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# Third Sunday in Lent

## March 4, 2018

Preservice music

A word of welcome to all from the pastor

Opening Song "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" #867

Let children hear the mighty deeds  
Which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger days we saw,  
And which our parents told.

So make to them His glories known  
His works of pow'r and grace;  
And we'll convey His wonders down  
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our sons and daughters we shall tell  
And they again to theirs  
That generations yet unborn  
May teach them to their heirs.

O teach them with all diligence  
The truths of God's own Word,  
To place in Him their confidence,  
To fear and trust their Lord,

To learn that in our God alone  
Their hope securely stands,  
That they may never doubt His love  
But walk in His commands.

Invocation and prayer

Opening Psalm

Psalm 146...spoken responsively

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Word of Confession and Forgiveness

## 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.

Song by the school children

“Loving is All About God”

## Readings

Old Testament:

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“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. <sup>5</sup>You 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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep 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, 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. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that 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 bear false witness 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 servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are 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 men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel:

John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And 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. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <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, "It has taken

forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When 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.

Message Song

"Lamb of God"

#550

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Message

"The Unexpected"

Offering

Intercessions

**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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and  $\alpha$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

Closing Song "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

#722

Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

**Lutheran Schools Week**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>-March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Theme: "Only Jesus"*

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8*

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Worship at the School, 10:30 a.m.  
Students sing during the service  
LYF Soup Luncheon following the service

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:** *Hat Day* (K-5) *Pajama Day* (PreK)  
Mercy Meals packing

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:** *Pajama/Baby Day* (PS-5)  
Gather 500 diapers for Mother to Mother Ministry  
Minute to Win It Group Games in Gym

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Animal Day* (PreK-5)  
Chapel at 8:30 a.m.  
Lincoln Zoo Animal Demonstrations in afternoon

**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Tourist/Travel Day* (K-5)  
*Animal Day* (PS)  
Dress Rehearsal for Grandparent's Day at 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:** *School Spirit Day* (PreK-5)  
Grandparents Day Program at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:** School Roller-Skating Party @  
Rolla-Rena 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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**Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving is  
Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead  
one hour before going to bed.