

PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that you have done for me.

Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that you went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that you endured.

Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on your love and glory.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

If you read all of Psalm 51, it is a Psalm of cleansing and renewal. It challenges us to think about what we have done and what we have left undone. It uses words like 'purge' and 'wash' to get us to stop and listen to the Word of God, be filled with the Holy Spirit and lead lives worthy of the calling of Christian.

Into the world we are called and there are plenty of people who have the title of Christian and do not live as such. We are called to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. The Prophet Micah is the one speaking for God and calling us out. Out of sin and into freedom. The only difference for us is that Micah had only heard about a Savior. Micah was a prophet around 740bc, 700 years before Jesus.

We have it all, we know of Jesus. We know of his teachings and we know what we are called to do. Our Lenten Series will call us deeper into the life of Christ. 'Dying His Death, Living His Life,' is the theme. Imagine what that means for you and I. How do we imagine dying Jesus' death and how do we live as Christ in our world?

To me it is pretty clear, we have work to do. We have missed justice in our day. When people who are citizens are afraid to be arrested because of the color of their skin, we have missed justice. When people are raped and killed, we have missed justice. When someone is without a place to sleep, we have missed kindness. The world, God's creation, calls to us as we walk humbly with our God.

I think Lent will be interesting and uncomfortable and in that we might all grow a bit deeper into Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Don

The Sentinel 

Worship
9:00am

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Pray for Peace and Joy in 2026!!!

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HERITAGE HAVEN

New Year and the work continues. Thank you all for your gifts to help with this project. We hope that soon we can show you our progress.

Blessings to all who have given and blessings to those who are considering a gift.

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Lent...

Lent is a season of the church year dedicated to things we may not like to do. Some people try to fast from something they find enjoyable throughout the season, as Jesus fasted in the wilderness after his

**DYING
HIS DEATH
LIVING
HIS LIFE**

SERVICES FOR LENT



Wake up! God is calling you to joyful living.

This is how we are to live each day. Joyful living is a challenge in our world today. Only God can give you lasting Joy and lasting Peace.

baptism. Some use a kind of fast to focus on personal failures and ways to improve, maybe to make things better, not only for themselves, but for the community, maybe even the world.

One of the things I find most enjoyable in this world is something almost impossible to give up, because it is so varied, and it's everywhere. What is nearly impossible to give up is music. Often, music in our churches changes for the season, and Lenten music can be more somber, but even somber music can be uplifting at times. As Neil Diamond sang, "If you take the blues and make a song, you sing them [the blues] out again."

In "I Write the Songs," Beach Boys) wrote of whole world sing," and has who writes the songs as from the spirit of creativity Manilow's cover reached number one in 1976 and won a Grammy for Song of the Year.



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Nearly everyone enjoys music of some kind, and some of us enjoy music of nearly every kind. During this season, I hope that the music that reaches you will inspire you to experience community with the people around you, and with our creator. I hope that you will experience God in the music, and that God will work through the music to bring whatever kind of nourishment you need in the moment, whether it be joy, consolation, fortitude to work for justice, peace to calm troubled waters, or—something else! May God's music reach into your life and bring you whatever you need.

In Jesus' name...Pastor Michelle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

We have many ways you can give. We offer auto-giving through your bank. Please contact Sue in the office to arrange for this to happen.

We have a drop-box outside the front door of Mason Hall. You may put your offering in an envelope and slip it in the slot.

We have online giving through Tithe.ly. Just scan the QR code here and it will take you to our page.

We have our regular offering envelopes that are sent to you bi-monthly for you to fill and bring to worship.

Finally, we have Pew Envelopes at the end of each pew for you to use during church. You can specify on that envelope where you want your special gift to go.



YOUTH NEWS!

WOW = Worship on Wednesdays

This is for our High School Youth. We begin with supper on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Please encourage your high school youth to attend.

Mission Trip

Cost - \$ 550 (Scholarships available)
Contact Pam Baukol for details and to register.
612-309-2298

If you would like to sponsor a mission team members trip, contact the church office at 269-8824.



Please join us this year for our Lenten Suppers. They will be served each week from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. Worship will follow at 6:30 pm. We simply ask for a \$5.00 donation for our meal, all proceeds will go to help our youth attending Green Lake Bible Camp and the Youth Mission Trip to Omaha.

2/25 Meatballs/Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots

3/04 Goulash/Garlic Breadstick

3/11 Scalloped Potatoes/Ham

3/18 Chicken Wild Rice Soup w/Crackers

3/25 Tator Tot Hotdish w/Beans & Dinner Roll

Thank You for Your Support!



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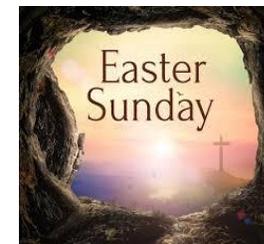
COMMUNION TRAINING –MARCH 4TH

We are going to have training for our 5th graders on **Wednesday, March 4th**, immediately following our Lenten Worship. This will be for all 5th graders and any 6th graders that we may have missed. It is a great time of learning. We ask each student to be there and at least one of your parents. We will meet in the Church Resource Room which is near Pastor Don's office.



Join us on Palm Sunday,
March 29th at 9:00 am

Easter Morning
Reminder!!!
One Service at 9:30 am





This year we will be using Holden Evening Prayer, and our singers include Sue Varpness, Anica Arends and Ayna Burmeister

Church Council Corner
Just Thoughts/Plain Talk: Faith-It's A Journey
By: Ed Delf

Do you ever spend any time thinking about your faith? That's kind of an odd question, but if someone were to ask you that, what might your reply be?

Recently Pastor Don asked me if I would talk with our confirmation class on that subject. I don't know about you, but talking with a group of young people about faith forced me to put on my thinking cap. Talking to an audience of 7th, 8th and 9th graders can be a tough reach, as I've found out with my grandkids.

We originally discussed talking about my faith journey. I thought about that and decided that I would talk about faith as I understand it and maybe give them some ideas to help them on their faith journey.

So how might we define Faith? Heb11:1,3,6 tells us "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God....but without Faith it is impossible to please Him: For he that cometh to God must believe that "HE IS", and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

How do we seek Him? Seeking can include Bible study, going to church with likeminded people, praying, asking for forgiveness of our sins, communion and loving your neighbor are some of the things you can do.

Seeking and wondering, and knowing He has heard our pleas, are two different things. So how do you know if He hears our concerns?

In Heb 4:14-16, we are told "Since then we have a great high priest who passed through the Heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SERVICES – WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM

OVERALL THEME: "DYING HIS DEATH, LIVING HIS LIFE"

WEEKLY THEMES;

- 2/18/26 DYING TO SIN, LIVING IN FORGIVENESS
- 2/25/26 DYING TO PRIDE, LIVING FOR OTHERS
- 3/4/26 DYING TO GREED, LIVING FOR THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN
- 3/11/26 DYING TO DOUBT, LIVING BY FAITH
- 3/18/26 DYING TO TURMOIL, LIVING IN PEACE
- 3/25/26 DYING TO JUDGEMENT, LIVING IN GRACE
- 4/02/26 REMEMBER HIS DEATH (Maundy Thursday)
- 4/03/26 HE DIED FOR ALL (Good Friday)
- 4/05/26 HE LIVES TRIUMPHANT (Easter Morning)

draw near the Throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy and find Grace in time of need." So, you have an issue and ask God to help lift your burden. God's response may very well be totally different than we expect. He knows us, He knows our weaknesses.

He doesn't say He will solve all our problems but He does say, He will be with us always in all things.

So-all that said- it sounds interesting, but in plain talk, what does this mean to me?

We're reminded again in Hebrews that Jesus became man, and experienced all of life's pains, sorrows and temptations, but was without sin. He knows us. He is sympathetic to our weaknesses and answers us from this unique vantage point.

He too has stared evil in the face and overcome it. God defeated the Devil and took away his authority. God allowed us to rule earth on His behalf under His covenant with us, under His behalf and His authority.

So, does our faith journey ever end?

Our Lord tells us that we all have sinned and come short. I'd like to think my faith is enough, but in reality I ask myself often if I have enough. The Bible tells us to seek, and you will find. Also, knock and the door will be opened. I do know that I can't get to Heaven on my own regardless of how hard I try. So, that means to me that seeking is part of our journey and will never end.

Math 17:20 reminds us that "By faith-all things are possible if only our faith was the size of a mustard seed." We aren't born with faith nor are we filled with faith because we were baptized and went to confirmation classes. No one can give you faith. Saying you have faith and living the faith are two different things. Mark 7:7 tells us that if we seek, we will find, and if we knock, the door will be opened to us. In other words, we all have a little work to do to find and keep that faith.

All that said, how's your faith journey doing? Are you happy where you are at?

We've been given what we need for our Faith journey through Baptism, confirmation, our Bible and our church. There's an old saying that basically says use it or lose it. Losing it, in this case, would be life altering.



Faith is the substance of things hoped for-and at the same time, the proof for - the evidence of things not seen. Life's a journey, and by faith, we know we do not walk alone.

I would like to purchase a plant to share with Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Easter Sunday!

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

Name: _____

Given by: _____

The church will order my plant for me _____

Enclosed is my payment of a check made out to OSLC for:

\$25.00 for a Easter Lily _____

\$45.00 for a Pink Hydrangea _____

\$45.00 for a Blue Hydrangea _____

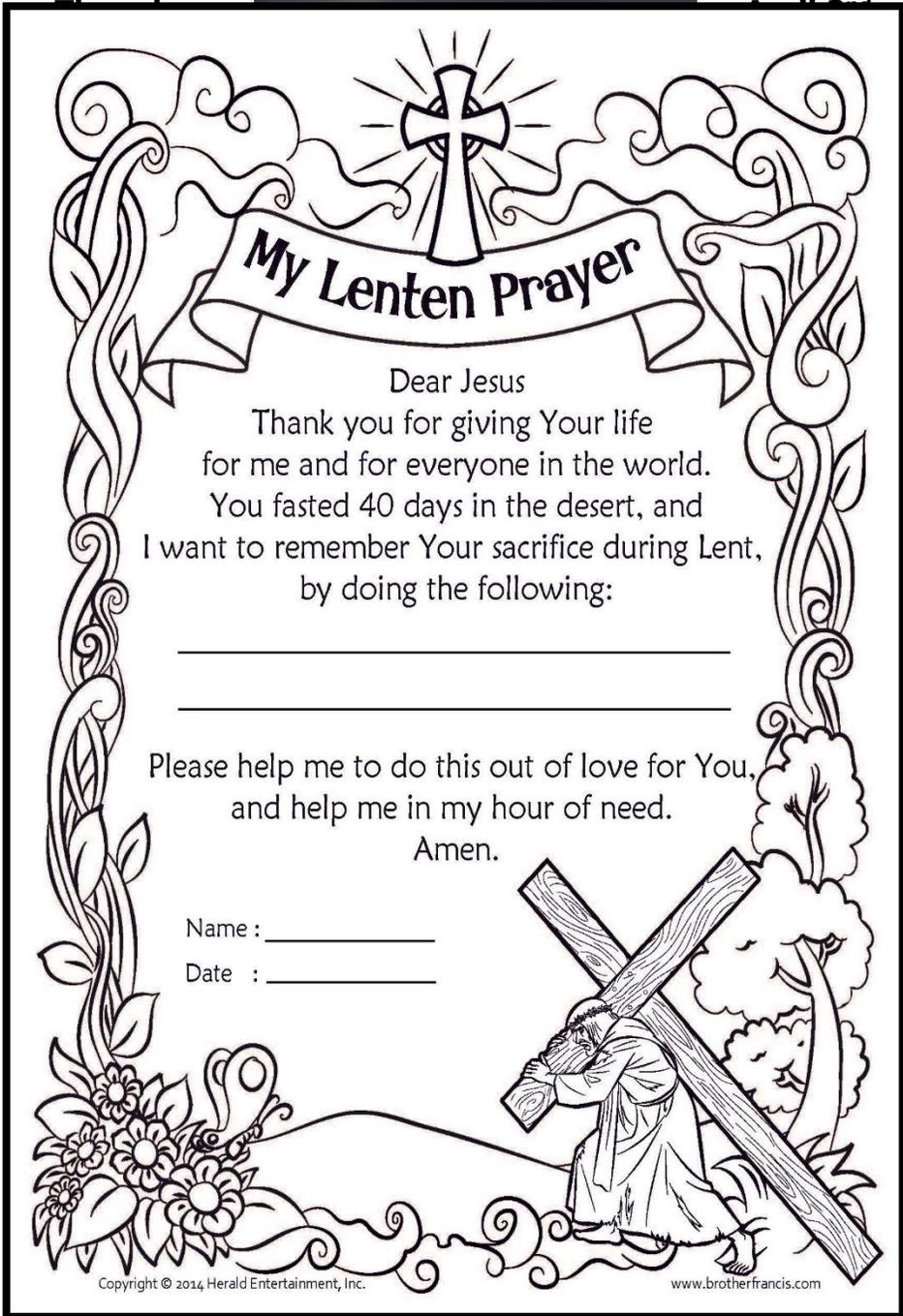
\$45.00 for a White Hydrangea _____

Orders need to be in by Friday, March 20th!

I will purchase my own plant and deliver it to the church _____

If you are purchasing your own plant, please have your plant and the above information into the church office no later than **Friday, March 27th**, so we can acknowledge your plant in the

church bulletin. Plants must be at the church no later than



My Lenten Prayer

Dear Jesus
Thank you for giving Your life
for me and for everyone in the world.
You fasted 40 days in the desert, and
I want to remember Your sacrifice during Lent,
by doing the following:

Please help me to do this out of love for You,
and help me in my hour of need.
Amen.

Name : _____

Date : _____

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Senior Lites

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Valentine's event with Bingo (Guy Stevermer canceled) and a meal with Chicken Cordon Bleu! No event is planned for March, but watch for something in April. (Maybe we'll have a movie!) Blessings to you!