



“Destroy
this temple,
and I will
raise it again
in three days.”

John 2:19

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As We Gather

In our sermon text 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.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

2 – To Thy Temple I Repair

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 Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us ever into His house to ask for forgiveness.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. 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. Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. As a called 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. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 69:14-16

P Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink;

C Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

P Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up;

C And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

P Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;

C Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.



GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
- C** Amen.

¹ And 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 bondage. ³ “You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—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; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to 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. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which 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, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

- P** The heavens declare the glory of God;
- C** **And the firmament shows His handiwork.**
- P** Day unto day utters speech,
- C** **And night unto night reveals knowledge.**
- P** There is no speech nor language
- C** **Where their voice is not heard.**
- P** Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.
- C** **In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,**
- P** Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
- C** **And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.**
- P** Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end;
- C** **And there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

- P** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
- C** **The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
- C** **The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
- C** **The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
- C** **Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
- C** **And in keeping them there is great reward.**
- P** Who can understand his errors?
- C** **Cleanse me from secret faults.**
- P** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me.
- C** **Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.**
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight,
- C** **O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” ²⁰ Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and

sanctification and redemption—³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

Response

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Sermon Text

John 2:13-22

¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!” ¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” ¹⁸ So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do

these things?”¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”²⁰ Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body.²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.



Sermon

Zeal for His House is Love for Us

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

748 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offering

Offering Hymn

788 (1)

Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with o-pen
heart and hand Bless-es free-ly as a riv-er
That re-fresh-es all the land. Grant us, then, the
grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true
That our life and all our liv-ing
We may con-se-crate to You.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with o-pen heart and hand Bless-es free-ly as a riv-er That re-fresh-es all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true That our life and all our liv-ing We may con-se-crate to You." The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

General Prayer

The 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.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a -
oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless ed is He, Bless ed is He,
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
A - - - men.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cording to Your word, For my eyes have seen Your Salvation:
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the Glo - ry of Your people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for -
ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
- C** For His mercy endures forever.

P O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, in loving-kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We implore You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

409 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

March 3	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Church Council/Board of Elders/Ladies
March 6	2:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
March 12	7:00 pm	ILC Tour Choir Convert
March 13	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
March 17	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **April 7** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Elders
- **June 2** – Board of Trustees/Church Council

Midweek Lenten Worship: Midweek worship services continue throughout the Lenten season on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. (Note: The service on 3/13 is now scheduled for 7:00 pm). These services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. We do so through the eyes of the Holy Evangelist, Saint John, as we hear, in John 18–19, of Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Jesus facing Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus delivered, Jesus crucified, and Jesus' death and burial.

Easter Lilies: Celebrate the joy and beauty of Easter by signing up for Easter lilies! These lovely flowers will enhance the splendor of our Easter worship service, and are available for just \$10 each. This year, there are only eight available, so don't miss out on this opportunity to contribute to our Easter celebration. Sign up before March 24th on the sign-up sheet on the organ.

ILC Tour Choir Concert: The ILC Tour Choir is scheduled to be here for a concert on Tuesday, March 12th @ 7:00 pm.

Youth Camp: CLC Youth Camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM CST. For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Retirement Gift: Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before

August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN has accepted the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI. This is to fill the position currently held by Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, is still considering the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, is still considering calls from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI and Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church and School, Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, is still considering the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th-6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC is still considering the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

Fruits of Faith		February 25, 2024	Attendance: ORL – 12, WH – 20	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,682.25	General Budget	\$10.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	-\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$259.25	-Under / +Over	-\$47.69	-Under / +Over	
\$13,457.50	Year to Date Offerings	\$80.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$11,384.00	Year to Date Need	\$461.52	Year to Date Need	
+\$2,073.50	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$381.52	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$255.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$50.00	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$5.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

March 4-9

Monday: John 10:24-33 – The threats to Jesus’ life did not begin in Holy Week. Here the Jews asked if He was the Christ, then picked up stones to kill Him when He admitted that He was the mighty God (Is. 9:6).

Tuesday: Hebrews 5:7-10 – Jesus prayed fervently for the removal of the cup of suffering, but not if it meant giving up His role as the “source of eternal salvation” (v9). [For Melchizedek as a special priest, see Heb. 7 ff.]

Wednesday: Genesis 22:1-6 – Abraham loved the son of his old age, but even Isaac was a gift from God, who deserved Abraham’s greatest love. Abraham shows that love by his three-day journey to a mountain to be determined, all to offer his son back to the Lord. His faith is also shown by the words: “We will come back to you” (v5).

Thursday: Genesis 22:7-12 – Little did Abraham know just how God would provide, when Isaac asked him where the lamb was, but he offered his son to God believing that God would keep all of His promises to him, and God accepted the offering of his heart.

Friday: Genesis 22:13-14 – It was surely no accident that Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in the thicket. In his joy over God’s way of providing for his thank-offering, Abraham calls the site of the future temple “The Lord will provide,” and we are reminded how He provided for us all in Christ.

Saturday: Genesis 22:15-24 – The Angel of the Lord now calls blessings upon Abraham, repeating again that all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. The chapter closes with a notice that Isaac’s future wife, Rebekah, has been born.