



The Beacon

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Christ Ev. Lutheran
Church

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Divine Worship
Services
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday
School
Sunday - 10 a.m.



March 2nd begins another Season of Lent. It's a time when we think about **WHY** the Son of God came to this world. It certainly wasn't to receive the praise and thanks that was due Him — praise and thanks for having created all things and sustaining all things.

Rather, the Son of God came for us. He came to provide a way for us to have a relationship with God. With sin in the picture, there can be no relationship with God. But God the Son came to live a perfect life in our behalf, and He came to pay the penalty of our sinfulness through His death on the cross. For everyone who believes His life and death can count as their life and death, they are able to have forgiveness with God — a forgiveness that enables them to have a relationship with God.

As we remember all that the Son of God did for us in making it possible to have a relationship with Him, we do it in a period of 40 days. During Lent, the Sundays in Lent are not counted, because Sundays are a celebration of Jesus' resurrection (Sundays are considered to be "a little Easter"). So with four days from Ash Wednesday to the end of the week plus six full weeks (not counting the Sundays), you have a total of 40 days.

Christians should know the number 40 has great significance in both the Old and the New Testament. The number 40 generally symbolizes **a time of testing, trial or probation**. Consequently, one often sees that number throughout the Bible. Here are some of the more significant ones:

In Genesis 7, the world-wide flood lasted for 40 days and nights. In the book of Exodus, we hear about the life of Moses who experienced a lot of things in periods of forty. For 40 years, Moses grew up in the land of Egypt. Then, after killing an Egyptian (who had beaten an Israelite slave), Moses lived in the land of Midian for 40 years. After his experience with the burning bush, Moses spent the next 40 years (the last forty years of his life) leading the people of Israel out of Egypt through the desert wilderness. While in the desert wilderness, Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai (actually on two different occasions) meeting with God.

The people of Israel sent out spies to explore the Promised Land before they went up to take possession of it. They spent 40 days exploring the land. Because their final report discouraged the people from going up to take possession of the land, the entire nation would spend 40 years in the desert wilderness as a punishment.

In the laws of the people, 40 was the limit of how many lashes a person could receive (Deuteronomy 25). When the giant Goliath challenged the army of Israel to send out someone to fight him, he did it for 40 days (1 Samuel 17). The first three kings of Israel each ruled for 40 years (Acts 13, 2 Samuel 5, 1 Kings 11). When the prophet Elijah fled from the ruler of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, he took 40 days to reach Mount Horeb and meet with God (1 Kings 19). When the prophet Jonah told the people of Nineveh to repent, he told them they had 40 days until destruction would come their way (Jonah 3). When the prophet Ezekiel prophesied the Southern Kingdom's coming judgement, he laid on his side for 40 days to indicate 40 years of punishment (Ezekiel 4).

And of course, there is the life of Jesus Himself. He spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by the devil. He spent 40 days on earth after His resurrection before ascending into heaven.

May our 40 days of Lent be a time when we learn to understand and appreciate all that God did to bring us back to Him.

Pastor Bernecker

Midweek Lenten Series

The Lenten Season begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday.

After the Ash Wednesday service, the remaining midweek Lenten services will look at some of the Old Testament prophecies about the Promised Messiah to come. Those prophecies not only affirm that Jesus of Nazareth was (and is) the Promised Messiah, but they bring out some specific things that He endured in order to bring salvation to all the world. Join us as we strive to better appreciate all that the Son of God did for us. Our Lenten midweek services on Wednesday at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m.,

March 2 - Ash Wednesday (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 9 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 16 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 23 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 30 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

April 6 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Please join us once again for food and fellowship as we bring back the soup and sandwich suppers during Advent. They start **March 9 at 5:30 p.m.** with the Board of Deacons hosting.

Soup & Sandwich Supper Hosts Needed

There are five soup & sandwich suppers during Lent, so far, we have hosts for 3, the Deacons will be hosting the first one on March 9, board of Education will host March 16, and the board of Stewardship will host the one on March 30. We need 2 more Wednesdays that need hosts, March 23 & April 6. I have a sign-up sheet on the office door for either more boards or a group of friends to sign up to host. Usually, a couple of crock pots of soup some kind of sandwiches, chips, maybe fruit or veggies and a dessert, the menu is up to the you. Plan on 12 – 20 people. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m.

Christ the King Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to LCMS students pursuing higher education at LCMS colleges, universities, or seminaries. The scholarship awards up to a \$2,000.00 depending on the number of applicants in 2022. Any award granted shall be for tuition purposes only. Any student who is a communicant member in good standing of CLC or another LCMS congregation is eligible to apply for an award. Application forms and related instructions are available from the church office. **Students must return completed applications to the church office no later than April 1, 2022.** Applications will then be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Live Streaming

With the live streaming of the Sunday service going pretty well, we are looking for people to volunteer to help with running it on a Sunday every so often. It is simple to do, and we will train you. If you want to see what is involved come up to the choir loft prior to the service and we will show you the ropes. Contact Don or Roni Hauser to volunteer.

Daylights Savings Time

A reminder the Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13! We lose an hour. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. It is another sign of spring and the changes that are coming our way, we hope.

Church Council

February 10, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Shield, Len Campbell, Wayne Ploetz, Don Hauser, John Keske and Sharyn Vengrin

Call to order: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Len Campbell

Call for additional agenda items: Nominating Committee

Minutes from Council Meeting: Wayne made the motion to accept the January 13, 2022, minutes, Don seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: None

Treasurers Report: Ending Balance: \$59,178.15. Sharyn made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by John. All in favor. Motion carried

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustees Report: No meeting held. Clearing Snow. Many thanks to Patrick Field! He has been a great help. Changed smoke detector battery in Office Storage Closet.

Installed fire extinguisher in choir loft at far end from the stairs.

Installed keep clear sign in Boiler room by electric panels. This area be always kept clear.

Had issue with outside lights. They did not turn on 1/26.

This hasn't happened before that the lights did not turn on. Keeping track to see if there may be a pattern.

Might be a power surge when the lights are going on or shutting off.

Board of Deacons: No Meeting

Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

Old Business:

The CASDA presentation will take place after the service on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Topics to be covered are: CASDA Services, Community Outreach, and Abuse Later in Life. Coffee and treats will be proceeded.

Eighteen (18) members are participating in the Guardian Angel Program this year. Thanks to everyone who signed up.

Mission Endowment provided financial support in the amount of \$500.00 for disaster relief because of the severe damage from tornadoes in Kentucky late last year. A check was sent to Mid-South District-LCMS in Cordova, Tennessee.

New Business:

We discussed and will anchor down a date for a soup and Sandwich meal during the Lenten Season.

Other Business:

Beginning in April, we will begin work to update or modify the Stewardship Sunday Time and Talent forms. Len and Peg will deliver clothing, which has been donated, and is in the Narthex, to the Damiano Center. Next Meeting: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Board of Education: Youth Gathering was discussed.

Memorial Committee: Total Memorial Fund Balance: \$9,681.31

Endowment Committee: Kentucky Tornado: \$500.00 from Mission Fund

Memorial Garden: Still resting.

Old Business:

Call Committee Update! Pastor Adelsen is coming at 5:00pm. Sunday. Mike Miller and Len Campbell will meet with him. They will take him to dinner.

New Business:

Something to consider: When to cancel church/bible study/confirmation in bad weather conditions: Tabled until we get further information.

Offering Collections: The offering plates will be brought up to the alter.

Len made the motion that Wayne contact Stifel regarding getting information and recommendations on our Stifel Account, John seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other:

Christmas Chrismon Craft Group: Group met and things are moving on.

Voter's Meeting: Sunday, February 13th.

Request to use Fellowship Hall:

Next Council Meeting: March 10, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Voter's Meeting

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Len Campbell

Opening Prayer: Pastor Shield

Reading and approval of minutes from November 21, 2021. Peg made the motion to approve the minutes with one correction and seconded by Jim. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Member Transfers and Releases:

Releases: Jim and Judy Pohl, Eric Johnson, April Rosendahl Motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Sharyn that we accept these releases. All in favor motion carried.

Transfers out: None

Transfers In: Sandy and Gary Garlie, Motion was made by Sharyn and seconded by Mike that we accept the transfer. All in favor Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: Checking: \$59,178.15. A motion was made by Mike Miller and seconded by Peg Campbell to receive and file the Treasurer's report as printed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board and Committee Reports:

These reports are published in the monthly newsletter.

Old Business:

Update on New Pastor Call: Pastor Adelsen will arrive at 5:00pm today to meet with Len and Mike. They will show him our church and take him out to dinner.

New Business:

Officer/Board Member Nominating Committee

Appointments

Peg Campbell, Stewardship; Don Hauser, Trustees

John Keske: Board of education

Mike Kramer: Deacons. Sharyn Vengrin-John Keske: Officers

Next Meeting: May 15, 2022

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Stewardship

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist. He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.' " (Exodus 35:30-34) And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple

with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God. And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. "For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (*Luther's Small Catechism*, 16). So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed.

My Savior Lives Northland LCMS Service of Worship for the Duluth region televised by KBJR Channel 6.

"My Savior Lives Northland" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called "This is the Life" from Lutheran Hour Ministries (starting at 10:00 a.m.). [MSL Northland is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC](#) and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations. Please check your local listings as sometime the program is moved to a different channel due to programming conflicts on NBC.

Please send contributions c/o: Mt. Olive Lutheran, 2012 East Superior St, Duluth, MN 55812. Checks should be made to: MSL Northland
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Gifts for Easter, Confirmation, Etc.

Concordia Publishing House offers a variety of gifts for Easter, Confirmation and various other events (800-325-3040 for a catalog or to place an order). Help confirmands keep their confirmation day close to their heart by giving them a *Concordia Study* or *Concordia*

Reference Bible and their own copy of the *Lutheran Worship Hymnal* engraved with their name on the cover. The new edition of *Lutheran Book of Prayer* is another fine gift. My *Book of Confirmation Memories* is the perfect place for memorabilia, with guest pages and inspiring text.

The Heating Season

The heating season is upon us again, please double check that all doors are locked, all lights are turned off (including bathrooms), and thermostats are turned down before your group leaves the church. Thank you!

Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry

Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

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Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: infocenter@lcms.org or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

March Birthdays

- 1 Maci Heytens
Steven Olson
- 3 Gloria Vreeland
Holly Klomhaus
- 4 Chris Filteau
- 8 Jonathan Schoessow
Carol Corrine Evans
Brian Maslowski
- 9 Russell Hagberg
- 11 Jim Kari
- 12 Nancy Durand
- 17 Caryl Lehto
- 20 Cheryl Harkabus
Brandee Dittbrender
- 21 Kayti Flynn
Elizabeth Flynn
- 22 Una Privette
Eliana Mack
- 23 Amanda Fudally
- 26 Taylor Amundson
- 28 Peggy Campbell
Nick Kirchoff
- 30 Belinda Sternberg
Grant Thompson



PUZZLE

A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _		_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _ _ _ _		_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _		_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _ _ _ _ _		_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _ _ _ _		_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _ _ _ _		_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _ _ _ _ _		_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _		_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _ _ _ _		_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHTSA _ _ _ _		_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant