FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2020 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service

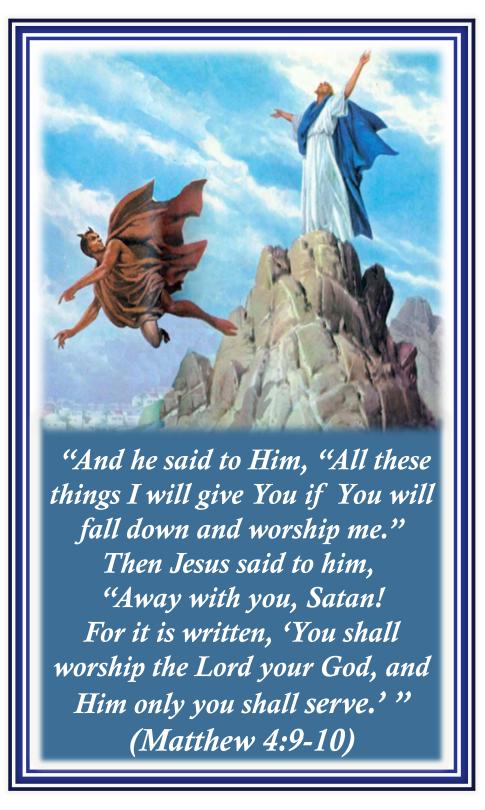
10:30 am Adult Bible Class Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Blessed Lord, You were willing to be baptized, enduring temptation and even death so that I could be baptized into Your life and be granted Your strength and courage. Keep me from submitting to the lies of the deceiver and help me to abide in Your truth, both now and in all the days to come; in Your holy name do I pray, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Today is the First Sunday in Lent as we make our annual journey with Christ to the cross. Though the Sundays in Lent are not technically part of this somber season, they do reflect the same penitential theme that characterizes our forty days of prayerful devotion and repentance. Today we watch as Jesus faces the slick lies of the tempter. He does not face them on His own but in the strength and power of God's Word and truth. When the devil hands Jesus the opportunity to doubt or fear or deny Himself and His Father in heaven, Jesus responds with the stronger Word. He does this not to prove Himself, but for us, that we who live in Him by Baptism and faith may also be made strong in the Word of the Lord before the devil's wiles and lies.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalms* 91:9-15; *antiphon*, *Ps.* 91:15-16

- P He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."
- C Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,
- P No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
- C For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- P In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- C You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- P "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
- C He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.
- P He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 3:1–21

(The sin of our first parents stole us from God and left us captive to death.)

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:

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"Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

16 To the woman He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 7a*

- P You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;
- C Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- P Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.
- P For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.
- C I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.
- C You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.
- P You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE Romans 5:12–19

(Paul describes the poisoned fruits of the fall and the grace born of the obedience, suffering, and death of our Lord Jesus.)

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world,

but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1–11*

(Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' " 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and.

'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "
7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "
8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718

SERMON

"The Temptation of Jesus: The Test of the Ages for All Mankind"

(Matthew 4:1-11)

OFFERTORY Create in Me LSB 956

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Hear Your people, O Lord, who cry to You on behalf of all people in need and through the blessed name of Jesus.
 - That in the face of temptation and trial, we stand firm in the strength of the Lord, who was tempted like us, yet did not sin, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That we not be distracted by the voice of the devil and the allure of the world but remember Christ's Baptism into sin for us and our Baptism into Christ, clothing us with forgiveness, holiness, and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the Lord grant wisdom and obedience to our nation's leaders and to the leaders of the whole world, that peace reign between the nations and that the culture of violence end and our hearts no longer fear, let us pray to the Lord.

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- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That all who suffer be relieved, those who are sick be healed, the dying be comforted, and the grieving endure in hope through the resurrection of our Lord, [especially . . .], let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That we be a people of generous hearts, sharing what we have with those in need and supporting the work of the Kingdom near and far, that many be brought to know Jesus Christ through the witness of His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That we be slow to judge others and quick to forgive in Christ's name, that we bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the call to love one another, and that we regularly offer prayers, supplications, and intercessions for all as they have need, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That we joyfully acknowledge Christ among us in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, that we rightly confess Him and proclaim His mercy, and that we receive with clean hearts and clean hands His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the Lord grant to us peace and a quieted heart, released from the fears that would deprive us of His joy, and that we show forth in our lives together the strong unity of faith and confession, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, those on whose behalf we have prayed, and for all those in any need, trusting that Your mercy will supply us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, through Jesus Christ.
- C Lord, have mercy. Amen.

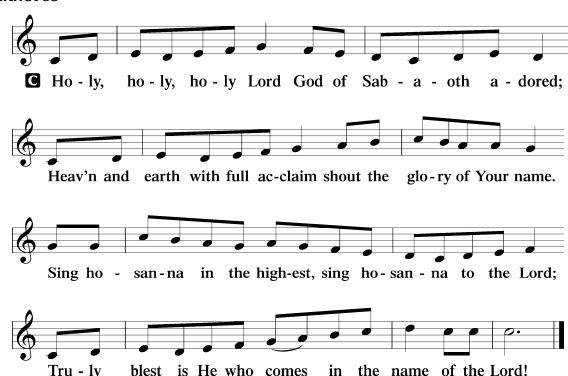
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ${\bf C}$ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

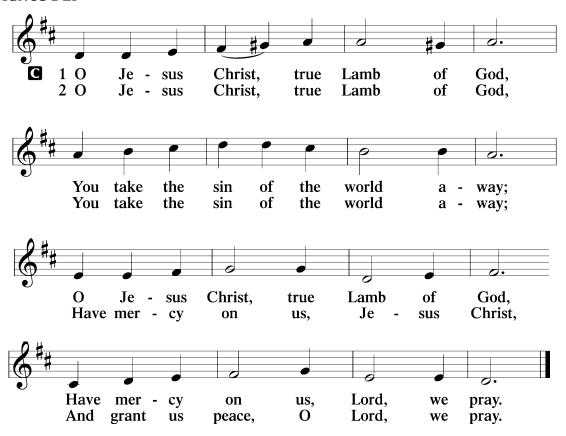
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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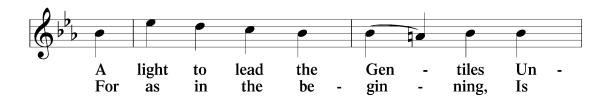
O Christ, You Walked the Road

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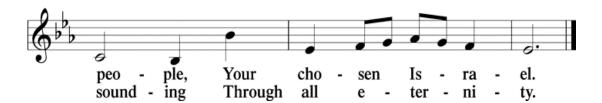












POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised, remembering all that our Savior accomplished for us that we not be alone or without the refuge of Your grace in time of test or trial; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24–26)
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

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From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.



Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.

Youth Confirmation Classes

@ 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Pastor's Office

Introducing Our New Safety Coordinator - Gary Mitzel

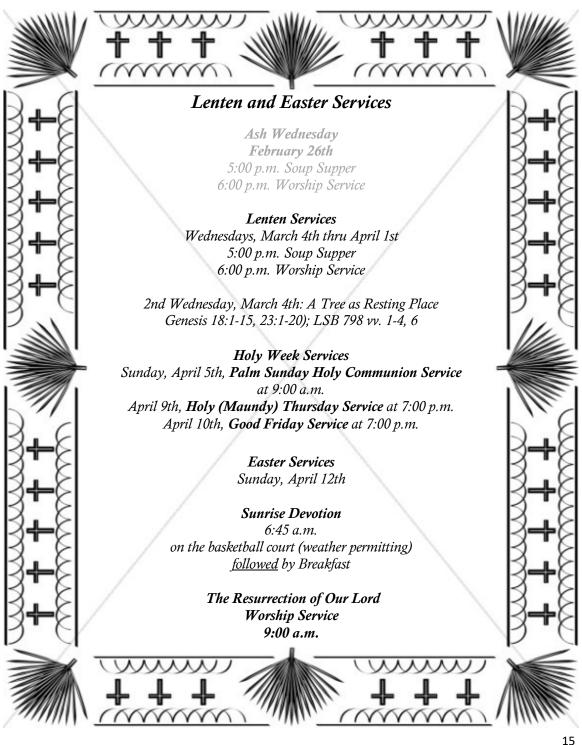
He will be:

- Recruiting, planning, implementing and overseeing safety at Church services and other Church related functions.
- Monitoring church property during church services from the rear of the sanctuary; walk thru parking areas / halls / parish hall / playground /restrooms.
- Watching for potential medical and health risks / tripping / falling /fainting / fire / natural disasters / man made disasters.

May God bless his service.



Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.



The Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Champion against Satan

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

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Sunday Worship		102		
Plate:			\$ 479.00	
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Bible Class:	25		\$ 45.00	
Bi-Weekly Church Activity				

0	<u>Second Sunday in Lent</u> <u>Readings :</u>
	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
)	John 3:1-17

Bible Class:	25 \$ 45.00			
	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	?		
	March Sunday Servants:			
Elder:	Dan Wehling			
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lori Marchant			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	First Sunday in Lent			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		
Next Week	Second Sunday in Lent			
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers			
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		