

The Second Sunday in Lent

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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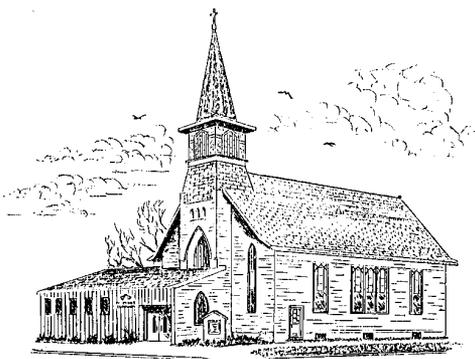
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 149 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

Order of Service Due to the broken water main in the street on the church's southside, both services last Wednesday had to be cancelled. In order to keep pace with the series schedule, we will utilize the liturgy that is used in our Wednesday services. The liturgy and hymns will be projected on the wall.

The Reading of the Passion History

Hymn 760 *Oh, Love, How Deep*

Sermon John 13:18ff. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

The Hands of Betrayal...

The Offertory

Hymn 144:1-4 *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 151:1-3 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

COMMUNION The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today after the close of the regular service. Communicants may remain in their pews as the Elders distribute the elements.

If you are visiting our service today, please note that we practice close-communion. This means that membership in St. John's or a sister congregation is a requirement for communing. We do this in obedience to the Lord's Word and not in judgment of anyone's personal faith or standing with God. The pastor will be happy to provide you the scriptural basis for our practice.

LADIES AID At last week's meeting, the Ladies chose to purchase confirmation gowns to have on hand. Shipping costs have gone so high that it makes sense to own, vs. rent the gowns. 12 gowns will be purchased, some by individuals and some by the Ladies.

There is a sign-up sheet to order "*Enough for Now*," a book that will be used in a monthly study-group. A copy of the book is on the entryway table along with the sheet to sign. A summary of the book is found on the back cover.

LENT "*Hands of the Passion*" is the name of this year's Lenten series. Services will be held on Wednesdays at 4 and 7 p.m. The early service is intended for those who may be at higher risk and for those who do not care to drive in the dark. All are welcome to attend either service (masks required at 4 o'clock).

ANNIVERSARIES Our thanks to everyone for remembering us on our special day with your prayers, beautiful cards, and best wishes. Leonard and Norma Eigenberg (60th)

Dear Friends, In John 13:34 it says "Love one another." You have shown your love to us by greeting us in person and by your beautiful cards and gifts for our 50th wedding anniversary. We are surely blest. In Christian Love, Ron & Karen Strike (50th)

CARD ORDER Wednesday is the last day that orders will be accepted. Please see the information in the entryway if you are interested.

HOSPITALIZED Sophie Albrecht is currently a patient in the Children's Hospital in Omaha. She is recovering well, though a post-surgical infection has delayed her release. Lord willing, she will be discharged on February 9, fulfilling the 14 day period of being infection-free.

ILC TOUR CHOIR Plans are to hold a concert in our midst on Thursday, March 18. Due to COVID restrictions, the following is from Professor Reim: "The current plan is to make use of hotels rather than the homes of members for sleeping spaces. And I'd like to underscore that the congregations are not being asked to pay for the hotels nor for other tour expenses. If congregations are interested in taking the customary collection during the concerts, those funds will certainly be welcomed. But it is hoped that your members do not feel any financial burden in connection with the tour. It is already quite a gift that they are willing to go out of their way to participate in ILC's music ministry by hosting a concert."

FAVORITE HYMNS If you have favorite Lenten hymns, please write them on the sheet in the entryway.

CLC NEWS Mr. Eric Libby, Mankato, has been called to serve as Assistant Principal/Counselor at Immanuel, Mankato. They have also called Mr. Kevin Schrader, Austin, TX to their High School Math and Science position. Pastor David Schaller, Sister Lakes, MI has accepted the professorship call to ILC. Redeemer congregation in Cheyenne has submitted a request for a Sem graduate. Mr. Ross Kok, Phoenix, has returned the call to Markesan, WI. Mr. Matthew Kranz, Mankato, has been called to be the second fulltime teacher at Winter Haven, FL. Mr. Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC has calls to Sleepy Eye and Eau Claire. Mrs. June Schmid, Eau Claire, has been called to teach fulltime at Messiah, Eau Claire.

From Pastor Mayhew: A group trip to Israel, which had been planned for January 2021, has been postponed to January 2022. The dates are now set for January 11-20, 2022. If you would like more information, please contact him at 404-729-4602 or nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com.

CLEANING (Wk. 1) J. Albrecht, N. Albrecht, C. Ling
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