402.74

“And He told those who sold the pigeons,
*“Take these things away; do not make My Father’s house a
house of trade.”*

John 2:16

The Lord’s House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.



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