

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
*March 4, 2018*



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Assistant Music Director .....Katie Cox  
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Pancake Brunch ..... Youth Group

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and by Ellen Anderson in grateful thanks for six years of good health since her heart surgery.*

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.*

### PRELUDE

*During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.*

### WELCOME

*The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk "\*". If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

***Pause for Silence and Reflection***

P: Merciful God,  
 C: **forgive us.**  
**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**  
**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**  
*Pause for Silence and Reflection*

C: **We were silent when we should have said something.**  
*Pause for Silence and Reflection*

C: **We acted when we knew better.**  
*Pause for Silence and Reflection*

C: **We were still when we know we should have moved.**  
*Pause for Silence and Reflection*

C: **For the wrong we have done,  
 for the good we have failed to do,  
 have mercy on us,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

P: People of God, look to the ✠ Son,  
 given to heal you and set you free  
 because God loved the world so much.  
 Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: **Amen.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

*Built on a Rock*

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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.**

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- C: **Amen**

*The assembly may be seated.  
The children are invited to come forward.*

## NOISY OFFERING

### ACCLAMATION

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

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### READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>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,

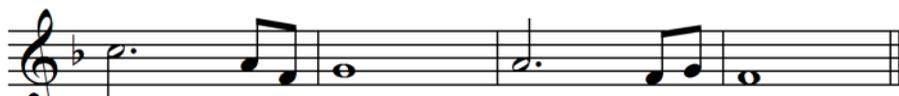
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<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 the 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.

Word of God. Word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 19



- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo - ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of  
the world,  
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the  
end of | it again;  
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. **R**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord your God, re -

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turn to the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_ who is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,

6  
slow to an - ger and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

**\* GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

**P:** The holy gospel according to John

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 mar-

ketplace!" <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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \* PRAYERS

*After each petition*

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear Our Prayer**

### \* PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of God's peace.*

**\* PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P:      We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,  
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

P:      Together, let us pray ...

**C:      Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P:      The Lord be with you.

**C:      And also with you.**

P:      Lift up your hearts.

**C:      We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C:      It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P:      It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* HOLY, HOLY**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are welcome*

P: Return to God with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Christ, thou Lamb of God, who takes a - way the  
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. grant us your peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.*

*Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

***Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child***

Sarah Asmar, Soprano

***By Your Hand You feed Your People***

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**\* TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord

C: **Amen.**

**\* BLESSING**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you ✝ peace.

C: **Amen**

**\* SENDING HYMN**

*Kyrie Eleison*

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**\* DISMISSAL**

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for the Pancake Brunch.  
All are welcome!*

# Kyrie Eleison





***Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.***

Mal Doyle † Hailey Johnson † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek † Melanie Sinche †  
Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson †  
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson



### **LENTEN WORSHIP**

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have a simple soup meal from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, followed by a presentation from Pastor Paula on a faith related issue from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. This week the faith related issue is "***Worship***". The practice of personal spirituality through personal prayer on a daily basis, including prayer for the staff, leadership, members, and ministry of Emanuel. [I Thess. 5:16-19]. The presentation will be followed by a Service at 7:30 PM.

This year, in addition to coming to worship during Lent, we are also encouraged to live out our faith through concrete acts of giving. The "faith action" items for last week was ***reading glasses***, this week is ***Birthday Bags (contains cake mix, frosting., candles, birthday plates and party supplies)***

There is Service each Thursday during Lent at 11:15 AM following Bible Study.



### **NOISY OFFERING**

Sunday School Children will be taking an offering in lieu of a Children's Sermon. Please place your "loose change" (although dollar bills of any denomination are welcomed as well) into the buckets the Children will pass around the Congregation. The Children will then decide, in the context of Sunday School, where to designate this offering. They will be encouraged to look both locally and globally.. Once they have decided, we will let the congregation know. The idea behind the "Noisy Offering" is to instill a sense of excitement about stewardship in children as well as identify opportunities to give beyond themselves to support the needs of others. It also helps us all to see that no offering is too small and when we unite together, we can accomplish more.



**YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BRUNCH FUND RAISER** will be held TODAY! after the 10:00 AM Service. A cash donation to the Youth Group will entitle you to all of the pancakes that you can eat! In addition to your donation to the Youth Group please also bring a box of cereal that will be donated to *Hands on Hartford*.

# March/April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 4</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am</li> <li>• Loose Change for Noisy Offering</li> <li>• 11:30 Pancake Brunch</li> <li>• 11:30 – 1:30 PM Mission &amp; Ministry: Lounge</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Conference</li> <li>• 6:00 Sandberg Mission Fund Committee in Conference Room</li> <li>• 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup</li> <li>• 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Worship"</li> <li>† 7:30 Service</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 11:15 AM Service</li> <li>• 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>• 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission &amp; Ministry at Francis Home</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 11:15 AM Service</li> <li>• 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Patrick Day Parade in Hartford.</li> <li>• No Sprout</li> </ul>
<b>11</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 PM Property Committee</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup</li> <li>• 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Spiritual Growth"</li> <li>† 7:30 Service</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 11:15 AM Service</li> <li>• 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 11:15 AM Service</li> <li>• 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program</li> <li>• Confirmation Banquet</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 – 12:00 Sprout</li> <li>• Confirmation Retreat</li> </ul>
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<b>25</b> <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am</li> <li>• Communion 101 Class 11:30 am – 1:30 pm</li> </ul>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 12:00 Noon Service</li> <li>† 7:30 PM Service</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>† 12:00 Noon Service</li> <li>† 7:30 PM Service</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program</li> </ul>	<b>31</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout</li> <li>† 7:00 PM Service</li> </ul>
<b>April 1</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services at 9:00 and 11:00 am</li> <li>• No Sunday School</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <b>Emanuel Church Offices Closed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>• 10:00 AM Bible Study</li> <li>• 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>• 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout</li> </ul>

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