

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *First Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid (Craft room) 12:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Building Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Second Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
-Cherub Choir
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Choir: Mixed Choir
Acolyte: Charlie Hyatt (5:00); Lucas Hagenow (9:30)
Videographer: Landon Sherry

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

IN OUR PRAYERS

†Ill/Hospitalized: **Alice Davis** – Covenant
Kelly Dressler
William Schnell - *knee surgery*
William Allison

†Birthdays: **Agnes Freigang** – 86 on March 2nd

†New Members: **Lisa Allen**
Keith Pretzer
Katie Pretzer

†Adult Confirmands: **Eddie Dearman**
Dallas Dearman
Chad Allen
Hannah Allen
Saydee Allen

†Baptism: Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Braxton Zane Pretzer**, son of *Keith & Katie Pretzer*. Witness is *Lori Bommarito*. We pray God's blessings on *Braxton* as he becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.

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“A Real House Cleaning”

March 2 & 3, 2024

† Third Sunday in Lent †

Introit *Psalms 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9*

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en 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 swal- | low 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 the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Collect of the Day

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

¹And God 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.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“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. 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“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.

⁸“Remember 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 the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“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.”

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Holy Gospel *John 2:13-22*

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 I 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.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 4

ENTRANCE HYMN: #981 (Insert)

BAPTISM: p. 269 (Sunday)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and
ABSOLUTION: p. 203 (Saturday)

INTROIT (inside bulletin)

KYRIE: p. 204

SALUTATION and COLLECT: p. 205

OLD TESTAMENT READING

☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

☩ Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED: p. 207 (Saturday)

HYMN: #824

SERMON

Text: John 2:13-22

Theme: “A Real House Cleaning”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☩ Lord, in Your mercy,

☩ Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: p. 208

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN: #561, #865, #628

NUNC DIMITTIS: p. 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: p. 212

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION: p. 212

CLOSING HYMN: #433