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March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Gruoner, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

***Reminder:** Since we are in the season of Lent, we forego singing the **Gloria in Excelsis** (LSB 187-189) and the **Triple Alleluia** (LSB 190)

Opening Hymn: 663 "Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray"

Sermon Hymn: 656 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Communion Hymn: 716 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Communion Hymn: 714 "Who Trust in God a Strong Abode"

Closing Hymn: 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Robbie Oelschlagel – chronic pain **Kay Bott – cancer recovery**

Henry Maseman - congestive heart failure

Acolytes this Sunday - Ella Thalmann & Conner Ohlde

Acolytes for Lenten Midweek 1 Service - Ayla Johnson & Daniel Nabors

Acolytes next Sunday - Claire Beikmann & Aiden Spiels

Ushers this Sunday - *Nathan Ohlde, Lance Gerleve, Andrew Tiemeyer, & Eli Ohlde

Ushers next Sunday - *Eli Thalmann, John Bott, Aaron Stuenkel, & Evan Bott

Upcoming Events

- March 10** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
1:00 p.m. Day of Prayer service at Immanuel
- March 11** 7:00 p.m. St. John Men's Club meeting
7:00 p.m. LWML meeting
- March 13** 2:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek 1 service at Zion, Linn
5:30 p.m. **NO** St. John Midweek
7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek 1 service at St. John
- March 17** 8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school
- March 20** 2:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek 2 service at Zion, Linn
5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek
7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek 2 service at Immanuel

Announcements

- * Immanuel will be hosting the Day of Prayer Service **TODAY**, March 10th, at 1 p.m. You can download the service from the LWML website.
- * The St. John Men's Club will hold their March meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 11. The results of the soup supper will be discussed. Servers will be Larry Kandt and Larry Ohlde.
- * The LWML meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. Hostesses are Kay & Linda.
- * Just a reminder that the applications for the Edgar Fajen Memorial Scholarship, School Loan Debt Reduction, and Circuit 7 Scholarship are due March 15th. The scholarship is available for a member of St. John, enrolled in school full-time and intend to enter full-time LCMS church work. The School Loan Debt Reduction is for someone who has previously received the Edgar Fajen scholarship and/or current member of St. John who is in full-time LCMS church work. The Circuit 7 scholarship is for a member of one of the Circuit 7 churches, enrolling in synodical school full-time and intend to enter full-time LCMS church work. Please contact the church Treasurer, Annette Bott or committee members Nate Meyerhoff, Dennis Bott, Ann Ohlde or Royce Ohlde for an application.
- * Thrivent Choice Dollars expire Sunday, March 31. Because they expire on a Sunday and Thrivent is closed that weekend, online is the only option to designate your Choice Dollars those two days. Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars.: go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. David Gruoner, Vacancy Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination

- I admit that I am a sinner. (1 John 1:8-10)
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. (Acts 4:10-12, John 14:6)
- I desire to live as God wants me to. (John 14:15, 1 John 2:6)
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. (John 3:16, Romans 8:14 & 1 John 5:11-12)
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 4:22-24, 1 Cor. 10:16, 22:23ff, Luke 22:17-20)
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble; *
I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sa- | tisfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

**Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is | my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the | adder; *
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This week on KFuo.org, we talk with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour about when Ministry needs a Resurrection (March 12 at 9:15 a.m. CT), worship together in this first week of Lent during mid-week service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis (March 13 at 11:00 a.m. CT), and continue "In the Beginning was the Truth" on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and his guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. 3And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ 4Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

5“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. 7Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. 9And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. 11And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

Epistle Reading:

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4:1-13

1Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” 5And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

9And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’

11and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

12And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

THE SEASON OF LENT

BEGINS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH

The word *lent* has its origin in the same root as one of the German words for “spring,” *Lenz*. As nature awakens from the death of winter, so the Christian finds newness of life in Christ, rising from sin’s death.

During the 40 days of Lent, God’s baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent is a time in which God’s people prepare with joy for the paschal feast (Easter). It is a time in which God renews His people’s zeal in faith and life. It is a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

Calendar: Ash Wednesday may fall as early as February 6 or as late as March 10. The dates for Lent depend on the date of Easter. Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter.

Customs: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when ashes are placed on the forehead to symbolize repentance. The color for this service is black or purple. The color for the rest of Lent is purple. The hymns and services of Lent do not include the joyful word, “Alleluia.” Consider fasting during daylight hours. Spend your regular mealtime in prayer and devotional reading. If you cannot abstain from food for health reasons, abstain from something else (e.g. television or another leisure activity). Do not fast on Sundays, which are not part of the 40 days of Lent. Read Bible stories with children each day.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE LORD'S PRAYER

as the Head of the Family Should Teach It in a Simple Way to His Household.

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's name will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

“Behold the Man”

2019 Midweek Lenten Worship
Each Wednesday in Lent beginning March 6

Afternoon Services – 2:00 @ Zion, Linn
Evening Services @ 7:00 pm as printed below

“Behold the Man!”

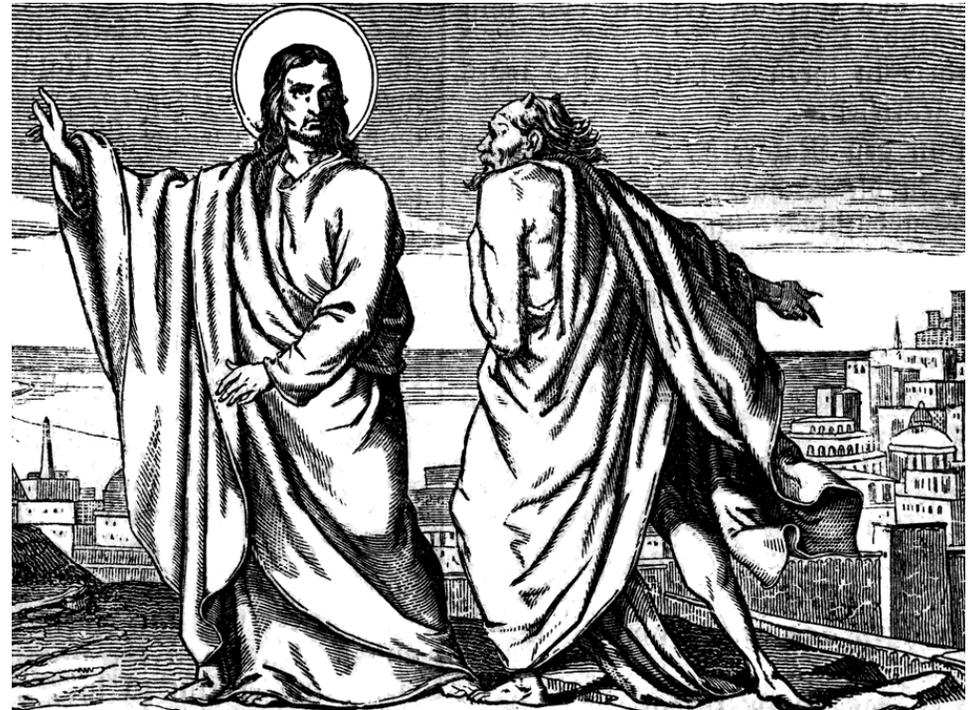
The short, yet powerful words of Pontius Pilate.

As we move through this season of Lent, we will look upon this man, Jesus of Nazareth, God Himself. Our prayer is that as we do, the Spirit will make it increasingly clear why God became man – to live this physical life among us in order to be nailed to a cross for us.

Come! Behold the man! Who has led the way for us through Death to our own physical resurrection and everlasting life as the Father's own! What could be more incentive than that to gather Together once more at the cross.

Ash Wednesday w/Holy Communion – March 6 – Zion, Linn
Lenten Midweek 1 – March 13 – St. John, Palmer
Lenten Midweek 2 – March 20 – Immanuel, Linn
Lenten Midweek 3 – March 27 – Zion, Linn
Lenten Midweek 4 – April 3 – Bethlehem, Greenleaf

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