

# First Sunday in Lent February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Welcome to worship! The call to sinners in Lent is a serious call to struggle. Repentance is our blessed life in the Lord, and Lent is a prime opportunity for us to put it into practice, by the Word.

## Our Worship

**Order of Service:** “Service of the Word”, which can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship* (red hymnal) if you would like to follow the music there.

**Hymn:** 121

*Stand*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## Confession of Sins

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

*Be Seated*

The Word

## First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18 (NIV84)

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” <sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” <sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

**Psalm:** 6 on pg. 66 (in the front of the red hymnal)

## **Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39**

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship

or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?  
<sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Verse of the Day**

**M:** It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” (Matthew 4:10b)

## **The Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. <sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**Hymn of the Day: 201**

**Sermon Text: Mark 1:12-15**

“The Meaning of Lent & Life Itself –  
Repent and Believe the Good News”

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be Seated*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church** – pg. 125 in front of red hymnal

## **Lord's Prayer**

**(Saturday)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **(Sunday)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Be Seated*

**Hymn: 537**

*Stand*

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hymn: 449**

*\* The third weekend of the month door collection is after worship, for the Trinity Family Care Fund, to help members of our congregation in situations of need.*

*\*\*The WELS Connection is after worship.*



*We welcome our guests today. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray God may bless you by his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!*

### **Organist**

Our organist on Saturday is June Waege, from St. John, Maribel and on Sunday is Sue Zuberbier, from Zion, Louis Corners. We thank them for beautifying our worship of God our Savior.

### **Midweek Lenten Meals and Worship**

Thank you to the Sunday School for serving *Soup & Sandwiches* at this past week's Lenten meal and to all those that came to enjoy it. It was delicious!

Please join us for the next meal put on by the Choir & Worship Committee (BBQ Pulled Pork) at 6:00 pm on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and then worship at 7:00 pm. Pastor Tom Meissner who teaches at Manitowoc Lutheran High School will be preaching.

### **Easter Flower Sign-up**

If you would like to purchase an Easter flower to decorate church on Easter Sunday, the sign-up sheet and information sheet is in the Narthex. Sign-up is through February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Women's Bible Class – Book of Proverbs**

All women are warmly encouraged to attend the Women's Bible Study on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am as we study the Book of Proverbs with the book "Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman". Please join us on Saturday mornings! Breakfast and coffee will be provided. – Jennifer Pope

## **Sunday Bible Class – Book of Acts**

We are still early in our study of the book of Acts. Come join us at 8:15 am on Sundays, to see the work of the Spirit by the gospel!

## **English Improvement Opportunity**

Our English Improvement Opportunity classes continue. We have one student at this time, with great potential for growth. Please pray for this gospel ministry to our local Hispanic population. It is 6:30 – 7:45 pm each Tuesday for this session.

### **Ushers**

Saturday February 17 <sup>th</sup>	David Petersen, Bryan Denk
Sunday February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Fisher, Ron Kasten, James A. Ott, Eugene Borgwardt
Wednesday February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Krim, Jacob Krim
Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Petersen (Server), Larry Hochkammer (Server), Ben Gauger
Sunday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Olm (Server), Gary Vetter (Server), August Teesch, Todd Petersen
Wednesday February 28 <sup>th</sup>	David Petersen, Greg Buechner

### ***Happy Birthday to...***

2/20 Michael Hackmann  
2/22 Shanna Bratz  
2/22 Ann Luebke  
2/23 Kayla Oehldrich  
2/24 Jessica Hemenway  
2/27 Sharon Arnold  
2/27 Eugene Borgwardt

### ***Happy Anniversary to...***

*No anniversaries this week...*

If you have a February birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records. Thank you!

## Altar Guild: February – Group 3

Marlene Borgwardt, Polly Popelars, Ilona Fischer, Diane Smith

### Greeters

February 18<sup>th</sup> Shelby & Ivy Johnson

February 25<sup>th</sup> Kim Fischer & Family

March 4<sup>th</sup> Marge Hacker

March 11<sup>th</sup> Connie Mangin

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sat.17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	WCUB Broadcast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<b>Tues.20<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 p.m.	English Improvement Opportunity
<b>Wed.21<sup>st</sup></b>	4:30 p.m.	Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
<b>Thurs.22<sup>nd</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Sat.24<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sun.25<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Tues.27<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Ladies Circle
	6:30 p.m.	English Improvement Opportunity
<b>Wed.28<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
<b>Thus.1<sup>st</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Catechism