

The First Sunday in Lent

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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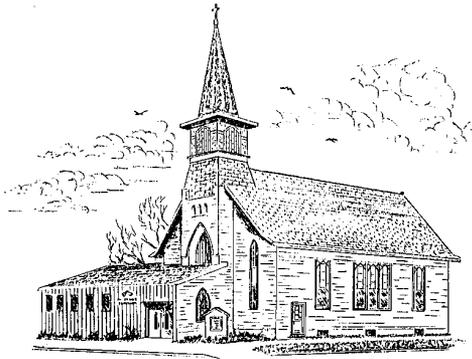
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, the pastor will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Organ Prelude Mrs. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 449 *My Soul, be on Thy Guard*

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Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-11 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."

Hymn 446 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Sermon Genesis 9:8-17 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after

you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

It’s Time to Take Back the Rainbow...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 742 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 39:1-3, 5 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

TEACHER CALL The Lord directed the voters to call Mr. Andrew Roehl of Eau Claire, WI. He currently teaches grades 3-4. He is married and the couple has two young children. His acknowledgement letter appears below. Pray that the Lord’s will is done.

To the members at St. Johns: I have received the call to serve as principal and teacher in your school. Please pray for me as I consider this call along with the call I am already serving, and pray that the Lord’s will and purposes be accomplished.

In Christ's Name, Your brother in the faith,

Andrew Roehl

MEMBERSHIP At Sunday's special meeting, the voters welcomed Kassie Voit into communicant membership. The voters also transferred the membership of Kristin Liepold to Living Word Lutheran Church, Kansas City (area), MO.

LENT Our second midweek service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7. We will consider the next in our series: "*Lent in Three Words at a Time.*" Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your faith and appreciation for what Jesus has done for us all. There is a finger-food lunch that follows.

TOUR CHOIR The Tour Choir plans to arrive here around 5 p.m. this Friday. The concert is set for 7 o'clock. If you would like to help with student housing for the night, there is a sign-up sheet in the entryway. A finger-food luncheon will be served after the concert. With visitors expected, please plan accordingly. There are a few posters left. If you know of a place in the area where these could be posted, please help yourself to whatever is available.

DAILY REST Copies of the new, CLC devotional booklet, have arrived. There is a free sample for each household. If you like what you see, subscriptions will be available for \$15 / year.

TOURNAMENT At the time when the bulletin was written, St. John's had lost its first game to Mankato. May the Lord bless them with safe travel.

CLC NEWS Professor Ronald Roehl was taken to heaven on Friday night. When his wife died a few weeks ago, it was announced that he, too, was suffering from stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Funeral information will be available soon.

Pastor Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI has the call to Corpus Christi, TX. Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven, FL has the call to Markesan, WI. The congregation in W. Columbia, SC is hosting a camp for children in grades 3-8. If interested, see the pastor.

USHERS Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Ryan D.
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