



biblical
MONSTERS

February 25, 2018

8:30am

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” [LW 312, v. 1-3]

OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 51*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 13:26-33 [NIV]

²⁶They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

³⁰Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” ³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³²And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 2:13-22 [NIV]

¹³Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" ¹⁹Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²²And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" [LW 312, v. 4-5]

SERMON "DWARVES & GIANTS"

THE PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing:** **Lavonne Schumacher**-recovering from a subarachnoid hemorrhage; **Delores Boltz**-hospitalized while recovering from stroke; **John Adams**-as he continues his struggle with stage-4 cancer; **Charlotte** (daughter of Doris Donner)-diagnosed with cancer; **Nick** (step brother-in-law of Joy Loftis)-recovering from a stroke; **Gina's mother** (friend of Cindy Habeck)-diagnosed with brain cancer; **the family of Leslie Fluegel** (wife of Kyle, former members of Peace)-died last week.

•**Wisdom and Courage:** **Shut-ins and College Students.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” [LW 359, v. 1-2, 6]

CLOSING LITURGY

CLOSING RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

POSTLUDE “Fantasia in C Major”

J.S. Bach

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT

- High School Night | Sunday, February 25 | 6:00-8:00pm | Youth Rec
- PALM Bingo Bonanza | Monday, February 26 | 1:00-4:00pm | Fellowship Hall
- Lucas’ Famous Smoked Hams | Just in time for Easter | More info coming soon!
- 38th Annual MFGM Retreat | April 27-29 | Registration opens Sunday, March 4



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