

The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with
Thy free spirit.*

Hymn 398 - Renew Me, O Eternal Light

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 148:8-11 - Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

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Announcements

- **Today** — A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow this morning's worship service.
- **Wednesday** — A midweek Lenten worship service will be held at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 7 p.m., with refreshments to follow the service.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. Sunday school will precede next Sunday's worship service. The Women of Faith are asked to meet briefly following next Sunday's service. Confirmation Class will follow the women's meeting.
- **CLC News:** Amy Osborne has accepted the call to teach part-time at Luther Memorial school, Fond du Lac WI.

Our Response of Faith — March 4, 2012

Attendance: 34

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| Unified Budget..... | \$419.25 |
| ILC Building Fund..... | \$ 50.00 |
| Total..... | \$469.25 |

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*Jesus Drives the Moneychangers
from the Temple*

MARCH 11, 2012 – 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 19, pg. 126

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 148:1-7 - Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved of God, the Lord Himself invites us to come into His presence for worship, freely acknowledging our sins, as we look to His throne of Grace for forgiveness in Christ. Let us, therefore, confess our sins together.

People: *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.*

All Sing: *O Jesus Christ, the only Son, Of God Your heav'nly Father,
You did for all our sins atone, And Your lost sheep You gather.
O Lamb of God, to You on high, From depths of woe we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Pastor: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: *“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* Lift up your hearts! With the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sing: *All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; The Fa-
ther’s love, the Savior’s birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day
People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 " I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 " You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 " 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; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor 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 fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 " 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. 8 " Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. 12 " Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. 13 " You shall not murder. 14 " You shall not commit adultery. 15 " You shall not steal. 16 " You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 " You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male ser-

vant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
Who delights greatly in His commandments. (Psalm 112:1)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles’ Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 295 - The Law of God Is Good and Wise

The Sermon – John 2:13-22

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

“In the World, but Not of the World”