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LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

Text: John 2:12-25

Key Verse: *After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this; and they believed the scriptures and the word that Jesus had spoken. ~ John 2:22*

Biblical Background: God's people are gathered in the house at the religious center of the world. In a stunning blur of images, Jesus defends the Temple, reminds his disciples of an old, important psalm and links the Temple to his resurrected body. In the midst of apparent stability, he argues that the center of the world has changed.

Sermon Reflections

Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

Why are you at worship today? What did you bring?

Why would John put the anger and conflict of the cleansing temple right after the joy of the miracle of turning water into wine?

Why do you think Jesus acted the way He did when He entered the temple courts?

Are you surprised by Jesus' anger?

How will the temple authorities react to Jesus' anger?

Is there anything about the way we handle money at Lord of Life that needs to be cleansed?

How does Jesus take the place of the temple?

How is Jesus the sacrifice to end all sacrifices?

Faith Spark

Ask parents, grandparents, others in your life about the sanctuaries they have worshiped in throughout their lives. What do they remember about these places of worship—the sights, smells and other memories? What makes Lord of Life's sanctuary a special worship space for you?

To read for next week: John 3:1-21

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye?
What effect do these words have on you personally?