

"We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

Welcome to Week Two in the At the Crossroads series, in which Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, and his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ as we make definitive judgment calls in our lives. Let the readings from Scripture, children's sermon, sermon dialog with Pilate and hymns help us come to the crossroads of judgment ready to be guided by divine wisdom.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The works of God's hands are faithful and just; **All his precepts are trustworthy;***

*He sent redemption to his people; **He has commanded his covenant forever.***

*Holy and awesome is his name! **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God of wisdom and grace,

We come to you confessing our brokenness. We often intend to choose the right way, to follow your leading, to make righteous judgments, but we find no power in ourselves to do what you command. We falter and fall; we go our own way; we make judgments based on our whims; we trample others in our stubbornness.

Forgive us, Lord. We know that without you we cannot be what we are called to be or do what we are called to accomplish by your power. Strengthen us and equip us to see the right way, to follow Jesus' lead, to take up the cross and follow.

In his mercy God has promised forgiveness for all of your sins. You can rejoice, your sins are forgiven in Jesus Christ and you are wrapped in his forgiving love forever. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We worship you, O God, as the one in whom we have placed our hope.

We share the desire of your people of old to tell of the blessings you have brought about in our lives. When we think about the greatest blessing of all – Jesus Christ - we joyfully acknowledge that our hope in you is not misplaced. We choose to serve you because you chose to touch our lives so graciously in Christ. May our faithful witness and the service of our lives reveal the depth of our love and gratitude as we worship you, O God, and as we praise and adore you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:14-15

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not

hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HYMN *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* #781 vs 1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* #781 vs 3

SERMON *"Judgement"*

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* #618 vs 1-3

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* #686 vs 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your mercy, **hear us, Lord.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* #759 vs 1-4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

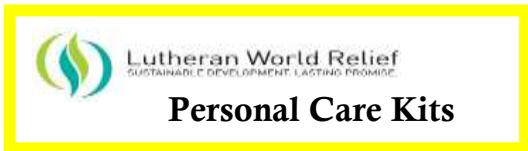
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Our Savior’s WELCA is putting together personal health care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are shared with people all over the world who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. This month our Mission will be to team up with WELCA and DOG Night to support this project.

“Give Hope through a Bar of Soap”

Lutheran World Relief is a nonprofit organization that helps families in the world’s poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive. Money donated will be used to purchase any supplies needed to complete the kits and help with postage.



Please see the bulletin boards
for all the details

Church Announcements

WELCOME to our worship service

If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.

Today, February 25th

9:30 Worship/Potluck to follow

1:00-4:00pm Youth Group meets

Monday, February 26th

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study – Topic is ‘Judgement’

Tuesday, February 27th

7:00am and 8:30am Lenten Bible Study – Topic is ‘Judgement’

Wednesday, February 28th

5:15-7pm D.O.G. night

Thursday, March 1st

6:30pm Community Midweek Lenten Service at OSL. Freewill donation dinner starts at 6:00pm.

Sunday, March 4th

9:30 Worship/Communion

11:00 Worship Committee meets

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“LET TODAY BE
THE DAY YOU
GIVE UP WHO
YOU’VE BEEN
FOR WHO YOU
CAN BECOME.”



The 2018 USD Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen, will present a program featuring music from a wide variety of composers and historical periods. The choir will showcase new choral music as well as standards of the classical repertoire and several settings of spirituals and folksongs from around the world. A free will offering will be collected. For more information contact David Holdhusen @ (605) 677-5275.

SERVE

like Jesus

SERVING TODAY:

Greeter– Bob Tesch

Usher – Butch Rudd

Reader – Peg Tesch

Music – Marie Kennedy

Potluck setup/cleanup: Alicja Mead and Lois Rudd

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (March 4th):

Greeters/ Ushers – John, Jackson and Jamison Wiles

Reader – Jackson Wiles

Music – Peg Tesch and Conni Virtue

Communion Prep- Wiles Family

Communion Assistant—Crystal Wiles

Fellowship Servers—Crystal Wiles and Esther Downen



This year, St. Michael's Catholic Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, will be partnering together to provide midweek Community Lenten Services. Everyone is welcome and invited! Please spread the word!

Midweek Community Lenten Services Schedule

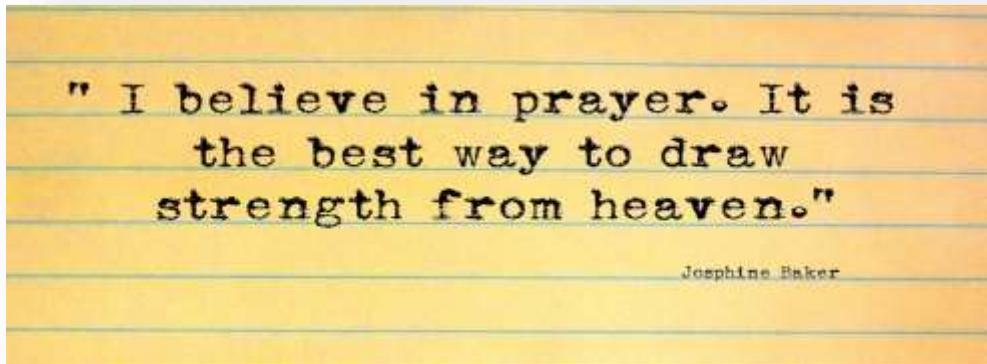
Thursday, February 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 1: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Thursday, March 8: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 15: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Thursday, March 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's



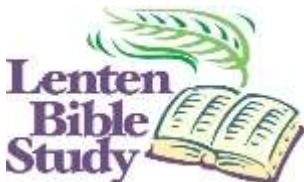
Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of **Susan Krumm** (friend of Pastor Deb), **Scott Adermann** (friend of Pastor Deb), and **John Guthmiller** (Carol's brother-in-law).

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Ryan Reichardt** (friend of Donley Hewitt), **Elana Bush** (Peg's granddaughter), **Joyce Thompson** (sister of John and Bruce Sunding), **Todd Ennen**, **Jody Gittings** (Julie Gittings' brother), and **Suzan Heidelberger**.

We pray for those in special circumstances, especially for all those that are affected and fall victim to violence, all those affected by the cold weather in our area, and for the Olympic athletes currently in South Korea.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Darius** (son of Dakota and Blake Hunsaker), **Don Aduddell**, **Val** (Steve & Patti Pendegrift's sister-in-law), **Bernie Quaschnick**, **Rodney Shay**, **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Kelly Edwards**, **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), and **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece.)



Monday Nights
(Starting February 19th)
6:00pm
Tuesday Mornings
(Starting February 20th)
7:00am and 8:30am

