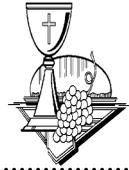




## March 4 & 5, 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent

To our friends, welcome. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church & citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We receive the Lord's Supper today - a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, or it does more harm than good. We ask our visitors to speak to pastor before joining us at the table. We join together in "**Service of Word and Sacrament,**" beginning on page 26.



***We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.***

**Today's Hymns: #226, #401, #402, #320**

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping 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. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land 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 give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**Psalm 19 (page 70)**

### **Second Lesson: 1Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>For the message of 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: the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher 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 through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup>So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup>They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### **Today's Message is based on Exodus 20:1-17**

*(Next week's readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21)*

*Thank you to our weekend pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman & Monday - Darci Matzke.*

*The flowers that were displayed on the altar last weekend were from Delores Waack in memory of her husband Donald.*

*Last Weekend's Attendance: 8:00am - #90, 10:45am - #70, Monday: #77 Total - #237*

**This week - God willing.....**

**TODAY:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen Bible Class 9:20am  
Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 7:00pm "Growing in Grace & Knowledge - Worship"  
Pastor's broadcast on WCUB 9:00am / **Grace "Family Night" 4:30 - 7:00pm**

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

**Tue:** Catechism 5:30pm

**Wed:** Pastor preaches @ Bethany 8:00am  
Adult BC 1:30pm - "Growing in Grace & Knowledge - Stewardship"  
Lent Worship 4:15 & 6:30pm with meal between services hosted by Grace Circle

**Thu/Fri:** JLOG Vision Screening 9:00am

**Fri:** Grace Circle Meeting 2:00pm

**Fri/Sat:** MLHS Play "Seven Brides for Seven Brother's" 7:00pm

**Sat:** **Daylight Savings begins - turn clocks ahead one hour**

**Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen Bible Class 9:20am  
Adult BC 9:20am & 6:30pm - "Stewardship"

Pastor preaches @ Shady Lane & MHCC / MLHS Play 2:00pm

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm



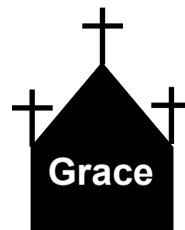
**March Newsletters & Calendars are in member boxes.** Just a reminder that there is a link to access the newsletter online at our Grace website [www.gracelutheran-church.com](http://www.gracelutheran-church.com).

**IT'S HERE... IT'S HERE!!! Please join us for our Grace "Family Night" TODAY, starting at 4:30pm.** We kick things off with a mixer activity, followed by a potluck supper. Then the real fun begins with the entertainment - games, sing along songs, skits, something for everyone from young to the young-at-heart! If possible, please bring something to share for the meal. Hope to see you there!

**The 3rd Annual Lancer "Spring Showcase Tasting Event" fundraiser is Sat, Mar 24 from 6-9pm at Twin Fountains.** Tickets are available online at [www.mlhslancers.org/springshowcase](http://www.mlhslancers.org/springshowcase): \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Enjoy a great evening sampling wines and appetizers from area vendors, silent and live auctions, and a relaxing evening with Lancer parents, friends and families! We can't wait to see you - bring your friends and make this the best year yet!

**Easter Lily donations:** Would you like to donate an Easter Lily plant? Each plant is \$10. Sign-up sheets are located on the Information Table - please indicate if this is in honor of a loved one. There are envelopes and a canister to place your donation in - checks should be made payable to "Grace Circle". The deadline to sign up is Monday, Mar 12.

**It's time to update our church files!** Slips have been put into member bins listing the information we have in our church files. Please pick up your slip and verify the information is accurate - if not, please write down any updates including an email if we don't already have it. Once verified/completed, please put the slip into the labeled Drop Box located on the Information Table. Thank you for helping us in this effort!



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**Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am, Mondays 6:30pm**



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