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**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**February 28, 2016**

**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  
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #718, "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

*(Silence for Reflection)*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to**

**serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your Kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading ..... Ezekiel 33:7-20

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 13:1-9

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th 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!**

Children's Message: "God and the Fruit Tree"

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

Hymn of the Day: #716, "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Sermon: "He's Got Your Back!"

Offering

Offertory Hymn: #781, "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #809, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

### LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek services are being held in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. This year's series is entitled, "Revelation for Lent." Seven churches of the ancient world received messages from Jesus Christ through the Revelation to the apostle John. What do these letters have to say to the modern church? Continuing through Maundy Thursday, each week will focus our attention on one ancient city, its unique challenges, and what we can learn from the messages each church received. Please join us for this special series.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers will be ordered from Sargent's Nursery this year. Orders may be placed until Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The order form is on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please make checks payable to Bonnie Kassen.

### GOODHUE LIONS SPRING BRUNCH

Everyone is welcome to attend the Goodhue Lions Spring Brunch being held on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center in Goodhue. The Brunch will be served from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Adults pay \$8.50 and children ages 6-12 are \$5.50. Preschoolers are free. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, gritwurst, and sweet rolls will be served.

### CHURCH VANDALISM

Following Wednesday evening activities this last week, it was discovered that the men's restroom at church had been vandalized. Someone used a ballpoint pen to etch "God is a lie" into the wall inside the stall of the men's room. This is an opportunity for all of us to have a discussion with our families about what constitutes respectful use of church property. Thankfully, the janitor was able to remove the marks, although not without a loss of a little paint. More seriously, the blasphemous statement shows that someone connected with our congregation is in desperate need of spiritual counsel and direction. If you know who is responsible for this vandalism or if you would like to get this burden off your chest, Pastor would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

### YOUTH EVENT

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor will lead a youth trip to the Tropics Waterpark in Shoreview. We will leave from church at 1:00 PM. The cost for the event is \$9 per person. If you would like to purchase concessions, that will require extra money. You are, however, welcome to bring a bag lunch and snacks. The Waterpark and an indoor play-land will be available for your use.

### LIFE QUOTE

**February 28** "The greatest irony of Jesus' life is the more Jesus loved, the more Jesus forgave, the more He was hated." Rev. Paul Koelpin, *Professor of History, Theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)