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Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

Beloved in the Lord,

It was only days after Christmas when I walked down the card aisle of a local store only to see the beginnings of a Valentine's Day display. We still had the Christmas decorations up at the Shoemaker household. February is the month when we focus on Valentine's Day and the love that we share with family and friends.

God's love has certainly been poured out on Lake George Lutheran Chapel. We see His love every time we gather around Word and Sacrament. We come to church weekly to receive from Him His gifts of life and salvation, forgiveness and reconciliation. God's love continues to flow as He works through us, His beloved children. As the apostle John wrote in his first letter, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8 NKJV)

At LGLC we see people who "love one another." There is a genuine outpouring of Christian care and concern among the people of God in this place. We know what love is because we have the greatest example of love to follow. As John writes, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us." He also writes, "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might love through

Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Jesus has given Himself for us. We have life in His name. We are so very blessed to have been called into faith in Him who is our Savior. In response to His great love for us we are to be loving people.

How do we best be loving people? It begins at home. We are to love, honor and respect the members of our household. Husband and wife are to love each other as we pledged in our marriage vows. Parents and children are to love and care for each other. It continues in the Church. At LGLC we love and care for one another. As a family of Christians we gather for worship and to celebrate the meal that our Lord Jesus commanded us to eat. It continues into the community as members of LGLC share the love of God in Christ as those members interact with friends, neighbors, and strangers. It is our privilege to live as the loving and caring people God would have us be.

How do we show our love? It happens in so many ways that the people of God at LGLC do not even recognize their deeds as acts of kindness and love. It happens when we greet one another at Church. It happens when we participate in the worship services. It happens when we serve, when we bring goodies for our fellowship time after church, or help

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someone by offering to park their car or offering assistance when crossing a snowy parking lot. It happens when ushers greet worshipers. It happens when our church banners and flowers are changed and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper. It happens in ways too numerous to mention here but the point is well made. The people of God at LGLC are a loving and caring people. Yes, we know we are not perfect and are in need of God's grace, mercy and forgiveness. But as the forgiven people of God we are united in Him as a wonderful family of believers who do love and care for each other.

May the love of God our Savior be with you and yours,

In Christ's love,

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WINDOWS of LGLC

One of the windows at LGLC features the temptation of Jesus. This story will be read as our Gospel lesson for the first Sunday in Lent. Jesus had just been baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. John the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The baptism of Jesus signifies the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Immediately following His baptism Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for 40 days, being tempted by the devil" (Luke 4:1). Jesus had not eaten for those 40 days and Luke records, "And when they were ended He was hungry" (Luke 4:2). Satan must have thought that he had the upper hand for he continued to torment Jesus. He tried to get Jesus to use His power as the Son of God to satisfy His personal needs.

Jesus teaches us a very important lesson in every temptation. Every time He is tempted by Satan Jesus quotes Scripture. He does not rely on His own might and strength as the Son of God. He relies on the power of God's almighty Word. What lesson can we learn from this? When we are tempted by Satan we can do the very same thing as did Jesus. We can rely on God's almighty and all-powerful Word to help us resist Satan. Just as, in the window, Jesus stands over Satan victorious, we, too, can stand victorious over temptation by relying on God's Word alone.



Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries *February 2022*

February 6, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 100; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

“Like Isaiah” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

In Isaiah 6, the chapter describing the call of Isaiah to be a prophet, we see four characteristics God brought forth in the prophet. The good news is that God has given these same characteristics to us.

February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Luke 6:17-26

“Blessed” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:20 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

The term “blessed” is one of the most misunderstood and misused words in our cultural vocabulary. Today we find this word “blessed” coming out of the mouth of Jesus...but the way He uses the word stands in blatant contrast to the way it’s used in the world. Everything about today’s reading challenges our natural and cultural understanding of what it means to be “blessed.”

February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 45:3-15; Luke 6:27-38

“The Baptized Life” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-28 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

Our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us, even though we did not deserve it. Our ingratitude should be punished, but instead He forgave it and gave us even more. Our wickedness should be judged as worthy of hell, but He gave His own Son hell and us heaven instead. Living in and under the love, grace, and mercy of God in His Son Jesus Christ, life looks different, sinners look different, enemies look different, and love and mercy is not only possible, but natural.

February 27, 2022 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

“Preparing for Challenges” - Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 - **Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

We all face challenges in life. Jesus was preparing for the challenges of the cross and He was preparing His disciples for a life of service following His resurrection and ascension. Are you able to see past life’s challenges to the glory that awaits you?