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6 p.m. Sat., March 2, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., March 3 2024
Sermon: "Disruptive Jesus"



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

(6 p.m. Sat., March 2 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., March 3, 2022)

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat. Ruthie Witte; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Marcus Klassen

Usher: Steve Segebart

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Elders: 6 p.m. Sat. Randy Johnson; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Bob Greene

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doug Lehr

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER In our Gospel today, we find Jesus clearing the temple of all those who have made it a house of trade. Jesus disrupts not just the sinfulness of these practices, showing a different side of Him than we expect to see. He also disrupted the status quo—everyday realities that had come to be accepted in the temple. May Jesus so disrupt our lives where it is needed.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP 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. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE ONE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 427

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: God invites us to gather in His name.

C: We are gathered to worship and praise.

P: Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.

C: He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.

P: We listen to God's Word.

C: We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.

Confession and Absolution

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

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

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

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

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Introit Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

P: For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C: and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

P: Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

C: let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

P: Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,

C: or the pit close its mouth over me.

P: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;

C: 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C: and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

The Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" (Sung)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (Sung)

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in righteousness You disrupted the sinful lives of those in the temple, pointing them to the purpose of Your Father's house. Disrupt our sinful lives so that our church would be a home of prayer for all the nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

(God offers ten words for the people He delivered from Egypt.)

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I 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 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. ⁵You 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, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"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.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to 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. 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. ¹¹For 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.

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

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: 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.

The Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 (We preach Christ crucified.)

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly 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, it pleased

God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Verse Joel 2:13 (Sung)

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C: Return to the Lord, your God, For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and a bounding in stead fast love, and a bounding in stead fast love.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel John 2:13–22 (Jesus cleanses the temple.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

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| <p>¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it</p> | <p>was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But He was speaking about the temple of His body. ²²When 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.</p> |
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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" LSB 579 vs.1,3,5,6

Sermon "Disruptive Jesus" Text: John 2:13–22

The Nicene Creed

The Prayer of the Church

P: Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries, especially Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf and the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. **Lord, in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially Ron Sherrill also be with those dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Michael Montagne, Wilma Siefker, Don Lantis, Barb Hageman, Linda Brinkert, Judy Seaman, Steve Segebart, Bernie Attema, Jacob Sulzbach, Vickie Johnson, Ron Will, Carolyn Stuhr, and Kim and Sharon Sparr.* Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Debra Blanford, Angela Pıklapp, Sonia Reekers, Drew Wagner, Douglas Williams, Kenny Sherman Jr., Eric Sherman and Justice Sherman. Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please pass your **Welcome Card** to an usher or acolyte.

Mark 8:35-36 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Offertory Hymn

"Lord of All Good"

LSB 786

(stand as you are able)

Offertory (Sung) Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*Sung*)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: 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 "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" (*Sung*) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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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

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to overturn the sin in our lives, and form Your church into a house of prayer for all the nations. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer Page 162

Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19* Page 163

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

C: **Amen.** (*sung*)

Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (*Sung*) *John 1:29* Page 163

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.

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

"I Know My Faith Is Founded" LSB 587

"Built on the Rock" LSB 645

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings" LSB 643

(Stand as you are able)

Nunc Dimittis

C: 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: Alight 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.

The Post Communion Collect Page 166

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: 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.

C: **Amen.** (*sung*)

The Closing Hymn "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

Silent Prayer

Postlude



Lenten Service Times

Wednesdays
 at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 (A Lenten Meal will be served following the 6:00 p.m. service)

Our emphasis during Lent is on Moses' book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the **exodus 125 times!**

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who He is through His absence and His presence, through His silence and His speech, through His wrath and His mercy, and through His judgment and His amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of Jesus.

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| Ash Wednesday | 02/14 | "Big Things with Small Stuff" | Exodus 2:1–10 |
| Lent 1 | 02/21 | "How God Changes Us" | Exodus 3:1–14 |
| Lent 2 | 02/28 | "Stop Trying and Start Trusting" | Exodus 14:1–29 |
| Lent 3 | 03/06 | "Strike the Rock!" | Exodus 17:1–7 |
| Lent 4 | 03/13 | "Mine!" | Exodus 20:1–17 |
| Lent 5 | 03/20 | "Digging Ourselves into a Hole" | Exodus 32:1–14 |
| Palm Sunday | 03/24 | "A New Beginning!" | Exodus 34:1–8 |
| Maundy Thursday | 03/28 | "Access!" | Exodus 24:1–11 |
| Good Friday | 03/29 | "Agnus Dei" | Exodus 12:1–13 |
| Easter Sunday | 03/31 | "Against all Odds!" | Exodus 15:1–18 |

- * Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: 12:15 & 6:00 PM
- * Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- * Easter Sunrise Service: 7:45 AM



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