

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2010

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 4 - pg. 123

Opening Hymn 3

"Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Responsive Reading:

(from Psalm 91 - "The Soldier's Psalm")

P: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;

C: My God, in Him I will trust."

P: Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

C: And from the perilous pestilence.

P: Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,

C: Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

P: No evil shall befall you,

C: Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

P: For He shall give His angels charge over you,

C: To keep you in all your ways.

P: In their hands they shall bear you up,

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: "Because he has set his love upon Me,

C: therefore I will deliver him;

P: I will set him on high,

C: because he has known My name.

P: He shall call upon Me,

C: and I will answer him;

P: I will be with him in trouble;

C: I will deliver him and honor him.

P: With long life I will satisfy him,

C: And show him My salvation."

P: GLORY BE TO GOD!

ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

~ The Collect ~

P: Let us pray - O almighty and eternal God, we implore You to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and the works of Your commandments that through Your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: ♪ "A- - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - John 20:31

Old Testament Lesson ~ Genesis 3:1-15 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was

naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

P: *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2)*

**ALL: ♪ Dearest Jesus, let me see
In Thy dreadful agony
All MY sins upon Thee laid,
All MY debt of guilt now paid. Lord have mercy.**

**Let me not with careless eye
Pass Thy painful suffering by,
But in Thee my Savior see,
Who didst give Thyself for ME. Lord have mercy.**
(Text: Wm. G. Kennell, 1948; Tune: TLH #190)

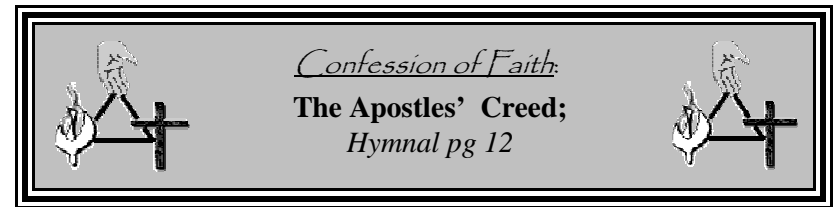
P: *Our New Testament lesson for today is from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter three, beginning with the twenty-seventh verse.*

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

New Testament Lesson ~ Romans 3:27-31 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. 29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

P: *So far the Word.*

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 142:1-4

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

~ The Sermon ~

John 15:9-17 As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 "These things I command you, that you love one another.

**THE INSEPARABLE BOND OF
LOVE AND OBEDIENCE**

~ The Offertory ~

♪ "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."

Hymn 358

"Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee"

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~
 ~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~
 ~ The Benediction ~

Closing Hymn 417:7

“How Can I Thank Thee, Lord”

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

MID-WEEK SERVICES Our Mid-Week Lenten meditations on the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross continues this Wednesday at 7pm. We continue with our theme of “The Pulpit of the Cross” as we consider Jesus’ sermon to the thief on the cross.

CAN YOU HELP? We have a couple of needs within the congregation that need to be filled for 2010. For the men of the congregation, please consider whether you can serve as an usher. For all, there are still a few months that are open and in need of a church cleaner. The sign-up sheet for both are on the bulletin board in the entry way. Also, with Ash Wednesday this week, we have a great fellowshiping tradition of a light lunch being served after our mid-week services. The sign-up sheet for that is on the table in the back of church.

The Lord has given each of us gifts which we desire to use to His glory and for the good of His church. Please consider whether the gifts which the Lord has given you can be used to fill any of these openings.

CLC NEWS ACCEPTED: The joint call which Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN extended to Pastor Eric Libby (Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND). † **RETURNED:** The call which Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI extended to Pastor David Fuerstenau (Holy Truth, Ketchikan, AK). † **RETURNED:** The joint call which Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino, ID and St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA extended to Pastor David Naumann (Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac, WI). † **RETIRED:** Pastor Daniel Fleischer from the pastoral ministry. President Schierenbeck has appointed Pastor Vance Fossum as Visitor of the South-Eastern Conference in Pastor Fleischer's place.

PASTOR KARP'S MEDICAL FUND President Schierenbeck has authorized the following plea for assistance for Pastor Steve Karp. Pastor Karp serves the St. Stephen congregations in Hayward and Modesto, CA. The following comes from the president of St. Stephen, East Bay, Timothy Blank -

As you may know, Pastor Steven Karp has been stricken with cancer and a recent test has shown that his two rounds of treatment have not eliminated all the cancer cells, and furthermore, the cancer has been found deeper in the tissue lining than previously observed. It is clear that Pastor Karp will have mounting medical bills. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has already provided budgeted medical funds toward his initial treatment and is asking its individual members to contribute further.

Others outside our congregation may also wish to help financially. Our Council has recently approved a new fund for the exclusive purpose of contributing toward Pastor Karp's medical expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make checks payable to **“St. Stephen Lutheran Church.”** In the **memo** section of the check, write **“St. Stephen Medical Fund”**

The mailing address of the congregation is:

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church
 21290 Birch Street
 Hayward, CA 94541**

May we also continue to make appeals to God in prayer that He would remove this infirmity from Pastor Karp, for as James says, “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)

We rejoiced to hear that Pastor Karp returned home from the hospital Friday evening (one week after surgery). Please continue remember Pastor Karp and his wife Elizabeth in your prayers. We pray that the Lord would also move the hearts of His people that those who have the ability, might assist the Karpes in this time of need.

This week at Prince of Peace . . .

Today	10:15	Bible Class / Sunday School (NT23 - The Pharisee and Publican)
Wednesday	5:00	Catechism at Church
	7:00	Lenten Service
Sunday, February 28 - 2nd Sunday in Lent		
	9:00	Worship Service
	10:15	Bible Class / Sunday School (NT24 - Jesus and the Little Children)

“The Bread of Life”

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

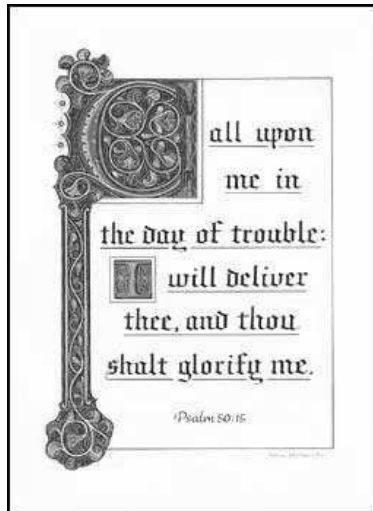
<u>Monday, Feb 22</u>	Micah 6:1-8 - The real problem is the wrong attitude. (Hymn 449)
<u>Tuesday, Feb 23</u>	Micah 6:9-16 - What does this mean for us personally? (Hymn 447)
<u>Wednesday, Feb 24</u>	Matthew 5:1-12 - Blessings multiply more blessings. (Hymn 529)
<u>Thursday, Feb 25</u>	Luke 6:20-26 - Without His blessing - big troubles! (Hymn 413)
<u>Friday, Feb 26</u>	1 Cor 1:18-31 - God works with improbable means. (Hymn 366)
<u>Saturday, Feb 27</u>	Col 2:6-10 God doesn't short-change His children. (Hymn 477)

LUTHER ON PRAYER:

In our sermon text we heard Jesus say, “whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” (*Jn 15:16b*) Martin Luther expounds on this saying of Jesus -

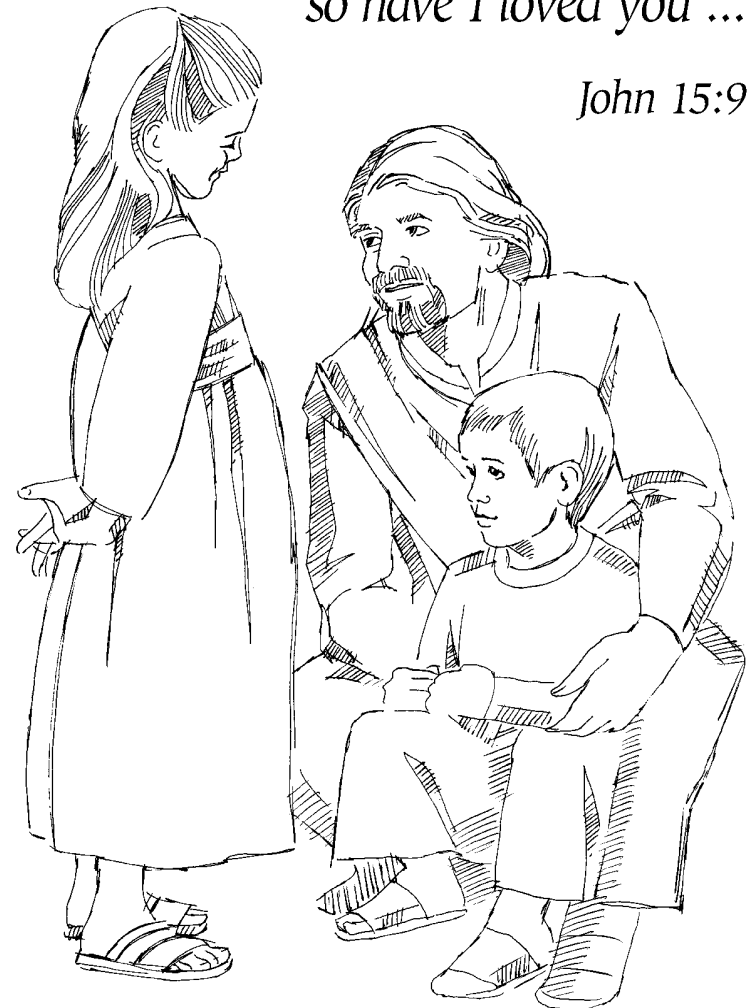
“Praying is the work of faith alone and something no but a Christian can do. For Christians do not base their prayer on themselves but on the name of the Son of God, in whose name they have been baptized; and they are certain that praying in this way is pleasing to God because He has told us to pray in the name of Christ and has promised to hear us. Others, who undertake to pray in their own name, do not know this. They want o prepare and collect themselves until they become worthy and fit enough to pray and so make nothing but a work of it. And when you ask them whether they are sure that they are heard, they say: ‘I did pray, but whether I was heard God alone knows.’

“But what sort of praying is it when you do not know what you are doing or what God has to say about it? This is not the mind of a Christian after prayer; but just as he begins on the command and promise of God, so he offers his prayer to Him in the name of Christ and knows that God will not deny him that for which he has asked. And he finds in reality that God helps him in all troubles; and although he is not at once freed from his plight, he nevertheless knows that his prayer is pleasing and is heard. And God grants him the ability to bear and overcome what is troubling him. This amounts to having the trouble taken from him; for once it is overcome, it is no longer a misfortune and a plague.” (“What Luther Says;” #3440; Plass, 1994)



*As the Father hath loved me,
so have I loved you ...*

John 15:9



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