



About the cover: When Jesus spoke of the temple being razed, no one understood that He was speaking of His own body. Instead, they had their eyes set on the temporary temple in Jerusalem. However, the temple of Jesus' body was razed on the cross for the sins of the whole world and then raised three days later on Easter morning. Praise be to God that Jesus was raised for our justification. He turns our eyes from the temporal things of this world to the eternal things to God!

The readings for next Sunday March 10, 2021-The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

Psalm 136



Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2021

Hope Lutheran Church
The Rev. David M. Oddi, Pastor
Lay Minister Joyce Cronin, LCC Director

Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God's house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church. Before the service begins, we ask everyone to please sign his or her name on the "Record of Fellowship" (red book at the end of the pew). Please circle any change of address or phone numbers. These will be collected during the sermon hymn.

Since we believe that communion is not only a way in which we receive forgiveness of sins, but is also a confession of faith, we ask all members of Hope and Lutheran Students at NWMSU to indicate their communing in the "Record of Fellowship." If you are a guest, please speak with Pastor Oddi before communing. Thank you.

Make this your prayer as you come to worship: "God of healing and salvation, turn my eyes away from my troubles and set my focus on you — first, for this time of worship, and even in the days ahead. Amen."

Divine Service, Setting One

Divine Service One begins on page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB)

OPENING HYMN "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow" LSB pg. 428

Please stand

INVOCATION (*speak responsively*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (*speak responsively*)

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT (*chant responsively by half verse-people in bold*)

Ps. 69:14-16; antiphon: Ps. 69:9

For zeal for your house has con- | summed 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- | summed me, *
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall - | en on me.

KYRIE (*chant responsively*) *LSB page 152*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

COLLECT (*sing responses*) *LSB page 156*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

Please sit

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*chant responsively by half verse-people in bold*) *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Lenten Verse (*people sing*) *LSB page 156*

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13-22 (23-25) (*sing responses*) (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit

SERMON HYMN "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB pg. 782

SERMON

"The Temple"

John 2:18-22

Please stand

OFFERTORY LSB page 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your Mercy.

People: Hear our prayer

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (*chant responsibly*) *LSB page 160*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 161*

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to

trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PAX DOMINI (*speaking responsively*)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*people sing*) *LSB pg. 163*

**People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please sit

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"	LSB pg. 618
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"	LSB pg. 623
"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"	LSB pg. 729

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*people sing*) *LSB 164*

**People: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of
ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT (*people sing response*)

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *(chant responsively)*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" LSB pg. 850

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John 2:16 – "And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."

The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.



"Reading the Psalms With Luther"

The 135th Psalm is a Psalm of thanks. It calls the priests to give thanks, preach, and praise God for the wonders that He showed to the people in Egypt and Canaan, so that they never forget God and seek idols or other gods. This happens when one does not occupy oneself with—and diligently hold to—preaching and the praise of God, as it says in the next psalm. But where His Word is silenced and He does not judge or teach, there truly shall be great anger and no grace. Therefore think, you servants in the house of the Lord, and preach diligently of God and His works.

Prayer: O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing, Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing. Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they remain Our only strength and comfort. Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly; And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy That we repentance show, In faith ever grow; The power of sin destroy And evils that annoy. O make us faithful Christians. Amen. (LSB 647: 2, 3)

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

