



Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

Lake George Lutheran Chapel

March 2020 Newsletter



From Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

After a long hard winter (some longer and harder than others) we may take comfort in the old adage, “March is in like a lion, and out like a lamb.” We expect some last blasts of snow and ice but look with anticipation to the lamb part, the moderate and warmer weather that melts the ice and gets everyone thinking about summer.

This “lion/lamb” description applies to more than just the month of March. These two animals are used to describe Jesus. First, the lion:

And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.” (Revelation 5:5)

Jesus is also identified as the Lamb.

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

We know from nature that it would not be a good thing to put a lion and a lamb together in a cage. Until the day of the first sin in the Garden of Eden, the lion and lamb could co-exist. But sin changed all of that for the

animals and for us. Now because of sin, we live with a different threat.

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
(1 Peter 5:5)

Faced with the reality of the destructive nature of sin and of Satan, we desperately seek the protection from God. The Prophet Isaiah gives us some comfort with these words:

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)



That little child is Jesus, the Lion of Judah. But the promise is only a comfort because Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb offered at Calvary. His death has given us peace with God. His death has destroyed the power of Satan, the roaring lion seeking to devour us. This is what Jesus, the Lion and the Lamb, gives to us!

Blessings,
Pastor Easterday

Worship Schedule- March/April

March 1 1st Sunday in Lent

Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan and failed to obey God's command. Jesus came to resist the temptations and then pay the price for their failure in temptation.

(Genesis 3:1-21, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11)

****March 4** Midweek Lent Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

This week Matthew testifies at the trial of Jesus' scandalous association with the seedier side of society.

March 8 2nd Sunday in Lent
Beginning of Daylight Savings Time

God's love has been demonstrated to his people from the beginning of time. This week we consider his promise to Abram to make him a great nation. We then consider God's promise of love to the world.

(Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, John 3:1-17)

****March 11** Midweek Lent Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

This week a cripple is a witness testifying of Jesus' loose interpretation of Sabbath laws.

March 15 3rd Sunday in Lent

The Israelites cried out for water during a time of great thirst. Jesus offers an even better water to a woman at a well, living water that wells up to eternal life. (Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26)

****March 18** Midweek Lent Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

A prominent Jewish leader Nicodemus weighs in: Is Jesus a disturber of the peace?

March 22 4th Sunday in Lent

God promised to lead the blind in a way they do not know. Jesus healed a blind man so that he would walk in that new way of faith in Jesus. (Isaiah 42:14-21, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41)

****March 25** Midweek Lent Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Jesus is accused of being both Judge and Jury in His relationship with a woman caught in adultery.

March 29 5th Sunday in Lent
5th Sunday Door Offering

In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus proclaims that He truly is the resurrection and the life. (Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45)

April 1 Midweek Lent Service
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

A young man named John is called to testify about whether Jesus advocates cannibalism.

April 5 Palm Sunday

We gather in worship to proclaim "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!" We will hear the passion account of the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. (Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27:66)

****April 9** Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. worship service

Jesus spent His last Thursday before His death celebrating the Passover with His disciples, giving them the gift of the Lord's Supper. We will also gather in worship to celebrate this meal. The service will close with the stripping of all of the elements in the altar area as a reminder of Jesus being stripped of all earthly goods and ultimately stripped of His life.

****April 10** Good Friday Tenebrae Service

12:00 noon service

We ponder the seven last words of Jesus. As each word is completed, the church is darkened, bit by bit, until His final cry as we experience a similar darkness in the church, but then as we leave with the hope that will be celebrated in three short days on Easter Sunday.

April 12 Easter Sunday

The gloom of death will be overshadowed by the triumphant cry, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" (Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10)

April 19 2nd Sunday of Easter

The disciples were behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. The risen Jesus appeared among them with the message, "Peace be with you." Then He showed them His hands and His side. Now the disciples truly knew that Jesus was risen! (Acts 5:29-42, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31)

April 26 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jesus joined some men going to Emmaus. They were talking about the death of Jesus, and didn't recognize Him when He joined them. As He talked, He explained how Moses and the Prophets all spoke of Him. When they ate their meal, Jesus took the bread and blessed and broke it. Then their eyes were opened to see the risen Lord! (Acts 2:14a & 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-25, Luke 24:13-35)



(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)

March 1, 2020 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

“Tempting Lies” - Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Have you ever been tempted to sin? We all have. And Satan, the father of lies, will lie to us to tempt us to sin. Jesus shows us how to resist temptation by relying on God's Word for help, strength, and guidance.

March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

“Good News for You!” - Sermon Text: John 3:1-17 - Rev. William Mueller

John 3:1-17 contain some of the most loved and treasured words of Scripture. We are right to dearly treasure these words! And these aren't just words on a page, they are a description of how much our God and Savior loves us. This, indeed, is Good News for You!

March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 95:1-9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-15
“Under Construction” - Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-8 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Rejoice in the midst of sufferings? Impossible! Unless we understand that God accomplishes miracles in our lives through suffering, how suffering means that our lives are Under Construction.

March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-11; John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

“Displaying God's Works” - Sermon Text: John 9:3 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Those who are or will be hospitalized, homebound, in a nursing home, or in some other way limited or restricted can be susceptible to feeling useless. But for the person who has faith in Jesus, no matter what the circumstances are, life always has a purpose. God uses each believer to display His wonderful divine works.

March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:17-27, 38-53

“Now What?” - Sermon Text: John 11:25-26 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

Death and the horrible separation it brings are not what God intended for His creation and it causes confusion in the most ardent believer. This is what the death of the Lazarus did to his sister Martha. Yet Jesus entered into her confusion and despair and He spoke words of life that changed everything.

April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Psalm 118:19-29; John 12:12-19; Matthew 27:11-66

“Palms to Passion” - Sermon Text: Philippians 2:8b - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Holy Week begins on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem. Jesus procures a donkey and His disciples hail Him with palm branches. They make a royal highway for Him with their coats and shout, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The mood, however, shifts quickly from palms to passion, from triumph to crucifixion. This is no ordinary King. He dies for His people and kingdom. Never has the world seen such a King as this one.

April 12, 2020 – The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

“Tears of Joy” - Sermon Text: John 20:1-18 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

When a military mother is unexpectedly greeted by her child returning from deployment, the shock is overwhelming, and she may burst into tears of joy. Mary’s tears of sorrow changed into tears of joy when she saw the risen Savior

April 19, 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

“A Genuinely Tested Faith” - Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Rev. William Mueller

The Apostle Peter reminds us that our faith in Jesus Christ is a genuinely tested faith. This means that through the struggles, various trials, and other griefs that we endure, God is drawing us closer to Jesus. Our faith in Jesus may be tested, but it is genuine!

April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

“Have It GOD’S Way!” - Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Does God’s gift of faith come from a set menu, or is it served up à la carte? In what ways are we “slow of heart” to believe all that God’s Word tells us? In His conversation with two Emmaus-bound disciples, the risen Lord Jesus Christ reveals the challenges and possibilities of a faith humbly determined to Have It GOD’S Way!

Birthdays- March/April

03-02	Jim Bertram
03-14	Cory Hull
03-18	Joyce Easterday
03-26	Bob Beebe
04-17	Greg Gick
04-24	Ron May
04-26	Sue Dunbar
04-30	Denny Motz

Anniversaries- March/April

03-17	Holly & Ron May
03-28	Shannah & Terry Messmann
04-03	Carol & Hap Saalfrank
04-04	Margie & Bob Beebe
04-26	Betty & Bill Heckley

Membership Information

Weekly Attendance Average

2020	23.4/week (187/8 weeks)
2019	18.8/week (150/8 weeks)

Homebound

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

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