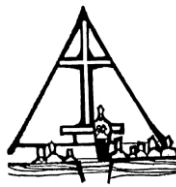


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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* John Stainer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *O Christ, Our Hope* ELW # 604

***GREETING** p. 138

***KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE** *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW # 602

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a O.T. p. 10

PSALM – Psalm 121

Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor

*Congregation on lectern side sings even numbered **bold verses** with second Cantor.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the Lord.

I lift up my eyes¹ to the hills;

from where is my¹ help to come?

²**My help comes¹ from the LORD,
the maker of heav-¹en and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your¹ foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you¹ fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keep-¹er of Israel
will neither slum-¹ber nor sleep; R**

⁵the LORD watches¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade at¹ your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike¹ you by day,
nor the¹ moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you¹ from all evil
and will¹ keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your¹ coming in,
from this time forth for-¹evermore. R**

SECOND LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

N.T. p. 154

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Return to the Lord*

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***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to John 3:1-17

N.T. p. 93

***(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

***(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World* ELW # 323

*APOSTLES' CREED p. 127 (blue tab)

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERING *At Rest* Franklin Ritter

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

*OFFERING PRAYER p. 107

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 145

DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD p. 146

What Feast of Love ELW # 487

In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW # 324

Borning Cry ELW # 732

Jesus, Still Lead On ELW # 624

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION p. 146

*CLOSING HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW # 596

*DISMISSAL p. 146

In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

- Sunday, March 129:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education – *My Calling* – *Scott Patterson*
12:00pm Board of Church Properties Meeting
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
6:30pm Book Club
- Tuesday, March 146:00pm Board of Stewardship Meeting
- Wednesday, March 155:45pm Soup Supper
6:45pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 166:30pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists Prayer Group
- Saturday, March 189:00am – 5:00pm Bible Study Group
9:30am 7th Day Adventists
- Sunday, March 199:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education *My Calling* – *Dawn Mizinski*
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
3:00pm 7th Day Adventist

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Thy way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be; Lead me by thine own hand, choose out the path for me. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Mark 12:43-44



Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!

