



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SCRIPTURE (Psalm 145:15-16)

P The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

C **You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

OPENING HYMN: *"In Christ Alone"*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE

P Lord have mercy upon us.

C **Christ have mercy upon us.**

P Lord have mercy upon us.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal: *What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.*

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor: *What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:00) Piano Solo (Julia Hauan)

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED: Meaning of the First Article

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “When to Our World the Savior Came” (LSB 551)

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion.
If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ’s body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. If you share this belief, please join us in celebrating the meal of God’s family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (LSB 702)

“Amazing Grace” (LSB 744)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922 vs 2)

DISMISSAL

P Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.
Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GREETERS

Steve & Dorathy Reed Adam & Kathy Wurz

READERS

Kurt Schemenauer Rich Klein

POWERPOINT

Kyle & Brandon Uttech

Michael Deedon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Kurt Schemenauer & Dennis Wald

Woller & Rich Klein

USHERS

Ken Berndt, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon
Tyler Woller, Brad Peck, Roger Block, Chris Dahlke, Jim Wilkerson

ALTAR GUILD

Sarah Hill & Carrie Emon

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, Steve Herring, Raphael Klein, Vienna Haunschild, granddaughter of Phyllis Koppa, Madilyn the great niece of Lee & Fran, Lee Seis, brother-in-law to Henry Jennejohn, Delores Gast, mother of Donna Mae Normand, Anne Raduechel, Allison Hall, Scott Prochnow for upcoming neck surgery, Jim, cousin of Ella Holmes, who entered into hospice, Jean Rhyner.

Battling Cancer: Leslie Anklam, Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Patsy Savell, step-mother of Jessica Hensel, Paul Michalski

Recovery: Ted Clintsman

New Volunteer Coordinator

Janet Herring has stepped up to be our new Volunteer Coordinator. She will be the new contact for scheduling the monthly greeters, readers, communion assistants and PowerPoint for our services. If you would like to volunteer, please give **Janet a call at 715-302-1106**. Janet will be making her calls soon to fill our April schedule, so make sure to pick up the phone!



“The Gathering’s” Scavenger Hunt for Charity



Join us on Tuesday, March 28th at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall for a scavenger hunt for charity. From a list of clues and riddles, each team will have two hours to search across town for identified needs for the following charities:

Orphan Grain Train

Tyler’s House

KATS

MIA Toy Drive

After the hunt, we will celebrate with coffee and treats. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Please contact Linda Jagodinski at (715)297-8605.

March Mission: The Hagar House

The Hagar House provides a faith-based home for mothers and their children as they work through changes in their lives. Your recent support of our Baked Goods Silent Auction during the Pre-School Lenten Supper was fun and overwhelming! Bakers and bidders were all so very generous. We were even able to share a few of the baked goods with the families at The Hagar House through a donation while raising \$815! Thank you to all of you for your support and continued prayers for this ministry. All glory to God!

Freezer Meals for The Hagar House

Those who so generously signed up to make Freezer Meals for The Hagar House, please place your meals, with labels attached, in the church kitchen freezer by Sunday, March 26th. I will take all of them over at one time. Any questions, please call Sandy Flanagan at 715.212.1729. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry.

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church Group
Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, Cincinnati Zoo
June 27 – July 1, 2023

TOUR INCLUDES:

Hotel Accommodations for 4 nights
Admission to all attractions
4 Continental Breakfasts at hotel ~ 2 Lunches
Motorcoach Transportation

Price Per Passenger:

Quad - \$596.00 ~ Triple - \$645.00
Double - \$742.00 ~ Single - \$1,034.00

NEW deposit deadline date of March 25th
(\$250 per person)

Please reach out to Susan Woller at 715-573-5394
to sign up or with questions

**** Still need 30 people to sign up for the trip**
to officially be able to go **

Palm Sunday Children's Processional

PreK - 5th Grade Students are welcome to meet in the preschool wing on April 2nd at either 7:50am or 10:20am (depending on the service you are attending) for the processional into worship. Students will walk in together during the first hymn waving palm branches and then stay up front for the children's message. They will then be sent back to sit with their families.



St. Mark's Scoop

March 19 - 26, 2023

Sun, Mar 19	Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Studies NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship
Mon, Mar 20	NO OGT packing 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Governance Team
Tues, Mar 21	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Retired Teachers 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Mar 22	Traditional 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study - Role Models 4:30 Lenten Supper (Quilters - Soup) 6:00 Worship
Thurs, Mar 23	6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Mar 24	Pastor Eric & Blaine's Family Day Office closed at noon Markings Deadline
Sat, Mar 25	12:00 Faith, Fellowship and Fermentation
Sun, Mar 26	Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship

Lenten Series: Promised Treasures

(Please join us at 4:30pm, before Wednesday night service, for food and fellowship)

Mar. 22nd: "Bread of Life" / **Quilters** (Soup)

Mar. 29th: "Palms and Victory" / **Joy Bible Study** (Loaded Baked Potatoes)

Preschool Thank You!

Thank you to all the helpers Preschool had for the Lenten Supper! April Wanish, Michelle Berens, Jean Berens, Ella Holmes, Cathy Page, and Steve & Dorothy Reed. We had a fun evening and greatly appreciate all of your support!



Join us on our 2nd annual **Faith, Fellowship and Fermentation** trip! We will hop on a bus and visit 3 local breweries. We will spend about an hour and half at each, sharing in conversation, fellowship and enjoying good craft beers.

When: Saturday, March 25

Time: 12:00-6:00pm

Cost: \$15 (includes bus and tip)

This year's stops include: Mosinee Brewing Company, O'so Brewing Co., (Plover) and District 1 Brewing Company (Stevens Point).

Spots will be sold after each service **TODAY. No refunds.**

If you have any questions, please call Amy Smet at 715-409-0213.

Who do I contact to ...

Become a member - Pastor Eric

Baptize my child - Pastor Eric

Make a prayer request - Jean or Sharon

Get married - Pastor Eric

Family Ministry - Blaine

Preschool - Deb

Volunteer - Sharon

Give to church - Sharon

Ask a question about finances - Sharon

Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean

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