

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 3, 2013

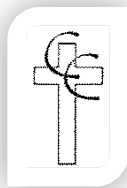


TABLE PRAYER

Gracious God, so many times we wander, but you never give up on us. You search, and you find us as we are. May your gracious love transform us for gracious and loving service in your name. Thank you for the food we are about to eat that you have so graciously given to us. May you send us out as living witnesses to your grace and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

*Diana Adkins [B Hennen] *Marge Cooper [L Schultze]
 *Shar Baumgartner [Family] *Madison Travers [K Barta]

*Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*for peaceful reflection during Lent

*for the volunteers who prepare the *Follower* for mailing

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

-Please gain permission.

-Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at crossofcalvary.net

-Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

-Please resubmit names whenever needed.

COMMUNION March 17, 28, 31

COMING UP THIS WEEK

03 Sun	WORSHIP	8:30am/10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
04 Mon	Library reserved	2:00-4:00PM
	Scouts FH	5:30pm
	Scouts FH	6:30pm
	Scouts Rm 8	5:30pm
	Scouts Rm 2	6:30pm
	Library reserved	6:30pm
05 Tues	Men's Bible Study	6:15/7:00am
06 Wed	WOW, WeeWow, Choirs	3:15-4:30pm
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30pm
	Lent Service	7:00pm
	Confirmation at worship	7:00pm

07 Thurs	Sr. Choir	7:45pm
	Breakfast Club	7:07am
	Quilters	9:00am
	Craft Retreat	4:00pm -10:00pm
08 Fri	Craft Retreat	7:00am -10:00pm
	Senior High Gathering	
09 Sat	Craft Retreat	7:00am -7:30pm
	WORSHIP	5:30pm
	Senior High Gathering	
10 Sun	CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!	
	WORSHIP	8:30am/10:30am
	Girl Scout Sunday	
	Kids' Choirs sing at both services	
	Sunday School	9:30am

March	13 Altar Guild 8pm	15 DEADLINE –Holy Wk Special Music
	17 Ham Dinner	20 Council 8pm
	24 Palm Sun Bkfst	

Worship Schedule for LENT and EASTER

Wed. Lent Worship	13, 20	7:00pm
Matens	Mar 25-29	7:00am
Maundy Thursday	Mar 28	12:00pm & 7:00pm
Good Friday	Mar 29	7:00pm
Easter Sunday	Mar 31	6:30am & 9:00am

VOLUNTEERS for - MARCH

Acolytes H Evenson, H Pietig

Communion 8:30 K Larson 10:30 N Johnson

Tech Team

Mar 3	8:30	N Cole	10:30	F Ridler
Mar 10	8:30	B Nelson	10:30	C Lund
Mar 17	8:30	S Erickson	10:30	_____
Mar 24	8:30	F Ridler	10:30	C Lund

Ushers

8:30 – B Wertish, V Wertish, M Hanson, M Hanson
 10:30 – D Revier, E Revier

Altar Guild D Beckler, M Rauenhorst, K O'Neil

Altar Flowers - 3 Whited 10, 17, 24, 31 – sign-up on the board

Coffee 10 Girl Scouts 17, 24, 31 NO coffee served



SOUP SUPPERS on Wednesdays during Lent are from 5:30-6:30pm

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX for the FOLLOWER

If it's not in there, it was mailed to you.

Coffee Hour is hosted by individuals and groups from the congregation and is not scheduled by the office. Any Sunday that is not hosted by the youth is available to whoever wants to sign up on the BOARD.

- Simple - set out the coffee and tidy up
- Raising funds – set out coffee, cookies/bars and tidy up

Bulletins : Please take as many bulletins for worship as needed for those with whom you worship...but take just one home. Leave the extras in the basket for the next service.

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #33767 is collecting socks for the Shelter House. Please help them change the story of Domestic Abuse by donating a package of women's or children's socks. A collection box is located in the Narthex and will be there until March 11th. Thank you!



The Spring Fling Committee needs a parent or set of parents to head up the meal portion of the Spring Fling, which is May 10th/11th. The meal would be served on Friday, May 10th from 5 to 7 pm. Please contact Cheryl Mallak 523-5029 or Sue Erickson 523-5010 if interested and for more information.

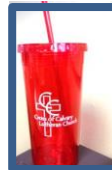


Special Music for Holy Week: Those who wish to offer their gift of music during Holy Week Services are asked to make arrangements with Laurie prior to March 15th.

The search is on for nylon (not metal) zippers that you may have purchased but have never gotten around to using. These zippers are needed to make toiletry bags for homeless persons, women's shelters, etc. If you have 1 or many, please consider donating them! Either bring them to Laurie's office or Clare Lund (523-2716). Thanks much!

Woodbury Chorus to perform at 4pm on March 3. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bird Island. The concert is free. No tickets are required. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Renville County Food Shelf.

The Tim Orth Memorial Foundation's annual fundraising event will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at the BOLD School, Bird Island Campus. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., Opening Ceremony at 5:45 p.m. Along with the boys and girls basketball games, this year's entertainment includes Crunch from the Minnesota Timberwolves, Big Bear and Little Bear from the Utah Jazz, NBA Dunk teams and the Utah Jazz Stunt team. A silent auction is also held featuring memorabilia from professional athletes. Proceeds from the event will benefit children from the area battling a serious or life threatening illness.



Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church TUMBLER!

Enjoy your favorite beverage in our new insulated cup. Available in 4 colors – red, blue, orange and purple. Proceeds go to Passing on the

Meals on Wheels

There are openings for the following weeks – March 4 and Mar 25. Choose the dates you are available. The sign-up sheet is on the BOARD. The current list of recipients and a map will be available at the pick-up site. Pick up time is 11:30am.



Spring Men's Retreat - Saturday, March 16, 2013. Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer MN. Details are at <http://www.swmnelca.org/lmm.html>

Parables: A Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Prodigal Son Luke 15:1-32

Key Verse: Luke 15:32 Time: 27-30 C.E.

Since Last Week: Jesus continued to heal and teach in parables. He also started to indicate that following him would be costly, not only in terms of money and possessions, but also in terms of personal sacrifices. They would need to dramatically change their hearts and be prepared to give their lives for him.

Background: These parables told of the extravagant love God has for God's people. In suggesting that a shepherd would leave the 99 to find the one, Jesus wasn't saying he would sacrifice 99. In fact, a flock of that size would have had several shepherds. Jesus was saying that the shepherd wouldn't be content losing even one. Likewise, God isn't content losing even one of God's beloved children.

Community: Who in your community has been outcast or has lost their way? How might you help them become found? What message of God's love could you bring? How could you support them in their struggles?

At Home: How far from God have you strayed? What will you do this week to spend intentional time with God?

Read This Week:

Monday: The Law of the Firstborn's Inheritance, Deut 21:15-17

Tuesday: Stoning a Rebellious Son, Deut 21:18-21

Wednesday: Penitent's Psalm, Psalm 51

Thursday: A Righteous Heart, Proverbs 21:1-5

Friday: The Parable of the Dishonest Manager, Luke 16:1-13

Saturday: The Kingdom of God, Luke 16:14-18

Next Week: Parable: A Rich Man Ignores Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31

***The Gospel** Luke 15:1-32

P: The Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a

severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

*²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But **we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.**'"*

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am
Sun School 9:30am

Facility Hours

Mon – Thurs 8:30-7:00
Fri – Sun 8:30 – 2:00

