

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Leona Walker; Betty Treece-Green; Barb Myers; Cathy Hart

LENTEN POTLUCKS continue this coming Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00pm. The last potluck supper will be March 24. Join us!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will focus on the story of salvation in five major Old Testament passages. Join us for the stories of Creation, the Flood, the Crossing of the Red Sea, Jonah, and the Fiery Furnace.

THE YOUTH GROUP will meet TODAY, March 7, from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Join us for supper, Bible study, and more. Bring friends!

THE SEASON OF LENT is a great opportunity to begin, refresh, or re-focus your individual or family devotions. Feel free to ask Pr. Mullet for guidance, resources, or suggestions.

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY has moved upstairs. Do you have books you'd like to donate? Drop them off at the office!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Old Testament highlights

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Isaiah

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 7 (Lent 3 - Oculi)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed. Mar. 10 (Lent 3 Midweek)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Mar. 11	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Mar. 14 (Lent 4 - Laetare)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation

FAITH PRAYS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Sundays form, shape, and lead us Christians into the week. Pick three days this week to reflect on Sunday's readings, prayers, and hymns. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the "Thinking About." How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it's unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

THE WEEK OF LENT 3 (MARCH 7)

OT: Exodus 8:16-24

GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-9

HYMN: LSB 659

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebul, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.