



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SCRIPTURE: (Job 19:25-26)

- P For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.
C **And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.**

OPENING SONG: "To The Cross I Come"

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

- P Lord have mercy upon us.
C **Christ have mercy upon us.**
P Lord have mercy upon us.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE: "At Your Feet"

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the

breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 11:17-27, 38-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only,

but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON SONG: "Do It Again"

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 SONGS

"O Come To The Altar"

"Jesus Loves Me"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Great Are You Lord"

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

Michael Tatman

Borchardt Family

READERS

Tim Coppersmith

Brian Borchardt

POWERPOINT

Nick Schoch

Michael Deedon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Ginny Kottke & Ella Holmes

Rachel Olson & Rita Woller

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, Vienna Haunschuld, 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, Ray Blaubach, Raphael Klein, who had surgery this past week.

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

Recovery: Ted Clintsman

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.

Preschool / 4K Open House ~ April 13th ~ 4:00 - 6:00pm

- Meet our teachers
- Explore the classrooms
- Check out our **NEW** 5-day 4K program
- We still have openings for all classes
- Check out our new wrap around care!
- Now Enrolling!!



We are excited to be starting our 50th year!

“The Gathering” for fun and Fellowship!

Join us in the fellowship hall, on **April 25th at 12:30** for an afternoon of cards... Sheepshead, Cribbage. Don't know how? This is a great opportunity to learn how to play. If that is not your cup of tea, please bring a game to share. Everyone is welcome...men, women, married, single! Coffee and treats will be provided. Questions? Please contact Linda at 715-297-8605.

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 today, 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.

Pillowcase Dresses Workshops

We will be sending this year's dresses and shorts with crosses in every pocket this week! 150 of each! Thank you to all who have worked so faithfully to accomplish this again. We decided to get a head start for next year by starting our sewing workshops right after Easter for 4 weeks on Tuesday mornings, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, from 9:00-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We work assembly line style so there are jobs for everyone - some cutting, ironing, pinning, and sewing. All materials are provided and we can always use more help. Please consider joining us!

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 May schedule, so make sure to pick up the phone!



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR TRANSITION

As Janet Herring assumes the task of Volunteer Coordinator, I look back fondly at the last 7+ years of being in that position. It's been a pleasure getting to know St. Marks Family better. Thank you for all the texts, emails, messenger messages and phone chats through the years. Whether making a first contact with new members or catching up with current members, you've made the interaction pleasant and I appreciate you all. We're blessed to have so many willing people to lend a helping hand. The services run smoothly because of your efforts.

Thank you for saying "yes",

Sharon Rezin

*thank
you*

Greeting St. Mark's Congregation

On the behalf of the guest, staff and volunteers of Wausau Warming Shelter and Catholic Charities, I want to personally express my gratitude for your last generous gift of needed items that were purchased on March 2nd and March 9th. Your generosity has helped us greatly, to weather through the last month of severe cold weather.

Once again Sharon shopped at Sam's, purchased 8-carton of breakfast snack Bar's, 2-large containers of powdered Lemon Juice, 2-600 count of plastic spoons. We shopped at Fleet Farm where we purchased 5-packs (10 count each) Hands warmers and 5-packs (12 count) Toe warmers, 8-pack of large Tissue box, 2- spring jackets with hoods, 1-without (all on sale), 3-packs (total 18) of men's briefs, 3-packs (total 18) of women's briefs assorted sizes. 6-quality backpacks, 5-pair of insulated Gloves, 1-pr women's pants on sale, and some leggings. All items purchased was much needed.

On March 16th, Pastor Eric, Blaine and Jean had a guided tour of the shelter. I was asked what more can St. Mark's do? Simple answer is 'Volunteers'. There is a need for Saturday night 6pm to 9pm intake team, which consist of 5-6 volunteers. At this time only 1-Saturday intake is covered. We have been scrambling to put a team together, sometimes at the last moment. After April 30th, we will be in need for more volunteers for intake nights during the week days.

Always feel free to ask me questions, or call/text me 715-581-5708. I will do my best to answer your questions. Matthew 25:35-45 lays out why sometimes we just need to get out of our comfort zone. Three great life lesson are laid out in Chapter 25. Be prepared but not foolish, use the gifts you were given to do greater good and to serve others with an open heart.

Adam Wurz

St. Mark's Scoop

March 26 - April 2, 2023

Sun, Mar 26	Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School and Bible Studies 10:30 Worship
Mon, Mar 27	8:00 OGT packing 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting
Tues, Mar 28	6:30 MIA Bible study 12:30 Fellowship Gathering Group
Wed, Mar 29	Contemporary 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study - "Right Standing with God" 4:30 Lenten Supper (Joy Bible Group —Loaded Baked Potatoes) 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek
Thurs, Mar 30	6:00 Celebration Choir 6:45 Mark's Men
Fri, Mar 31	Pastor Eric & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Apr 1	_____
Sun, Apr 2	PALM SUNDAY - Blended 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School and Bible Studies 9:15 1st Communion Class in sanctuary 10:30 Worship 12:00 New Member Brunch

First Communion Class Reminder

On April 2 (Palm Sunday), 5th graders and older, who have not taken First Communion class, are welcome to do so at 9:15am (between services) in the Sanctuary. No sign up is necessary.



Lenten Series: Promised Treasures

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

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

April 7th ~ Good Friday Prayer Vigil

12:00– 2:00pm

Once again we will be having a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday. We invite you to use the quiet of the church and this prayer-focused time to offer up prayers individually. Pastor Eric and Pastor Gary & Nan Schultz will be also be available to pray with you or for you.

If you are not able to be present, Prayer Request Cards are available in the narthex. Write your prayer on the card (name optional) and drop off the completed Prayer Request in Church card box in narthex.

Prayer is a powerful thing that God has given us. God says to pray without ceasing.

Who do I contact for / 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
Service Volunteer - Janet
Give to church - Sharon
Ask a question about finances - Sharon
Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean

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