Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Moses was on Mt. Sinai with the LORD, the people mad a golden calf and indulged in revelry.

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>2</sup>So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup> They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiffnecked people. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." 11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever." <sup>14</sup> And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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# Good morning and welcome to worship!

During this season of Lent, we have been studying through the book of Exodus, and our theme is: "Let My People Go!" Today, we will especially look at what God was teaching the Israelites, and us at Mt. Sinai with the incident of the "golden calf." Our sermon title is, "Don't Hit the Accelerator!" Preaching this morning is Pastor Lassanske, retired member here at Trinity. Welcome, we are glad you are here to share in our praise and worship.



Sunday, March 17, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 8:00am TRADITIONAL SERVICE Dennis L. Lassanske, Pastor Ken Thies, Organist **Opening Psalm** 

(Selected Verses from Psalm 106)

P: The Lord commanded the Red Sea to dry up. He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert,

- C: He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.
- P: The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.
- C: Then His people believed His promises; then they sang His Praise.
- P: Yet, how quickly they forgot what He had done! They wouldn't wait for His counsel.
- C: The people made a calf at Mount Sinai; they bowed before an image made of gold.
- P: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.
- C: So He declared He would destroy them
- P: But Moses, His chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.
- C: He begged Him to turn from His anger and not destroy them.
- P: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,
- C: That we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in your praise.

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.

## **Collect of the Day**

P: Let us pray. Lord God merciful Father, You are the God who made heaven and earth. Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

# **Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:5-8

The Apostle Paul writes through inspiration to remind us of the judgement the Children of Israel received from God for their sexual immorality.

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown<sup>[a]</sup> in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Tom Jandt

#### "Watch The Lamb"

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### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:27-30

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus describes the evil nature of lust and adultery and calls us to repent.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

# C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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