

## **“Isn’t It All About Me?”**

March 7, 2021

### **As We Gather**

We continue our series entitled “Road Hazards.” Lent is a journey. The Christian life is a journey. Along our journey through the wilderness of life in a fallen world on the way to the promised land, there are dangers. Road Hazards that can derail us and send us spiraling into a ditch. The Good News is that Jesus is with us and calls us to let him drive.

Our next “Road Hazard” has to do with how we think about our relationship with God. Is God’s purpose to serve me? Or is my purpose to serve God? This question is raised by what Jesus found when He went to the temple in our Gospel today. Instead of finding a building dedicated to the glory of God, He found a marketplace dedicated to the enrichment of people. What does Jesus teach us in His words and actions at the temple that day?

### **Welcome**

#### **“Come To Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LSB 435**

Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for You, for me, for all,  
In a full perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore,  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

Come poverty and mean-ness,  
Come, defiled without, within;  
Here infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash Your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

They that drink shall live forever;  
‘Tis a soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

### **Invocation**

### **Confession and Absolution**

### **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord	Holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my heart	Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You, I want to see You	Holy, holy, holy
	I want to see You
To see You high and lifted up	
Shining in the light of Your glory	
Pour out Your power and love	
As we sing holy, holy, holy	

### **Readings**

#### **First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before Him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

*This is the Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Musical Offering**

*“God Loves Me Dearly”*  
*Jacob B. Weber, Composer*

*Sanctuary Choir*

**Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts He found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So He made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves He said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning My Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for Your house will consume Me.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to Him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple He had spoken of was His body. <sup>22</sup> After He was raised from the

dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise to You O Christ**

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**"Not Unto Us" (LSB 558)**

Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;  
Not unto us but to Your name be praise;  
Not unto us but to Your name all honor  
be giv'n  
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

Amazing grace--that chose us e'er the worlds  
were made;  
Amazing grace--that sent Your Son to save;  
Amazing grace--that robed us in Your  
righteousness  
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.

O faithful love--that shepherded through  
faithless years;  
Forgiving love--that led us to Your truth;  
Unyielding love--that would not let us turn  
from You  
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.

Not unto us but to Your name be glory, Lord,  
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.  
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and  
done,  
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

**Offering**

## Prayers

*Please add your prayer requests to the live chat*

### Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our 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.

### Blessing

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin

### "Who You Say I Am"

Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me  
  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
  
I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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### Memory Verse for This Week

And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

*2 Corinthians 5:15*

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