

# Third



**SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**

Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne Street  
St. Marys, OH 45885

March 7, 2021  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

**PRELUDE**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. Grichetchkine

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Insert

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

#### **GREETING**

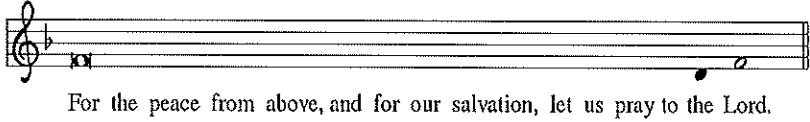
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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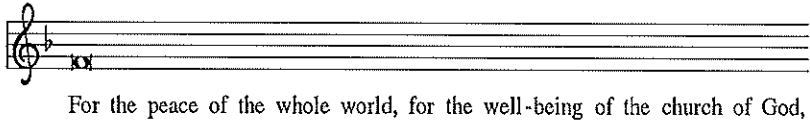
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



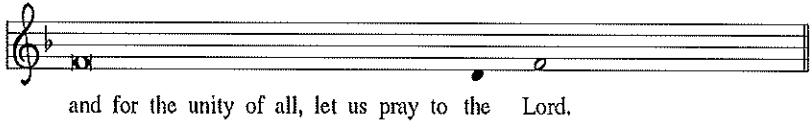
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



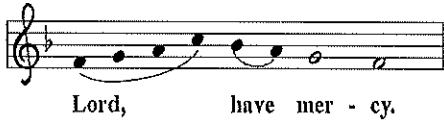
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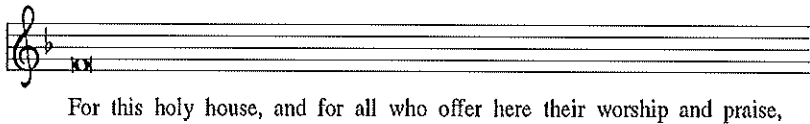
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



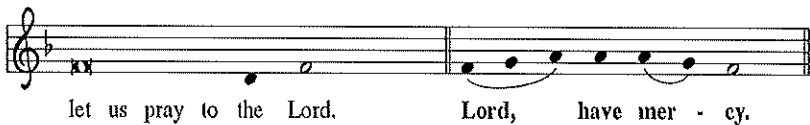
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



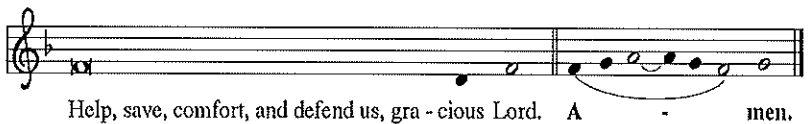
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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PSALM 19

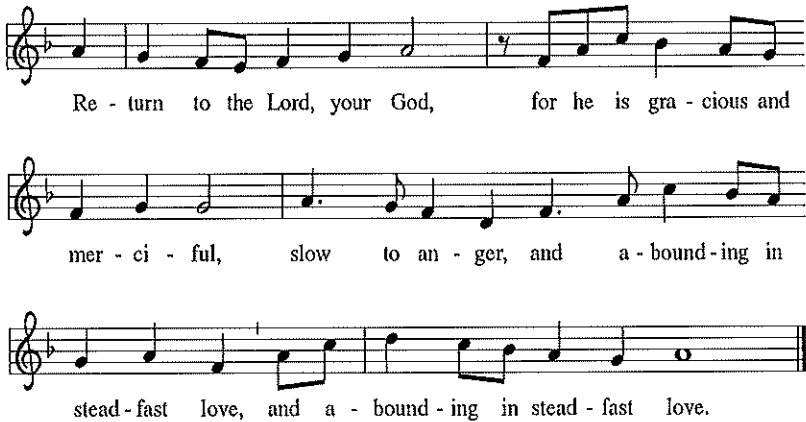
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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 2:13-22**

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

Insert

## NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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 INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

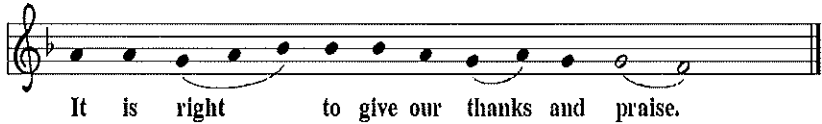
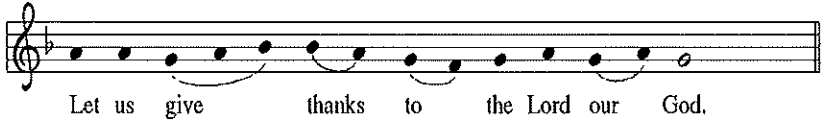
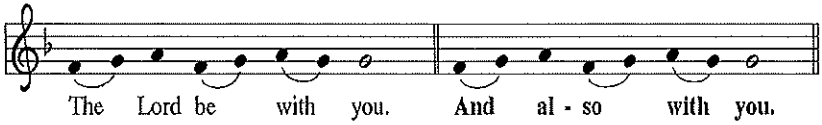
C: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

Soloist: Alexa Kemmann

## DIALOGUE



## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION



**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

Insert

*“Come, Let Us Eat”*

Insert

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord; forgiven us and wiped away the shame of our sins. Make us bold to go out in the world proclaiming your love and mercy so all may be fed with this Bread of Life.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”*

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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Memory Verse**

**1 Corinthians 1:19**

*For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all March birthdays. They are given by Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie.*

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***Today, March 7\****

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Kirstyn Opperman  
10:30am: Aiden Meinerding
- Communion** 8AM: Jody Slemmons, Jeanne Wurster
- Assistants:** 10:30AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
- Crucifer:** 8AM: Morgan Hesse 10:30AM: Clara Poe
- Ushers:** 8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell  
10:30AM: Keith Fledderjohann, John Ankerman

**Fellowship** 8AM: Becky Harvey  
**Table:** 10:30am: Doug & Martha Stetler  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Becky Harvey, Chris White  
 10:30AM: Jeremy & Alexa Kemmann  
**Readers:** 8AM: Linda Yahl 10:30AM: Darl Bishir

***Next Sunday, March 14\****

**Acolytes:** 8AM: Veronica Mertz  
 10:30am: Genevieve Brown  
**Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White  
 10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan Brown  
**Fellowship** 8AM: Jody & Marilyn Slemmons  
**Table:** 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem  
**Greeters:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl  
 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille  
**Readers:** 8AM: Kathy Langsdon 10:30AM: Dan Macklem

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE .....	Last Wednesday: 81
..... Sunday 8 a.m.: 50, 10:30 a.m.: 46, Total for the Day, 96	
..... Total for the Week, 177	
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## Calendar for March 7-21, 2021

S/7	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	1:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Underground
M/8	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/9	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Apostles' Creed Bible Study
W/10	9:30 a.m.	Women's Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Midweek Service*
T/11	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	2:00 p.m.	Apostles' Creed Bible Study
S/13	10 a.m.	First Communion Class
S/14	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
M/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/16	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/17	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Service
T/19	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Rehearsal

S/21	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service*
	7:00 p.m.	Underground

*\*Holy Communion*

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**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Tanner Fortman, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Carol Singleton, Lindsay Stephan, Sandi Deerhake, Marvin Elsass, Ruth Edwards, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, John Hesse, Ralph Mueller, Samantha Franklin, Susan Bryan, Peg DuBois, Ron Luthman, Ann Morris, Pastor Tim Smith, LeeAnn Merricle, Deb Ranly, Barbara Franks, Deborah Yahl, Zedrick Regasa, Naika Brise, Kiri Less, Ernie Coldiron, Eric & his family, Cody Sharp, Ashley Rothe, Doug VerLee, Family of David Masonbrink and all those living with or around the Corona virus.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Eli Handy, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Brad Platt, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

**Christian Sympathy** to the family of David Masonbrink, brother-in-law to Darrel Storer.

**Thank you.** I would like to thank everyone who sent me a birthday card for my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. It really brightened my day.

Yvonne Strohmeyer

**Our loose offerings** each Sunday/Wednesday for the month of **March** are earmarked for NALC Great Commission Fund.

**The Apostles' Creed Bible Study** that is normally held on the second Wednesday of the month will move to Tuesday for the month of March, **Tuesday, March 9**, at 7 p.m. The Thursday Bible Study will have no change and still be held on Thursday, March 11, at 2 p.m.

**Midweek Lenten Worship** Series for 2021 is "God's Love is Shown". The Wednesday services are held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. during lent. Remaining: Midweek 3, **March 10** – Enriching Love; Midweek 4, **March 17** – Living Love; Midweek 5, **March 24** – Holy Love; **Palm Sunday, March 28** – Saving Love; **Maundy Thursday, April 1** – Selfless Love, and **Easter Sunday, April 4** – Joyous Love.

**Thank you** to Boy Scout Troop #360 for taking care of last Wednesday's supper. We will continue with the Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m., in the auditorium every Wednesday until March 24. Special care is taken: servers wear masks and gloves.

**Extra Workday** on **Thursday, March 11**, at 9 a.m. We have lots of quilts to knot, so come join us and help knot.

**First Communion instruction** will be held on **Saturday, March 13**, from 10 a.m. to noon. First Communion is for all baptized students, grade 3 and older, and/or whose parents believe them to be ready to receive the Sacrament. As the opportunity to fulfill the baptismal vow to bring your child to Lord's Supper, parent, godparent or guardian attendance for this two-hour course is expected as well. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please RSVP to the church office by phone or by a note on your "I worship today" form.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins on **Sunday, March 14**. Before going to bed Saturday night, move your clock ahead one hour.

**Easter Lilies:** Check out the insert in this bulletin to order your Easter Lily or lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 14.**

**Invitation to Lenten Breakfast:** Wayne Street United Methodist Church will host their Lenten Breakfast on **Saturday, March 20,** at 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Father Witt. Food and refreshments provided (bring own cup). For more information check out the flyer on the bulletin board.

**Life Questions:** Pastor Bill will be on Life Questions on **Sundays, March 21 & 28.** This TV-44 show airs weekly on Sundays at 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. The shows are also posted online the Sunday night or Monday after the first airing at [wtlw.com/category/life-questions](http://wtlw.com/category/life-questions).

**Contemporary Worship** will be held on **Sunday, March 14,** at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to be part of the praise team, please let Pastor Bill know.

**Easter Breakfast:** To include as many people as possible, the Easter breakfast is going to be carry out only this year. The meal will include: a doughnut, a piece of coffeecake, and a fruit salad. Please RSVP on your "I Worshiped Today" by **Sunday, March 28.**

**The Women's Annual Lenten** Fundraiser started on Ash Wednesday. The envelopes will be collected **Easter Sunday.** There are extra envelopes on the table in the narthex if you did not get one.

**Devotions on Youtube & Facebook.** Pastor Bill does daily devotions Monday thru Friday. They are posted on his facebook page and on Youtube search under Zion Lutheran St. Marys, Ohio.

**Although we are** not hosting the Community Easter Egg Hunt this year due to COVID restrictions, we will be having a modified egg hunt for our Sunday school students on Easter Sunday. We are requesting donations of wrapped candy, with no peanut products for this event. Please leave your donations in the Sunday school box by the elevator and we thank you in advance.

**Since this is the 120<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of Dorcas here at Zion, our present group of ladies will be giving away many items to celebrate this special landmark. Look for the display in the narthex. There are quilting books, jig-saw puzzles, pot holder/hot pads and table centerpieces. Fill out a drawing slip with your name and phone number and place it in the box. Drawing will be held at a later date and winners will be notified.

**Any readers interested** in belonging to a Book Club here at Zion? There has been a suggestion to look into starting one. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" insert in the bulletin. An informational meeting will be held if enough interest is shown. Look for more details coming!

**We have installed equipment** to live-stream our worship services. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this new ministry.

**In-Person Sunday School** has started in January and we need teachers. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Mindy Thiebeau to volunteer.

**Zion Lutheran Full-Time Scholarship:** This scholarship is offered to both graduating seniors and college students who are confirmed members of the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Marys. Basis of this award will be with participation of weekly worship



attendance at Zion or a college congregation for the year, 2020. This scholarship is potentially renewable. Apply on the St. Marys Community Foundation website.

**Your 2020 financial statements** have been mailed. Please keep this copy when filing your 2020 taxes.

**Dollar for Dollar Match:** We have been contacted by a couple from Zion who wish to match dollar for dollar any new donations given to the roof fund until the end of this year. Earmark your offering envelopes "Roof" and we will apply it to this special dollar for dollar offer.

**Can you play** an organ, flute, etc. or sing a solo? Volunteer to play or sing special music during the service by calling Merilee at 419-953-9046.

**Our 8 a.m. worship service** is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

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*\*Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs 9 Weeks	Budget Y-T-D	Received 2/28	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current - \$6,529	\$59,938	\$4,162	\$44,164	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$2,610	\$115	\$935	
Bank Balance as of 3/1: \$57,125				

# *Listening for the Promise*

Weekly Devotional

**March 7, 2021 - Third Sunday in Lent**

*“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...” - Exodus 20:1-3*

God gave Moses specific instructions on what to say to the people before giving them the Ten Commandments. Listen to the words: “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.” (Exodus 19:4) Why would God say that? The Israelites who heard these words knew why. The memory was still fresh in their minds. God was saying, “Do you remember when you were trapped in Egypt and there was no escape from bondage? How you groaned under the cruelty of your taskmasters? I came down to buy you back out of slavery. Remember standing on the shore with the sea at your feet and Pharaoh’s troops breathing down your back? Feeling stuck because you couldn’t move forward and you couldn’t go back? I made a way for you when there was no way. Remember how in the wilderness I fed you with manna? Remember how I swooped down and bore you up on eagles’ wings? Remember?”

See, the rightful setting for the commandments is God’s boundless, faithful, fatherly love. Love doesn’t always come wrapped up like a pretty gift. It doesn’t always show up on your doorstep in the form of beautiful flowers. In fact, it just might be written in stone.

So how should we respond to such a gift? Before God gave the Ten Commandments, he told Moses to prepare the Israelites for his visit. They were to sanctify themselves and wash their clothes. When God comes down to visit you, it will require something of you. Something like reverence and expectancy, humility and awe. How might you and I prepare ourselves for whatever it is that God might like to give us or say to us?

We need to make room in our hearts and minds, we need to lose the clutter that prevents us from hearing God speak. Clutter like worry, and riches, and endless busyness that robs us of rest and peace. See, sin in our lives doesn't stop God from giving, it just stops you and me from receiving.

Moses pleaded his case for the Israelites on the mountain, and God sent his first love letter written in stone. Today we come before Jesus Christ and he pleads for us before the Father's throne. His love letter would be written in the blood of the Lamb. Let us prepare to receive his love in Word and Sacrament that we may be set free from all that holds us bound. Amen.

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