



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2011

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 51; pg. 134-135

Opening Hymn 158

"Glory Be to Jesus"

Our Order of Worship:

Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

PSALM OF THE DAY:

(Psalm 119:33-40)

- 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;

*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,
that He might destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)*

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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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS -

**"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.**

**God showeth His good will to men,
And peace shall reign with us again;
Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."**

(TLH 237:1 adapted)

- THE COLLECT -

P: Let us pray - Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 2:7-9, 15-19, 3:1-7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

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.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Love is the fulfillment of the law. Alleluia! (Rom 13:10)

**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 suff'ring 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 five, beginning with the twelfth verse.

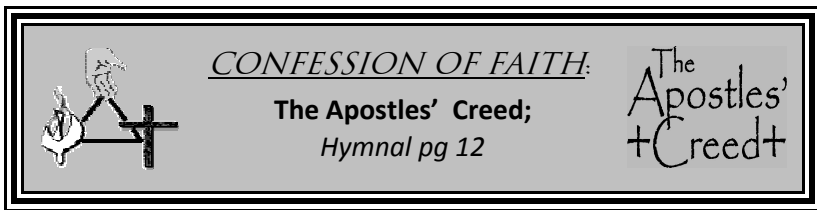
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ ROMANS 5:12-19

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

P: So far our New Testament lesson.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 166

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

~ THE SERMON ~

MATTHEW 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 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.'" 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 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.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 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.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

OUR LORD WAS TEMPTED AS WE ARE

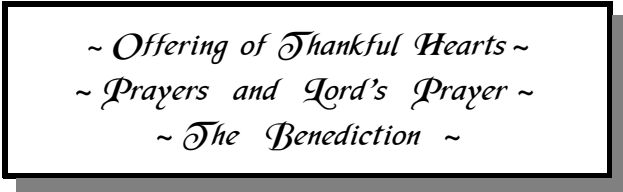
- I. *Tempted to distrust God*
- II. *Tempted to test God*
- III. *Tempted to be disloyal to God*

~ THE OFFERTORY ~

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

Hymn 369

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"



Hymn of the Month 723

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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 glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, 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.

PASTOR WALT SCHALLER This Thursday (17th) Pastor Walt Schaller (one of our former pastors) will be undergoing hip-replacement surgery. Over the past couple of years Pastor and Mrs (Kathy) Schaller have struggled with various health problems. We pray that the Lord would guide the hands of the surgeon and the medical staff, that the surgery would go successfully and prove to be a blessing to Pastor Schaller. Please keep the Schallers in your prayers. Their contact information is:

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"A MAN'S HEART PLANS HIS WAY, BUT THE LORD DIRECTS HIS STEPS." So writes Solomon in the book of Proverbs (16:9). In the New Testament, James (4:13-15) writes, **"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.'"**

This past week we have been reminded of these truths. Surely we were all looking forward to hosting the Tour Choir and listening to them sing praises to God. We may be left to wonder, "Why God would not allow it to happen? Doesn't God know it would be a spiritual blessing for us?" Yet we do well to remember how much higher God's ways are than our ways are. He knows and plans great things for us, things beyond our understanding or comprehension. He simply calls on us to trust His omniscient (all-knowing) ways. Trust that with Christ ruling in heaven as our Savior and King, He will work all things in the course of history for the good of His Church - whether it be a blizzard or an 8.9 magnitude earthquake and tsunami. God will always work all things together for good for those who love Him and whom He has called according to His purpose.

What can we learn from our experience this week? Consider the words of James and apply them to all your future plans, **"If the wills, we shall live and do this or that."** Praise be to our wise and loving God!

HYMN OF THE MONTH Our new hymn of the month is a Lenten hymn. Unlike many of the hymns in our Lutheran hymnal that were written in another language and translated into English, hymn 723, "What Wondrous Love Is This," is an American folk hymn that can be traced back to the early 19th Century.

The first verse of our hymn would have our souls focus on the amazing love of Jesus, who bore the "dreadful curse" for our souls. He bore the "dreadful curse" when He took our sin on Himself and suffered the wrath of God in our place. The Apostle Paul wrote of this to the Galatians, "***Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")."***" (Gal 3:13) Indeed, what wondrous love Jesus has for us, that He would endure all this so that we could spend eternity with Him in heaven!

WHY DO THE DATES OF LENT AND EASTER CHANGE EACH YEAR? Every year questions arise about the dates of Easter. Each year Easter has a different date and thus the season of Lent (which begins 40 days [not including Sundays] before Easter) begins on a different date. For instance, last year, the first Sunday in Lent was on February 21 and Easter Sunday was on April 4. This year, today is the first Sunday in Lent and Easter Sunday is on April 24 - the second latest date Easter will ever be. So why does it change every year?

Unlike the date of Christ's birth, which we don't know the exact date of, we do know the exact time table of Jesus' death and resurrection. On Maundy Thursday Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. The date of the Passover was a fixed date on the Jewish calendar. But the Jews did not have the 12 month solar calendar that we have today. The Jewish calendar was arranged according to a lunar calendar. Each month began with a full moon. They were 12 or 13 months, each made up of 29 or 30 days to correspond with the 29 ½ day lunar cycle - thus their calendar from that time isn't going to match up perfectly with our 12 month calendar today. But the date of the Passover was always set according to the full moon of Spring.

This then will affect the dates of Lent and Easter. How do we determine what date Easter falls on every year? These are the factors that come into play:

#1 - The Vernal Equinox (the first day of Spring) is on March 21 every year.

#2 - Next we look for the first full moon after March 21. That would have been the day the Jews celebrated Passover. There, therefore a full moon on the night Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

#3 - Finally we look to see what Sunday falls after that full moon. That would have been the day Jesus rose from the dead.

This year there will be a full moon just before the Vernal Equinox (March 19) and the next full moon will not be until Monday, April 18 (Monday of Holy Week). Therefore Easter will be on the Sunday after April 18, which is April 24. Hope this helps!

WELCOME PAMPHLETS Welcome pamphlet were prepared in anticipation of having visitors for the Tour Choir concert. These pamphlets were designed to give visitors a brief description of what we are about as a congregation and why we exist. YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE (lovingly critical?) COMMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED! Please take a copy to read through and share any feedback with pastor on how it might be improved! They are located on the table in the entry-way.

CLC EVENTS THIS SPRING AND SUMMER Please note the following events being offered to CLC

members this summer:

ILHS VISITORS DAY

- Date: Friday, April 15
- Location: Campus of ILC, Eau Claire, WI
- Ages: 7th and 8th Grade Students (*Pastor greatly encourages and will provide transport*)

WEST-CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

- Dates: May 24-26
- Location - Valentine, NE

"ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT"

- Dates: June 9-12
- Location: Near St. Louis, MO
- Ages: "20's and 30's"

YOUTH CAMP AT ILC

- Dates: June 19-25
- Location: Campus of ILC, Eau Claire, WI
- Ages: kids entering 5th- 9th grades in the fall of 2011

YOUTH CONFERENCE

- Dates: August 2-6
 - Location: Ellington, MO
 - Ages: Youth who have completed 8th grade through Junior year of college
- Please consult our website (LINKS) or speak with Pastor if you have any questions.

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

- 10:15 Brief Voter's Meeting to discuss Tour Choir expenses
- 10:25 Bible Class (*Daniel*) and Sunday School (*L4-3 - NT12; L2 - NT48; Pre - NT35*)
- 11:00 Adult Choir Practice
- 11:30 Potluck Dinner

Wednesday

- NO Confirmation Class
- 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service (Profiles of the Passion - The Disciples: A Profile of Lost Opportunity)

Thursday

- 7:30 Aberdeen Bible Class

Sunday, March 20, 2011 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 10:15 Bible Class (*Daniel*) and Sunday School (*L4-3 - NT13; L2 - NT49; Pre - NT36*)
- 11:00 Adult Choir practice

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

	Scripture:	Hymn:
Mon -- 14	<u>2 Peter 3:3-13</u> God is delaying so as to save more souls.	321
Tues -- 15	<u>Revelation 22:10-20</u> Many drown in the deluge of worldliness.	264
Wed -- 16	<u>Matthew 4:1-11</u> Why was Jesus always so self-sacrificing?	152
Thur - 17	<u>Luke 10:17-20</u> Pastors are salvaged from the garbage, too.	418
Fri -- 18	<u>Matthew 16:21-23</u> Suffering was His calling and His badge.	367
Sat -- 19	<u>2 Corinthians 6:1-10</u> We are already IN God's salvation!	32