

***God’s Law as God’s Gift***

***3rd Sunday in Lent***

**March 8th, 2015**

**Holy Communion Setting 4**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) p. 147**

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**GATHERING**

 *Congregation reads* ***bold print****. \*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

*The Way of the Cross. The phrase describes our Lenten season. On Wednesdays, we meet people who met Jesus while he is on his way to someplace or another. On Sundays, at least the last three, we read about individuals who met God while on the way somewhere. In every case, faith is called upon to trust in the journey. To jump in a boat, pick up stakes, take a road trip. In every case, there is some type of challenge to be endured - being responsible for making a new beginning, called to a position of leadership, entering a new life of freedom. In everything, faith is called upon to trust that God has all in control. God has the itinerary and we just need to trust. Jesus’ way to someplace eventually led him to the place where God’s itinerary was fulfilled.* ***Lord of Life, call me in faith to follow and go where you lead. Amen.***

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**L: Let us make confession of our sins and receive God’s forgiveness.**

***Silence for Reflection***

**L: God of grace, God of glory,**

**C: your law is perfect and is able to make us wise; but we, in our foolishness, transgress it daily and are not the people you call us to be. Cleanse us from our faults and revive us with your Word of forgiveness and life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**L: God in his mercy receives our confessions and, for the sake of Christ, God speaks his Word of forgiveness and promises us life in his name. In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days*  **ELW #320**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 147**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 147**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God in the Highest* **ELW p. 148**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Holy God,

**C: 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 forever.** **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV) The Ten Commandments**

20 Then God spoke all these words: 2I 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 an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8Remember the sabbath day, and 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; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12Honor your father and your mother, so 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 male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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| L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** **PSALM 19** *(read responsively the* ***bold print***) 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;    **and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**2Day to day pours forth speech,    **and night to night declares knowledge.**3There is no speech, nor are there words;    **their voice is not heard;**4yet their voice goes out through all the earth,**and their words to the end of the world.** In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  **5which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong**  **man runs its course with joy.**6Its rising is from the end of the heavens,    **and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**7The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**8the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**9the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**10More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**11Moreover by them is your servant warned;     **in keeping them there is great reward.**12But who can detect their errors?     **Clear me from hidden faults.**13Keep back your servant also from the insolent;     **do not let them have dominion over me.**Then I shall be blameless,     **and innocent of great transgression.**14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart     **be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NRSV)**18For 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. 19For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20Where 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? 21For 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. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**  |   |  |

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Jesus, Remember Me* **ELW #616**

**\*GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making 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. 16He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ the Life of All the Living*  **ELW #339**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 105**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me* **ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 152**

**\*PREFACE & RESPONSE** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* **ELW p. 153**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(Sung)*

**LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 154**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Christ’s meal.*

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen**

**\*BLESSING C:** *Three-Fold Amen*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* **ELW #335**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: We go in peace to journey the way of the cross. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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*The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom.*

 *~* John Locke

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**Readings for Next Sunday:** Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21



**Our deepest Sympathy to Laurie Willie and her family on the death of her father, Steven Yocom, who passed away on February 25th.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a telephone scam calling Trinity Members about stealing money from the offering plate. If you get a phone call like this, please hang up and call Vicar Kent (507-848-7192) right away. There is more information about this on the Trinity Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Truman/137166749780180> and Trinity Lutheran-Faith Formation Facebook site (*with it only being released to Friends of the pages*)

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*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* **Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa** **Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang, Family of Steven Yocom-(Laurie Wille), Janice Buhmann and Howard Kautz.**

*Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*



**If you wish to donate a plant(s) to Trinity for the Easter season, please fill out the form inserted in your bulletin. Make your check out to Trinity Lutheran.**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**-Vicar Kent @ Luther Seminary in A.M. for class.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**-5:00-6:15 pm Youth Lenten Supper-Cheesy Chicken Sandwiches, chips and bars.

**6:30 pm Lenten Worship**

**7:00 pm Church Council Meeting**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

 9 AM Worship-**Noisy Sunday**

10 AM Sunday School

*Reader: Lisa Krumwiede, Acolyte: Kylee Harder*

*Ushers: \*Tom Kneeland, Tom Dodge, Dan Smith and Chad Hastad*

**6:30 PM WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES**

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2015--ENCOUNTERING JESUS ON THE CROSS ROAD**

Lent 3: March 11th **Luke 19:1-10**

***Zacchaeus encounters FELLOWSHIP in Christ***

Lent 4: March 18th Mark **5:25-34**

***The Woman who touched Jesus encounters HEALING in Christ***

Lent 5: March 25th **John 3:1-21**

***Nicodemus encounters REDEMPTION in Christ***

**Palm Sunday ~ March 29th Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd**

**Good Friday ~ April 3rd Easter Sunday ~ April 5th**

*(Lenten offering— ½ is going to Heaven’s Table Food Shelf and ½ is going to CREST of Martin County)*

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