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Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

Beloved in the Lord,

We have now left the part of the church year known as the Christmas cycle. The Christmas cycle begins with the four weeks of Advent. They are followed with the celebration of the nativity of our Lord, Christmas Day. Following Christmas Day are the Sundays after Christmas. We then move into the season of Epiphany. It begins with the Baptism of our Lord and ends with the Transfiguration of our Lord. This year we celebrated the Transfiguration on the last Sunday in February.

Now we are entering the Easter cycle. This portion of our church year includes Lent, Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday), Easter, the Sundays after Easter and the Ascension of our Lord. Easter celebrates the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It has always been the major celebration among Christians. To prepare us for this glorious celebration there is the penitential season of Lent.

The word Lent comes from a Latin word meaning "spring." It was in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicaea that the number of days in Lent were recommended to be 40, which is the number of days we have set aside for our Lenten journey. It was Pope Leo the Great who explained the purpose of Lent to his congregation in the fifth century. He proclaimed, "Lent was appointed to prepare souls for a fruitful commemoration of the mystery of Easter; as a time of inner purification and sanctification, of penance for sins past, of breaking off of sinful habits, of the exercise of virtues, especially almsgiving, reconciliation and the laying aside of enmity and hatred."

One of the traditions of Lent is the discontinuing of the "Alleluias." In our last hymn on Transfiguration Sunday we sang about this practice. The sing in the hymn, Alleluia, Song of Gladness (LSB 417), "Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below; Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forgo; For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow." In the season of Lent we do focus on our sin. We are unworthy. In a world where we are told everyone is a winner and there is no objective truth, the message of sin is not well received. How dare we say that someone is wrong! How dare we say that someone's choices are not aligned with God's good and gracious will and therefore must change to conform to what God desires! But we do. And the season of Lent requires us to examine ourselves, recognize and confess our sins, and receive God's gracious forgiveness.

The hymns of Lent also reflect this tone. They are not joyful. They call upon us to reflect and consider our place before the Almighty. All of us will notice the significant shift in how the music sounds during Lent. What a contrast there will be on Easter when we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior.

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Lent requires spiritual reflection and maturity. It is a solemn time, a somber time, a time for serious contemplation of how we have sinned and deserve God's wrath and punishment. It prepares us to all the more appreciate our Savior's sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection, assuring us of life forever with Him in heaven.

A most blessed Lenten journey to all,

Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Pastor

WINDOWS of LGLC



There were many momentous events in the life of our Lord during the last week of His life. Several of these events are memorialized in the windows of LGLC. We are highlighting two of them in this month's newsletter.

The first is Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper. This is also known to us as Holy

Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." We read in Scripture that Jesus gathered the disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem to celebrate with His disciples the Passover. It was then that He gave us a new command, that we are to love one another. Then He gave thanks (Eucharist) and gave the disciples the bread and the wine to eat and to drink. We continue this practice celebrating His divine presence among us as we receive His true body and true blood in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins.

The second portrays Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here Jesus pours out His heart to His heavenly Father, pleading for Him to "let this cup pass from me, but not my will, but Thine be done." In this most earnest of prayers Jesus reminds us that we can bring all of our cares and concerns to our Father in heaven. Jesus wants to avoid the horror of the cross but also wants His will to conform to the will of His Father. There is no plan B. The only way to bring about the salvation of all was to suffer the very pain of hell on Calvary. Jesus prays for strength so that His will conforms to His Father's will. We too, following the example of Jesus, pray that God's will is done in our lives.

SERMON TITLES

For March 2022

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Lent 1 **March 6, 2022**
Sermon: **An Oppertune Time**
Text: **Luke 4: 1-13**
Hymns:
418 O Lord throughout These 40 Days
656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Lent 2 **March 13, 2022**
Sermon: **Crisis Averted**
Text: **Jeremiah 26: 8-15**
Hymns:
423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
420 Christ, the Life of All The Living
425 When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Lent 3 **March 20, 2022**
Sermon: **When Life is Not Fair**
Text: **Luke 11: 1-9**
Hymns:
431 Not All the Blood of Beasts
823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace
433 Glory Be To Jesus

Lent 4 **March 27, 2022**
Sermon: **Coming Home**
Text: **Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**
Hymns:
435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
571 God Loved the World
421 Jesus Grant That Balm and Healing
437 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Online Worship

We are now live streaming our 9am service.
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If you wish to view the service at a later time, click on the link and enjoy the same service as it was recorded.

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Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Check out investment opportunities at www.lcef.org. LGLC has investments with LCEF and has prospered through their financial management.

Our Hymnals Return: At our last Voters Meeting it was decided to begin using the Lutheran Service Book to sing the hymns. We had put them aside during Covid. It is time to begin using them again. Enjoy reading the music along with the words.



Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries **March 2022**

March 6, 2022 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

“The Word is Near You” - Sermon Text: Romans 10:8b-13 - Rev. William Mueller

The Apostle Paul reminds us that the Word of God is near us; so near it is in our mouth and in our hearts. What does that mean? How does that impact our lives when we are facing temptation?

March 13, 2022 – Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

“What A Contrast!” - Sermon Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Christians are citizens of heaven through our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. This heavenly citizenship changes our attitudes and actions. It changes our lives today and eternally!

March 20, 2022 – Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 106:4-12; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Luke 13:1-9

“The Sea Crossing: A Type” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

The sea crossing in the time of Moses was a miracle and also a foreshadowing of Christian baptism. There are points of similarity between the sea event and baptism which bring us great comfort today.

March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32

“The Prodigal Father” - Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

The story in Luke 15 is often called the “Parable of the Prodigal Son.” But the word prodigal is actually a much better description of the father. You see, “prodigal” means “reckless” or “extravagant” and it is in the father’s unrestrained and overwhelming grace that we find the truth that changes our lives.