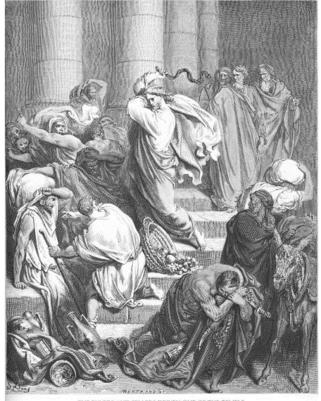
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March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent



THE BUYERS AND SELLERS DRIVEN OUT OF THE TEMPLE My house is the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.... (Luke 19: 40

Introduction to Worship

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 alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place 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.

You can find the live stream at the following locations: <u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

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Prelude: "Fughetta" Karl Heinrich Graun

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Stand if you are able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

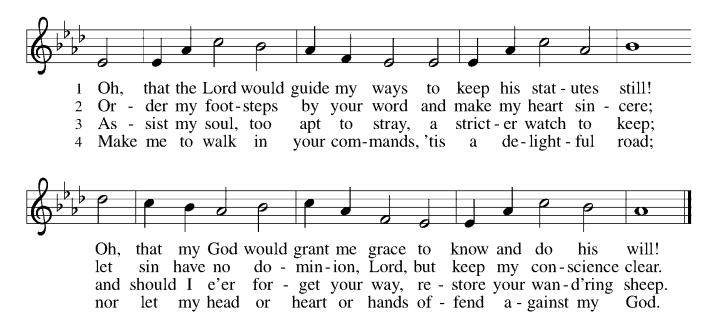
P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: ELW 772

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and

property.

L: A reading from the twentieth chapter of Exodus:

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and 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; you shall not do any work— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

- L: ¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- C: ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- L: ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- C: ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- L: ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- C: 6Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.
- L: ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- C: "the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- L: "the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- C: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- L: ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- C: ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- L: ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Corinthians:

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel – John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After 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.

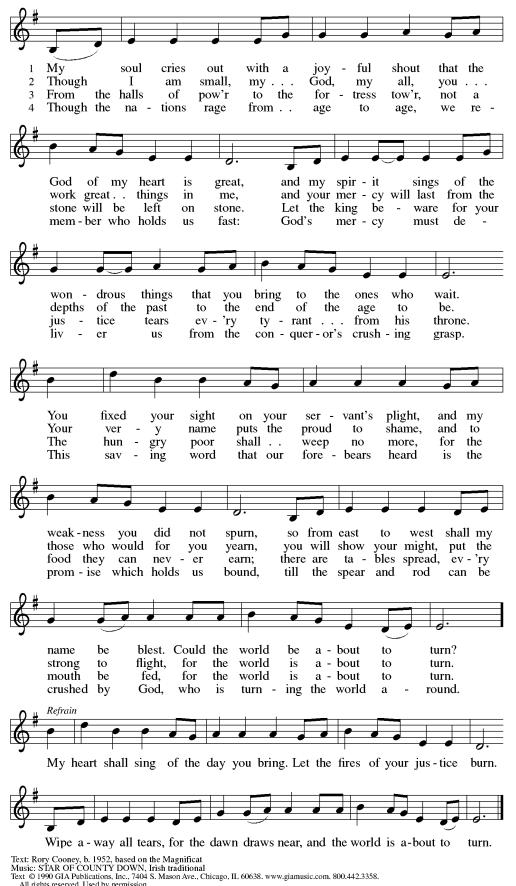
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



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Installation of Church Council

- Ken Anderson
- Karen Beerer
- Cathy Mueller
- Becky Praster
- Jack Pyne
- Dave Sauter
- Kat Wagner
- Bea von Watzdorf
- Pat Zion

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

P: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

- P: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (regions in conflict may be named). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (especially). Hear us, O God.

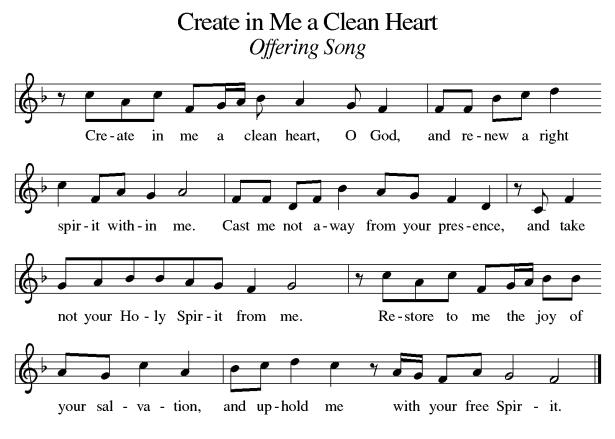
C: Your mercy is great.

- P: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (especially). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.
- OFFERING
- Choir Anthem: "Grace" Carolyn Hamlin

Presentation of the Gifts



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Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

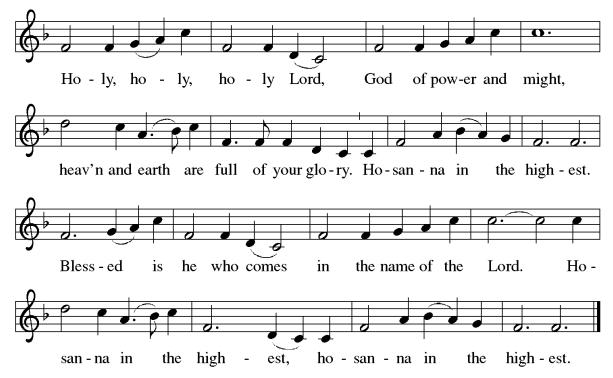
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

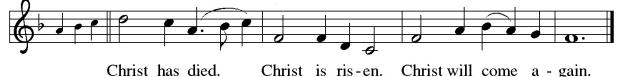
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Communion: ELW 727



Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt. Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW 798

O God, My Faithful God



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Postlude

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Share your bread.
- C: Thanks be to God.



The food basket is given in honor of Gladys Nicholas' 90th birthday.

			ANNOUNCEME	<u>NTS</u>			
March	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS		
4	Amanda Harrison						
6	Gladys Nicholas (90)						
7	Kenneth Crouse						
8					Karen Bolesta		
9			Clayton & Darby	Leichliter (2)			
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES							
Sunday, March 3		10:00 AM		Communion Worship			
Third Sunday in Lent		2:00-5:00 PM		Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville			
		5:00 PM		Confirmation class @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley			
Monday, March 4		7:00 PM		PALM planning meeting @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley.			
Wednesday, March 6		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM		Choir rehear Care -A-Lot V Office Hours Chat & Chew Midweek Le	/isit		
			6:00 PM	<i>of Circumsta</i> Valley	nces @ Trinity, Pleasant		
Thursday, March 7		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES							
Sunday, March 10		10:00 AM		Communion	Worship		
Fourth Sunday in Lent							
Monday, March 11		7:00 PM		Council Meeting			

L0:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal.
L1:00 AM - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot Visit
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
6:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Gathering - Change
	of Heart @Upper Tinicum
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
9:00 AM	Make Soup
12:00 PM	Potluck lunch
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sell Cream of Broccoli soup
0:00 AM	Communion Worship
:00 PM	Confirmation class @ Trinity, Pleasant
	Valley
0:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
1:00 AM - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot Visit
1:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
2:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Gathering - Change
	of Plans @ St. Luke's, Ferndale
0:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
0:00 AM	WELCA @ Hlavaty's
0:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
	1:00 AM - 11:15 PM 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 - 6:00 PM 0:00 AM 1:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1:00 AM - 11:15 PM 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM 2:00 PM 00 PM 00 PM 00 PM



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Dot Peterman; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Joe Erceg; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Shawn Stadt; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Annette von Watzdorf; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Rostam Wong Chaffin and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Jean Pratt, Charles Reiman (Brittany Froelich and Dane Reiman's father)

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org



The March Outreach envelope is for Achieve Now, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children in Philadelphia learn to read. Achieve Now uses volunteers to work with children throughout the city to provide one-on-one tutoring to help them grow into readers.

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman	
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams	
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson & Scott Gaun	
Greeter(s)	Leo Grzelkowsi	
Acolyte	Colton Wagner	
Lector	Bea von Watzdorf	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Counting Team	Dave Sauter & Ken Anderson	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	

Worship Assistants





Easter Flowers Order Form

The 2024 prices of Easter flowers are as follows:

Mums – random colors	\$7
Tulips – random colors	\$6
Lilies – white	\$8
Daffodils	\$8



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Place your check and order form in the offering plate, or mail to Victoria Phillipps (100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville 18077). The deadline to order flower is *Sunday, March 24* (*Palm Sunday*). Any questions, contact Victoria.

