

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2009

**VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning.  
May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite  
you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and  
hope you will return again soon.

Prelude

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #571, "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Invocation and Opening Sentences

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of  
Man be lifted up,

**C: that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life.**

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son,

**C: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal  
life.**

P: By grace you have been saved through faith in Christ. And this is not  
your own doing;

**C: it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may  
boast.**

(Jn. 3:14-16; Eph. 2:8-9)

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord, as we consider our sins, let us cry to the Lord in  
our trouble, that He may deliver us from our distress. (Ps. 107:13)

*(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)*

P: O Almighty God:

**C: I confess to You, before the whole company of heaven, and in the  
presence of my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my  
own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have  
mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting  
life.**

P: "You were dead in trespasses and sins. But God made us alive  
together with Christ - by grace you have been saved." (Eph. 2:1)  
The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and  
remission of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Hymn of Response: #566, "By Grace I'm Saved"

Old Testament Reading ..... Numbers 21:4-9

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... Ephesians 2:1-10

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... John 3:14-21

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed ..... see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #567, "Not What These Hands Have Done"

Sermon: "Christ Alone"

Offering

Hymn of Response: #575, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer ..... see back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

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

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Text: Horatio Bonar, #565

Tune: Darwall's 148th, #912

1)

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;

They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.

To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

2)

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;

Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.

To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

3)

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load

Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.

To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

4)

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;

Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.

To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

5)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;

No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee.

To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

"For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law" (Romans 3:28).

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

### The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

CF is a life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. More than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective gene. Help the CF Foundation continue their quest to find a cure. Almost 90 cents on every dollar raised will go directly to vital CF research and programs. The CF Foundation meets extensive standards set by the Better Business Bureau and has been recognized by Forbes and USA Today for its innovative research. Out of love for his brother, Phillip, Pastor Sorenson is collecting funds for the Minnesota Chapter. Please make checks out to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and give to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience.

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday:		The Annunciation of Our Lord: Isa. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38
	4:30PM	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:		CILS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends
Saturday:	8:45AM	Reaching Rural America for Christ – Salem, Madelia
	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		The Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Kevin Holm
Monday	- Karen Stemmann
Tuesday	- Karlene Abell, Vera Carlson
Wednesday	- Myron Alms
Thursday	- Eric Stumpf, William K. Langhans
Friday	- Brady Meyer
Saturday	- Kevin Schafer

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Healing:** Pastor Lyle Kath, Paul Nystuen, Marian Burkard, Linda Hardy, Mike Heim, Linda Soifakis, Ruth Dankers, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Rodger Kivi, Kelsey Holst and Dave Dicke.

**Strength and Peace:** Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

### **Life Quote – March 22**

"When we care for rather than kill the elderly, ill, or handicapped, we are the hands of God. That's what Lutherans For Life is all about—helping Christians connect, through either our words or actions, biblical truth to life issues. When that happens, lives are changed." *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **Easter Egg Hunt – April 4**

On Saturday morning, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel will feature an Easter egg hunt. Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter have graciously agreed to organize the event. Please meet at church at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hunt. Families of preschool and elementary age children are welcome to attend.

### **More than Fish on Friday: Six Negative Things to Get Rid of—Not Only for Lent—But Permanently!**

Lenten midweek services will be offered on Wednesdays at 7:30PM. The series is based on Ephesians 4:31. Is Lent really about abstaining from certain meats on Friday? No! The Apostle Paul tells us about six things we should really give up for good. The remaining services and themes will be conducted according to the following schedule:

March 25: (V) Slander  
April 1: (VI) Baseness

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, March 29 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) “Knowing Your Place”**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Nathan Meador**  
(Mark 10:35-45)

### **"Youth Lock-In"**

On Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the youth of the congregation (grades 5-12) are invited to a lock-in at church beginning at 8:00 PM. Come for food, fellowship, movies, games, and fun. The event will conclude at 9:00 AM the following morning. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. You may bring friends from outside the congregation, but please let Pastor know who is coming so he can get the necessary supplies. Each person attending should also bring the following:

- Sleeping Bag/Blankets and Pillow
- Favorite Games (Church-appropriate)
- Necessary Medications
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, etc.
- Favorite Movie (PG or less)
- If you bring food, make sure you bring enough to share with the whole group.

### **Palm Sunday Brunch – April 5**

New Horizons will be sponsoring the Palm Sunday Brunch immediately following the worship service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds, and money raised will go towards landscaping of the church property.

All members of the congregation are invited to participate. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food items that you would be able to donate and for areas where help is needed.

New Horizons' members are also asked to bring 1½ dozen muffins, donuts, or sweet rolls for the brunch and one bottle of pancake syrup.

### **Coins for Mission Offering**

In the narthex you will find a jug marked “Coins for Mission Offering.” The congregations of Minnesota South are encouraged to collect coin offerings to present at the opening worship of the District Convention in June. Please note: no paper money or checks are allowed—only coins! Proceeds will go to our newest LCMS congregation—the Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Congregation of Mankato. This offering will help provide for the salary of the pastors of this new ministry. Currently, the congregation has a worship attendance of about 48 people per Sunday and serves just under 100 total souls. The “Coins for Mission” effort will continue through June 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. Let's help Pastor Sorenson “make a joyful noise to the Lord” by bringing a full jug of coins to the convention.

### **The Lutheran Hour Needs Your Support**

Christ's message of hope will not be silenced. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) continues to bring Christ to the nations and the nations to the Church. The Lutheran Hour is the world's longest running Christian outreach radio program, proclaiming Christ on more than 800 stations, on XM Satellite Radio, and over the American Forces Network. With God's blessing and the support of dedicated Christians like you, LHM will not be silenced; rather, it will boldly proclaim Christ's love and forgiveness to those in need of the Savior. Your gift will help us carry on this vital work. Please mail your check to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141-9584. Include the name of your church and its location in your correspondence. Matching funds are available with Thrivent. Use the Thrivent GivingPlus form (1FE19). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the LHM office at 1-800-876-9880.