

**The Old Testament Reading. . . . . Exodus 20:1–17**

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "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. 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, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "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. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 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. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "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."

**The Epistle Reading. . . . . 1 Corinthians 1:18–31**

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 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? 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 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. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**The Gospel Reading. . . . . John 2:13–25**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 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. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 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. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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## Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

**Notes on the service:** In the season of Lent, we are again on our way to Calvary. There Christ suffered, bled, and died, forever breaking the power of Satan to accuse the saints who wash their robes in the blood shed for us all. Thus, we fix our eyes on Jesus. The need of Christ's Passion for mankind becomes more and more evident. In the *Old Testament Reading* the Law is given to us through Moses in the most succinct manner, the Ten Commandments. And yes, when the Law rings in our ears—the Law always accuses. We rely on the forgiveness that Jesus earned for us. On our own we could not obey the Law of God and were condemned with all those who disobey it. But God in His wisdom (*Epistle*) chose to save us and all who boast not in their works but in the Lord's. The *Gospel* shows how far from the purity of the Law in the precepts of God the people of Israel had fallen. They rejected God's plan for them. However, Christ did overcome in three days. The temple of His body would be restored in His resurrection, which guarantees life for us all.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 69



For zeal for your house has con- | sumed 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.**

**All: 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.**

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Organist. . . . . Linda Rusche  
Communion Elders. . . . . Carl Pigors & Randy Wilson  
March Elder. . . . . Randy Wilson

*Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional*

**10:00 A.M.**

**Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn—LSB #707**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism - LSB 268-271**

**Confession and Absolution—LSB 151**

**Service of the Word—LSB 152**

**Introit—Psalm 69 (printed at left)**

**Kyrie - LSB 152-153 (Gloria omitted for Lent)**

**Collect of the Day**

**The Lessons:** (printed on back)

**Hymn of the Day - LSB #579**

**Sermon - "Foolish Talk"**

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Rev. Thomas Lange

**The Nicene Creed - LSB 158**

**Prayer of the Church - LSB 159**

**Offering**

**Offertory - LSB 159-160**

**Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160**

**Sanctus - LSB 161**

**Lord's Prayer (right column) - LSB 162**

**Agnus Dei - LSB 163**

**Distribution - LSB 164**

Hymns—LSB #580

LSB #624

LSB #761

**Nunc Dimittis- LSB 165**

**Benediction - LSB 166**

**Closing Hymn— LSB #923**

**Postlude**