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Our Worship Today - Sunday, the 4th of March, 2018

Liturgy -- Divine Service 3 with Communion -- LSB page 184

The Message: "Clearing the Temple"

is based on the Gospel reading: John 2:13-22

The Old Testament reading is **Exodus 20:1-17**. The Lord gives Moses the Ten Commandments, the foundation and summary of all of God's law. Though the Ten Commandments had never been written down before, they are simply an expression of the law that the Lord had built into His creation from the very beginning. Everyone has been expected to live by these commandments and every sin is a transgression of them. The Epistle reading is **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**. As the Creator, God is not subject to the workings of His creation. What we may think of as good and proper is not necessarily what God will choose to do. The ministry of Christ goes against every inclination we may have and yet it accomplishes more than we could hope for. God demonstrates through His own work that everything we sinful humans think is important is the exact opposite of what we should be working toward. The Gospel reading is **John 2:13-22**. Jesus sees that the merchants and Jewish leaders have perverted the very purpose of the temple. It is not just that they have profaned a holy place with such common activity, but that they are giving the impression that God's grace is something to be bought and sold, rather than being a free gift that is given to all who ask for it.

Opening Hymn	427	.....	In the cross of Christ I glory
Sermon Hymn	645	.....	Built on the Rock
Distribution Hymn	428	.....	Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow
Closing Hymn	582	.....	God's Word is our great heritage

The Lord's Supper: Scripture teaches us that the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper are truly Christ's Body and Blood given to us for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches us that those who come together to share the Lord's Supper are joining in a common confession in Christ. As such, members of the LCMS who have been instructed on the Lord's Supper and who humbly seek His grace and mercy are invited to come and receive Holy Communion. Visitors to Trinity are asked to speak to the pastor prior to the service.

Week at a Glance

Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	.....	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	.....	Worship Service
	After Church	.....	Council / Outreach Meeting
Tuesday:	6:00 p.m.	.....	Hope in the City / Tutoring
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	.....	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:30 p.m.	.....	Lenten Service



Announcements:

Midweek Lenten Services will feature visiting pastors from around the circuit. This week, we welcome Pastor Greg Enterline from Grace Lutheran Church. Join us for soup supper at 6:30 p.m. preceding worship at 7:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet by the door if you'd like to help provide soup or dessert for an upcoming supper.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for the 2018 Trinity Lutheran Fish Fry that will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 4-7 pm. Look for more information in the coming weeks and make sure to sign up on the sheet next to the entrance door-- Make sure to invite your friends and other family members!

LWML Mites are being collected the next 3 weeks. They can be placed in the Mite box in the Narthex. Thanks to all who faithfully support this worthy cause.

Last Week's Offering 02/25/18: Envelopes \$1,220.00, Donation for parking lot \$200.00, Lent \$5.00, Mid-Week Lenten Service 02/28/18 \$179.00, Total \$1,604.00, Needed \$2,767.00.

KEEP IN PRAYERS: All who are ill, infirm, shut in and all who are undergoing tests and treatments. May they experience God's continual care.

Tammy Smith	Ken Sanders	Horst Scheffler
Godfrey Reiter	Lyn Stalford (Misty's Aunt)	Penny Geist
Irmgard Milkuhn	Rose Neumeister	Verma Seim
Frank Gehring	Marilyn Reinking	Lisa Davis
		Joe Klevenger