
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

THEME: “The Law is bad and the Gospel is good.” Wait a second! While this statement might make sense on the surface, it’s false. God’s Word of Law and Gospel are both good—and necessary. While it may be easy for us to see how the Gospel, centered in Jesus, is good, maybe it’s not so easy to see how the Law is good. Yet, it is. God’s Law protects us from evil. God’s Law does show us our sin, but it leads us to the need for a Savior. And the best news is that Jesus fulfilled the Law completely for you!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. By the command of Jesus, I forgive you all of your sins—in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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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 HYMN OF PRAISE

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

C: 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.

P: We pray these things through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

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 on 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."

CHOIR ANTHEM:

I Surrender All to You

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou will be my guide.

I surrender, Lord, to You; all I am, I owe to You.

O Jesus, I promise to surrender all to You!

O Jesus Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be. And, Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end, O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend!

Holy Gospel:

John 2:13-22

Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

SERMON *"A Master Design"* Pastor Jeremy Lucke

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
**On the third day he rose again,
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERINGS GATHERED

We give our offerings as a sign of our lives given to the Lord in humble service.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

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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.

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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: For those who are ailing (names...) and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place. We especially uplift our partners in ministry that we support: Celebrate Recovery, Love INC., Luther House, Camp Lutherwood, Philomath Community Services, We Care, Zion Lutheran School and the Northwest District.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For these and all other prayers and intercessions we have, that the petitions of our hearts may be known to the One who know and loves us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, let Your light lead us to You. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE**LBW pg. 88**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS**LBW pg. 89**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG*"O, How I Love Jesus"*

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,

O, how I love Jesus Because He first loved me!
It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.
Oh, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.
Oh, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus Because He first loved me!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!