"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 8:30 am



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Mar. 10 – Fourth Sunday in Lent Mar.17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP LEADERS

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	Mar. 3	Mar. 10				
Pastor	Pr. Jerry Kramer	Dcn. Arica Demme				
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Dcn. Arica Demme	Mark Wisler				
Lector	Kandi Null	Mark Wisler				
Ushers	Bill & Rose Bennett	Fred & Crystal Lepley				
Musician	Joanne Thomas/ Rosemary Keller	Joanne Thomas/ Rosemary Keller				
Altar Guild	June Kreider	Kandi Null				
Sound Tech.	John Null	Chaz Stroup				
Offering Counters	John Null/Sandy Tippett	Lee Mills/Fred Lepley				
Livestream	Mark Wisler/ Marianne Burkholder	Ray Kneisley/ Kris Brill				
Communion Prayers	Lee & Judy Mills	Jerry & Susie Kramer				
Nursery/Class Ages 4-5	Deb McCarthy/ Marianne Burkholder	Kandi Null/ Marianne Burkholder				

Feb. 25, 2024 ATTENDANCE - 73

"CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: AmenMatthew 28:19b;[18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

Built on a Rock



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church bells are ringing, Many may come to hear God's Word Where he this promise is bringing: I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see; My peace I leave with you. Amen

Text: Mkolai R S. Grundreig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindoman, 1812–1887 KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

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GREETING

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 mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.
- G Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



The First Reading is from the 20th chapter of Exodus

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.3You shall have no other gods before me. 4You 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. 5You 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. ⁷You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him quiltless who takes his name in vain. 8Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10but 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. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You 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."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 19

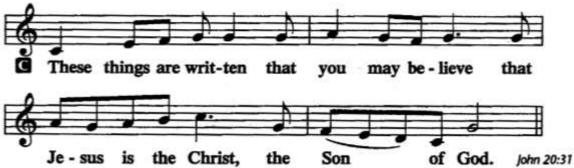
- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- Nore to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- Who can discern his errors?
 Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days! will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When 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. ²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. C:

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: 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 gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]

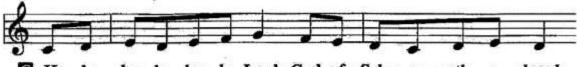
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is indeed right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

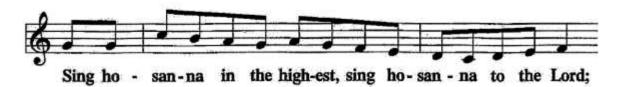
SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matt.21:9



☐ Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
 - We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28: Mark 14:22-24: Luke 22:19-20: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
 - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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,

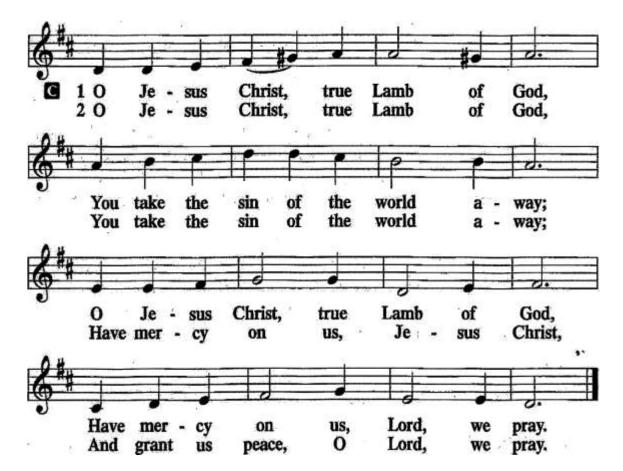
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI John 1:29



INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available for those that are gluten intolerant. Please notify the pastor as you come forward to receive Communion that you require a gluten free wafer.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and & give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen



SENDING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound
Debbie Binder
Donna Hiltebeitel
Elizabeth Larsen
Sonya LaGamba
Earl and Janet Harry

Additional prayers
Tom Scherer - ALS

Megahn Mills – colitis recovery Patricia Stroup – pulmonary disease

Steven Stroup – reconstructive knee surgery **Candy Whitney** – recovering from shingles

Rose Keller - chemo

Denise Force – colon cancer
Rob Zwally – migraine headaches
John Tippett – recovering from strokes

Mike Haas – prostate cancer

Linda Anderson – recovering from surgery **Sterling Rusher** – adjustment to new medication

Kellen Coxey – type 1 diabetes
Pat McDermott – secure diagnosis
Keith Kline – additional testing
Kathy Miller – breast cancer
Walt Hebda – hand surgery

Faith Friendship Ministries – financial difficulty Linda Wohlberg – treatment for retinopathy

To request a prayer during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird 1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

STEWARDSHIP

Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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