

The Second Sunday in Lent

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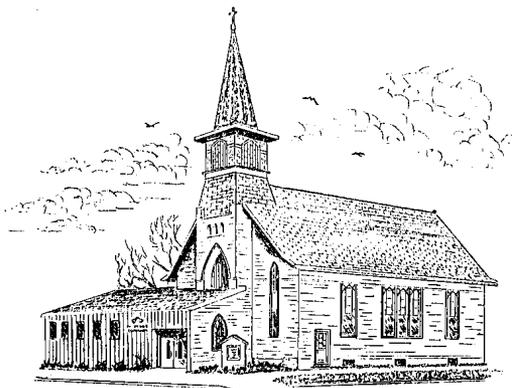
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 158 *Glory be to Jesus*

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.' "

Hymn 722 *Deep Were His Wounds*

Sermon Ezekiel 33:7-11 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 9 But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. 10 "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' 11 Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'"

You're the Watchman...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 342 *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 52 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

CALL Mr. Andrew Roehl has returned the call to teach in our CDS.

The voters are likely to make another divine call in today's meeting. The meeting will also allow us to complete the sale of Teacherage One. All voting members are asked to be present.

LENT With Wednesday being our 4th midweek service, we have moved beyond the halfway point of the Lenten season. In our series: "*Lent in Three Words at a Time*," we've considered the question, "Is it I?" and the statements: "Love One Another" and "Watch and Pray." Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your faith. There is a finger-food lunch that follows.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG The Sunday School will be singing, “Children of the Heavenly Father” on Confirmation Sunday, April 14.

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

VISITORS DAY Immanuel Lutheran High School will be hosting its annual Visitor’s Day on Friday, April 26. This is open to all 7-8 grade students and provides them with a chance to attend classes, spend a night in the dorm, and attend a variety of events. Information is posted on the bulletin board.

CLC NEWS Pastor George Dummann, Eagle Lake, has the call to Morris. Teacher Neil Bernthal, Like Oak, FL has the call to Markesan, WI.

Prayers for our brethren in Myanmar - Last week Pastor Thang, who serves as the President of the CLC-Myanmar, was injured in an accident while helping to build church benches for one of the congregations. He was struck by a truck and sustained severe internal injuries. He was taken across the border to India where proper medical equipment was available and he had surgery to repair the damage. It appears that surgery was successful but they do not know how soon he will be able to return home. To assist the family and church body, the Board of Missions will be sending emergency medical aid through KINSHIP. Those who are moved to help with this or similar needs may support Project KINSHIP through their congregation or using the online giving page through the CLC Bookhouse: <http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/>. Remember Pastor Thang, his family and our Myanmar brethren in your prayers!

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