

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

4st Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

Welcome to Week Four in the At the Crossroads series, in which Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ. Let the readings from Scripture, children’s sermon, sermon dialog with Peter and hymns help us come to the crossroads of declaration ready to announce our allegiance to the Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

vs 1-2

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner;
it must not suffer loss.
From vict’ry unto vict’ry
his army he shall lead,
till ev’ry foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
the trumpets call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,

Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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

Jesus sent us as his witnesses, to proclaim his Gospel in all that we do and say.

Lord, we confess that we are often tongue-tied and silent when we should speak, we are often bound up in ourselves when we should act in your name. Forgive us, Lord, for our reluctance to proclaim the Good News that we treasure.

Forgive our selfish clinging to what we need for ourselves and our unwillingness to offer your gifts freely to those around us. Forgive our empty promises, our silent passing by, our blindness to others, Lord. Equip and empower us. Send us mightily into your world. Fill us so full of your gracious love and forgiveness in Jesus that we cannot but shout his name and overflow with his gifts of grace.

I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free—free to share the steadfast love of God with all. Amen.

HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

vs. 3-4

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor;
each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle,
the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-28

²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the

agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵David said about him: "I saw the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. ⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The LORD turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the LORD had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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

"Declaration"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#661 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

May the perfect and perfecting grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the overflowing love of God, and the power of the Spirit that equips, empowers and sends us out to be God’s proclaimers, be with us now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” #324 vs 1-4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Declare the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

SERVING TODAY:

Greeters/Ushers – Youth Group

Reader – Youth Group

Music – Karen LesCarboursa

Fellowship Servers – 2nd Sunday Breakfast

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (March 18th):

Greeters/Ushers – The Corr Family

Music – Marie Kennedy

Reader – Roger Downen

Fellowship Servers – The Corr Family

Communion Prep/Assist: The Corr Family



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:

Clarice Eitrheim

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

Cindy Twitero (Mikkey's sister-in-law)

Carol (aunt of Carla)

Sandra Nichols (friend of Pastor Deb)

Ryan Reichardt (friend of Donley Hewett)

Joyce Thompson (sister of John and Bruce Sunding)

Todd Ennen

Jody Gittings (brother of Julie Gittings)

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Don Aduddell

Val (sister-in-law of Steve & Patti Pendegraft)

Bernie Quaschnick

Rodney Shay

Talon Gibson (son of Tenaya Gibson (Preston))

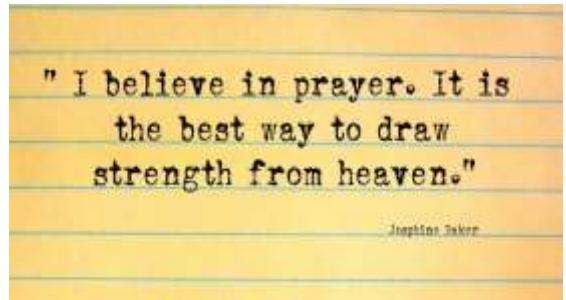
Kelly Edwards

Glenyce (cousin of Carla)

Dennis Hempler (brother of Dixie Clark)

Suzan Heidelberger

Chelle Schefcik



WHAT'S GOING ON?

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, March 11th

9:30 Worship

8:30-11:15 Second Sunday Breakfast

11:30 Worship Committee Meets

3:00 Bear Butte Conference Assembly @ Calvary Lutheran Church

4:30-7:30 Youth Group- Special Evening Adventure

7:00 Augustana Choir performs @ South Canyon Lutheran Church

Monday, March 12th

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study – Topic will be “Declaration”

Tuesday, March 13th

7:00am and 8:30am Lenten Bible Study – Topic will be “Declaration”

9:30am WELCA

Wednesday, March 14th

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

Thursday, March 15th

3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open

6:00pm Freewill donation dinner before Community Lenten Service @ OSL

6:30pm Community Lenten Service @ OSL

Saturday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 18th

9:30 Worship/Communion – Fellowship follows

11:00 Church Council Meets

5:00pm Lutheran Campus Ministry Soup and Chili Fundraiser @ SDSM&T

