

Sunday, March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent

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 commandments begin with the statement that because God also has freed us from the power that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first places 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. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering ** indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*

* *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #324*

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 213**

* Hymn of Praise *"Glory to God" pg. 213*

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 *(page 61 OT in the pew Bible)*

Psalm 19 *(on screen)*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *(page 145 NT in pew Bible)*

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216** *(Lent)*

* Gospel: John 2:13-22 *(page 81 NT in pew Bible)*

*(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

Children's Message

Message

"Canticle of the Turning" #723

* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 217**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering

* Offertory *"Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188*

* Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

* Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**

* The Lord's Prayer

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #705

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20

2 Churches....2 Worship Times

First Lutheran: 12:05pm worship

Faith Lutheran: 6:30pm worship | 5:15pm supper

Worship TIME CHANGE! worship services will be held at 11:00am with Coffee/Fellowship at 10:00am. Sunday school will also change to 10:00am.

Coffee/Fellowship Join us in the fellowship hall prior to worship for a time of fellowship. Coffee and treats will be served. All are welcome!

2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, and Nov 17. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, March 3

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family **Lector:** Cathy Anderson

Nursery: Lindy Ekola **Acolyte:** Jaxon Hilbrands & Issac Just

Video: Dave Jungst **TV Slides:** Brayden Carlson

Wednesday: March 6 at 12:05pm

Ushers: Al Harris & Doug Ehlers

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, March 10

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Ward Voorhees **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolyte: Jacoby Burnett & Wes Odello **Communion Prep:** Sharon Ehlers

Comm Servers: Emilie Brustuen, Bob & Vicki Dalager

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV Slides:** Skott Anderson

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, March 3

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

10:00am: Sunday school

11:00am: Worship

Monday, March 4

no events scheduled

Tuesday, March 5

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

6:00pm: Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

11:00am: Lunch Bunch at Common Cup

12:05pm: Worship at First

6:30pm: Worship at Faith | 5:15pm: Supper

Thursday, March 7

5:00-8:00pm: Daycare Food Prep training

Friday, March 8

no events scheduled

Saturday, March 9

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, March 10

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship with Holy Communion

3:00pm: Glacial Ridge Conference, Trinity Alberta