

## The Second Sunday in Lent

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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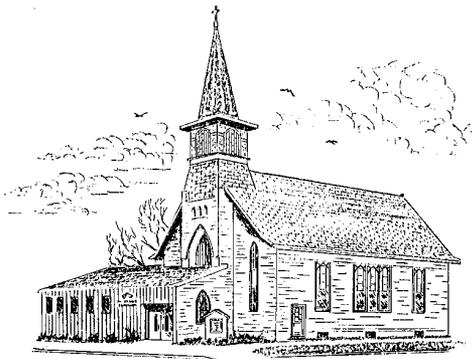
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins 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. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 155 *Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*

**Order of Service** Page 5ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light does send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life giving breath:  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light does send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

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**Old Testament Lesson** Jeremiah 26:8-15 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant’?” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord’s *house*. And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

**Epistle Lesson** Philippians 3:17-4:1 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by

which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

**Hymn** 413 *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

**Sermon** Luke 13:31-35 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.’ Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

## Speak You the Word...

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Choir** *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

**Hymn** 781 *Preach You the Word*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** 769 *Lift High the Cross*

**LENT** Wednesday marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 midweek Lenten services. In our series: “*Lent in Three Words at a Time*,” we’ve considered the question, “Is it I?” and the statement: “Love One Another.” Be sure to take advantage of

this opportunity to grow in your faith. There is a finger-food lunch that follows.

**THANK YOU** Many thanks to the Food Committee and to everyone else who helped with the Tour Choir concert. It was a great blessing to all who came.

**VOTERS MEETING** A special meeting will be held after the service next Sunday to approve the sale of the property on Front Street. This will be the final step in the process that is required by Minnesota law.

**BRIDAL SHOWER** A shower will be held at church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, for Shelby Ling, bride-to-be of Chase Rovere. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Bring a favorite recipe on a 4X6 card.

**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.

**CHOIR** During Lent, the choir meets for practice at 8:30 on Sunday mornings and at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings.

**CLC NEWS** Teacher Nathan Wales of West Columbia, SC has resigned his teaching call at Holy Trinity Lutheran School effective the end of this school year. This was not the direct result of any conflict within the congregation or school, nor was it the result of a particular incident. Mr. Wales is looking for new challenges and opportunities for personal growth in a different calling. His family plans to remain in South Carolina and his children will continue to attend the school. Pastor Mark Bernthal, Middleton, WI, has the call to Corpus Christi, TX. Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven, FL, has the call to be teacher and principal at Markesan, WI. Pastor Joe Naumann, Mankato, has returned the call to Morris, MN. Missionary Peter Evensen has accepted the call to serve as the interim vacancy pastor in Morris until he travels to Togo, Africa in the beginning of May. Teacher Paul Tiefel, Eau Claire, has the call to Clarkston, WA.

**USHERS** Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A., Josh T.  
Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.

**CLEANING** (Wk 1) J. Appel, S. Winters  
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