

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10th, 2024

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns: 907, 530, 618, 644, 425, 431

10:30: Praise and Worship

Wed. Hymns: 451, 427, 430, 445, 433

Sermon

“You are turning my house of prayer into a den of robbers!”

Scripture Readings

Numbers 21: 4-9 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Ephesians 2: 1-10 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Matthew 21: 12-17 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children

shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, ‘‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’” And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel, Dave Miller, Charles Zwerk; Wayne Bierlein*

Organist *Chas Chaveriat*

Choirs *Praise Team*

Usher Captains . . . *Jeff Mossner; Matt Buchinger*

Altar Guild . . . *Sue Spiekerman, Laurie Daenzer*

Acolytes *Rylee Perez, Braelin Rodammer*

Wednesday

Elder *Lucas Brown*

Organist *Dr. Jon Eifert*

Choir *Adult Choir*

Usher Captain *Matt Buchinger*

Council and Voters Meetings: Church Council will meet on March 11th, at 7:00 p.m., and a Voters meeting will be Sunday, March 17th, at 11:45 a.m.

Questions of the Passion: This week's message is “Aren’t you one of His disciples?” Wednesday night at 7:00 PM.

Lenten Supper: Our Lenten Supper on Wednesday will be hosted by St. Michael’s Mary Martha. Donations will go towards the Early Child care Tuition Program. Please

consider joining us for delicious casseroles, salads, and desserts.

Baptism: Laith Jeffrey Cameron, born to Zachary & McCauley Cameron, will be baptized today, March 10th.

Congratulations to the St. Michael’s girl’s basketball “A” team for winning the state championship last week at Concordia, Ann Arbor!

Lutheran Layman’s League All men of the congregation are invited to our meeting on Mon. Mar. 18th @ 7:00, in the church overflow room, to hear our guest Diane Stresman speak on Right to Life. Refreshments provided by John Aurenhammer.

Ushers Needed: Anyone interested in joining an usher group please contact Matt Buchinger @ 989-860-9136. Groups rotate every 6 weeks.

Mary Martha Rummage Sale is coming. Remember to start saving things for the sale the first week in April! The Rummage Sale collection will be Mon. Apr 1= 9-3:00, Tues. Apr.2= 6-8:00, & Wed. Apr. 3= 8-12:00. @ the Richville Legion Hall. Donation ideas: clothing, toys, sporting goods, furniture or decorations.

The Kindness Club is in need of new or gently used shoes that you have at home.

We are partnering with Funds2Org, to host a fundraiser for Pastor Joe Boway, who will be visiting us for chapel in April. His mission is to build schools in Liberia. For the shoe drive, we are collecting new or gently used shoes of any size. Our goal is to fill over 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by the end of April! You can start sending in your pairs of shoes this week! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you for your support, Mrs. Callahan and the Kindness Club.

Easter Cards and various other cards are on the cabinet by the office. All cards are .50 cents.

Endowment Fund applications are due at the end of March and are available in the church office.

Upcoming New Member Class: Pastor Auernhamer will teach a class on the basics of the Bible and the Lutheran Church. It will start on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 5:30. Dinner will be served too.

Thrivent Members: Your Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2024! You may do so by going online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice OR calling(800)847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire!

Doug Gruber Memorial Sports Scholarship: St. Michael's high school 2024 seniors who

participated in high school sports are now eligible for a \$1500 scholarship in memory of Doug Gruber. This scholarship is run and payable through Reese High School. Applications for this scholarship can be picked up at our church office starting March 1st and should be returned there by April 5th Contact Dennis and Vickie Gruber at (989)868-3684 if you have any questions

Passion Drama Set-up Crew Please meet at the shed on Sun. 10th @ 1:00. *Dress Rehearsal:* Sat. 16th @ 9:00.

Passion Drama will be March 22nd & March 23rd, and will be presented inside the church. We still need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer at church, which can be placed in Joshua Doud's mailbox. We will still need a setup and take down crew, lots of cast members, soloists, and a lot of cookie donations. You can also sign up through Josh D o u d a t stmichaelspassiondrama@gmail.com or (989)325-2095. This is a great chance to show and remind the community of what Jesus did for us. We hope to hear from each and every one of you soon.

Passion Drama Costumes can be picked up after both services, today, in the church basement.

Attendance

Third Sunday of Lent: 329
Wednesday, March 6th: 220

This week at St. Michael's

Today Fourth Sunday in Lent
Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m.
Mon *Newsletter Deadline*
World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.
Church Council 7 p.m.
Tue Elders 7 p.m.
Wed *Lenten Supper* 5 :30 p.m.
Handbells 6 p.m.
Worship Service 7 p.m.
Thurs *Adult Choir* 7 p.m.
Next Sunday. Fifth Sunday in Lent
Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Classes/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Voters Meeting 11:45 a.m.

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Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "The Strangest Request." *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe*; God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way.(Genesis 22:1-14)

Concordia University, Ann Arbor: Our Lutheran University here in Michigan has placed many pastors, teachers, and other

servants in church work. Concordia is in a budget crunch. There is a special fund drive to raise 5 million dollars to support CUA. Close to 4 million has already been pledged. To donate you can go to michigandistrict.org and click on "Pledge Support."

Valley Lutheran Home Concert: Sunday, March 17, the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School will present a Lenten worship concert beginning at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church Frankentrost. More information can be found in the foyer.

Crossroads Counseling of Frankenmuth is seeking a part-time licensed counselor. Please call 989-502-1940 if interested.

PRAYERS

Health

Karen Bauer, Sharon Dietrich, Vicki Heinlein, Kurt Howell, Jim Karst, Sherry Krieger, Mary Ann Mossner, Mike Mossner, Nancy Palmreuter

Thanksgiving

Lorine Nickodemus, 90th birthday on March 16th

Missions

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as regional director and oversees 45 missionaries planting churches in 10 countries. Hand in hand with church

planting, he works to establish the formation of pastors and deaconesses in Latin America.

Come take a peek at Valley Lutheran. Is high school right around the corner? Or thinking ahead to your child's future? Any and all interested families (students included!) are invited to come take a Peek at Valley on Monday, March 25th. These one hour guided tours provide a peek into the Valley Lutheran experience and what sets Valley apart. Please let us know you're coming and pick an arrival time at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek. Contact Amy Cooper, Director of Communications and Admissions at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions.

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This Christian humanitarian network has 27 branches across the United States from California to Maryland and from North Dakota to Texas. The Michigan Branch has operated for five years out of the Michigan Thumb. At Sebewaing an 8,000 sq. ft. work and warehouse Center receives and processes humanitarian goods for distribution internationally. Wherever disaster relief is needed in our country, Orphan Grain Train also responds. Orphan Grain Train—Michigan has made numerous international shipments of clothing, medical supplies, and more to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia,

Malawi, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Sudan—and always with the message of God's love in Christ. For more information visit www.ogt.org/ or contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264

Prayer of the Day

“Heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Even though we do not deserve Your goodness You still provide for our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for all Your blessings, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

“I want to thank you for your prayers and well-wishes during my kidney transplant. God has truly given me a gift and a second chance at life. Each day I am getting stronger and the kidney is ‘waking up’ and starting to work. Please pray for the family of the donor in their time of sorrow. I will always be generous for their generous gift of life. Please also pray for those who are waiting for life-saving transplants, and register to be a donor.” - Jeremy Heinlein

Silverware Rolling If you would like to help with this project for OutReach ,tubs of silverware and napkins are in the entry corner. Take a tub home and return when

finished. Thank you in advance!