

virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION

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\*Word's of Institution, \*Lord's Prayer, Distribution

COMMUNION HYMN

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*"I Am the Bread of Life"*

\*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of steadfast love, at this table You gather Your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of Your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*SENDING HYMN

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*



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

John 2:19

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*"A Family in Christ;  
Moved by His Spirit;  
Sharing His Love."*

\*: Please stand if you are able.  
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

*"We Gather"*

\*GATHERING HYMN

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*"Lift High the Cross" v.1,2,5*

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Bless His Holy Name"*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

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PSALM

Psalms 19

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The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours forth speech,  
**and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard;**

yet 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,**

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
**and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; **and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
**the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
**in keeping them there is great reward.**

But who can detect their errors? **Clear me from hidden faults.**

Keep 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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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\*GOSPEL VERSE

*"Thy Word"*

\*GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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SERMON HYMN

*"In Christ Alone"*

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the**