



biblical
MONSTERS

March 4, 2018

8:30am

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “All Creatures of Our God and King” [LW 436, v. 1-4]

INVOCATION

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

C: The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: We are marked with God’s name, and we now live under the sign of the cross!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *from Psalm 51*

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

P: And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment

C: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, A sinner from my mother's womb.

P: For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**C: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

P: Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

C: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

P: Give me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

C: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

P: Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

C: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

P: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**C: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we
turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore
you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “This is the Feast” [p. 161]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 14:12-15 [NIV]

¹²This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. ¹³On that day people will be stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will seize each other by the hand and attack one another. ¹⁴Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected—great quantities of gold and silver and clothing. ¹⁵A similar plague will strike the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the animals in those camps.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOPEL VERSE “Return to the Lord, your God” [p. 165]

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 27:51:53 [NIV]

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" [LW 436, v. 6-7]

SERMON "ZOMBIES"

THE PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing: Bab** (mother of Adrien Pekurney)-undergoing chemotherapy treatments; **Mark** (brother of John Weisheit)-diagnosed with cancer.

•**Wisdom and Courage: Peace/Red Apple/MyTime Staff and our Church Leaders.**

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

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" [LW 240]

CLOSING LITURGY

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation.

C: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

P: God of compassion, through Your Son Jesus Christ,
You reconciled Your people to Yourself.

**C: Following His example of prayer and fasting,
May we obey You with willing hearts,
And serve one another in holy love,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace. *[Numbers 6:24-26]*

**C: We are marked with God's name,
And we now live under the sign of the cross! Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE “Rigaudon”

Georg Böhm

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*

LITURGIST: *John Vawar*

CONNECT

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11 – Don't forget to set your clocks!**
- Easter Hams | Just in time for Easter | More info coming soon
- ***Easter Eggstravaganza*** | Saturday, March 31 | 9:00-11:00am
 - Want to help with this event? **Register** to **VOLUNTEER** online!
- ***Holy Week Worship Schedule***
 - ***Palm Sunday Worship w/ communion / March 25 / 8:30 & 11:00am***
 - ***Maundy Thursday Worship w/ communion / March 29 / 7:00pm***
 - ***Goody Friday Worship / March 30 / 7:00pm***
 - ***Easter Sunrise Worship / April 1 / 7:00am***
 - ***Easter Celebration Worship / April 1 / 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am***
- Confirmation Sunday 2018 | April 8 | 8:30 & 11:00am
- 38th Annual MFGM Retreat | April 27-29 | Registration Now Open!



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