### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2013



## WELCOME

St. John's Ev. Lutheran – Clarkston, WA

Wednesday Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran - Orofino, ID

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.

# Lenten Theme: "THE KING OF KINGS"

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### AN ORDER OF VESPERS

**Opening Prayer** 

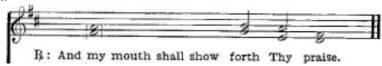
**Opening Hymn:** (See the insert)

**PASTOR** 

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit, Amen. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

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**PASTOR** 

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



PASTOR Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

#### CONGREGATION



#### THE LENTEN PSALMODY

p. 28 in the Worship Supplement Hymnal

LENT

PSALM 51:1-3; 7-9

### HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD





Have mercy upon me, Ó God,\*
According to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,\*
Blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,\*
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions,\*
And my sin is ever before me.

Antiphon

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;\*
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness,\*

That the bones which You have broken may rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins,\*
And blot out all my iniquities.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,\*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# 1st Bible Lesson READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST

Hymn of praise: 173 v. 1 (Tune of "The Doxology")

Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee

That Thou hast died to set us free;

Made righteous throu' Thy precious blood,

We now are reconciled to God. Amen

# 2nd Bible Lesson READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST (Cont.)

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

(from the Formula of Concord – on Justification by Faith)

"We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God. A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own. This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel. Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved."

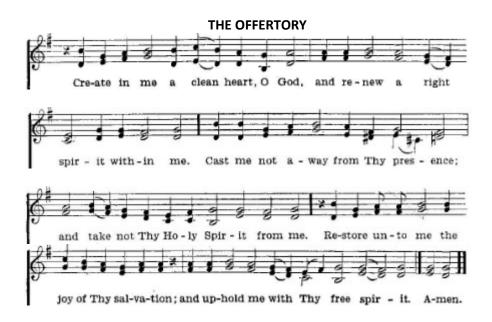
Amen!

**Congregational Hymn** (See the insert)

#### **THE SERMON**

**Lenten Theme: "KING OF KINGS"** (Texts printed in the insert)

- 1. David The King Who Laid Bare His Soul
- 2. Soul The King Who Fell From Grace
- 3. Solomon The King Who Had Everything
- 4. Ahab The King Whose Repentance Was Too Little, Too Late
- 5. Herod The King Who Couldn't Kill Jesus
- 6. Zedekiah The King Who Turned Out the Lights
- 7. Palm Sunday King of Kings: A Humble Coronation
- 8. Good Friday: King of Kings: Life through Death
- 9. Easter Sunday: King of Kings and LORD of Lords



#### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 572:4



Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise! A-men.

#### THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

# THE LORD'S PRAYER (AII)

### **Congregational Hymn** (See the insert)

(Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Communion Services continue here on page 47 in the front part of the hymnal)

#### **PASTOR**

#### THE BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



**Closing Hymn** (See the insert)

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

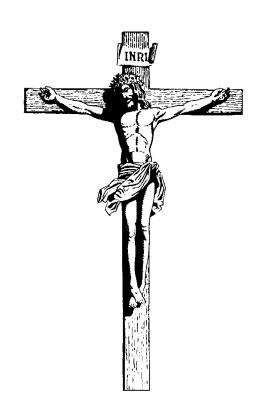
### Welcome to God's House!

May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent. Please join us in our Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. You are also invited to Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to take home your copy of the bulletin or the booklet of "The Passion History of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to the Four Gospels" please feel free. If not, please leave them on the back table in the entry way to the church since we will be re-using these bulletins and Passion readings for each of our six midweek services.

Thank You.

The Communion Services The Bible teaches that when we share Holy Communion together, we are making a statement that we are completely united in all the Bible's teachings. If you are a visitor, we ask you not to commune with our members until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with our church's. Please speak to the Pastor – we do want to share this blessing with you!



### THE INSERT (Lenten Service Details)

#### Ash Wednesday Communion Service February 13 & 14

Order of service: This bulletin; after sermon page 47-48, 24 ff.

Hymns: 722, 392, 305, 341:5; The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

#### The Sermon

Psalms 51:3-6 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight; That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Psalms 32:3-5 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. 5 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.

Theme: "David: The King Who Laid Bare His Soul"

#### Second Midweek Lenten Service February 20 & 21

Hymns: 140:1-3, 140:4-6, 341:1&5, 554:1, 5, 6; Reading: A harmony of the Passion **The Sermon** 

1 Samuel 15:10-23 Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night. 12 So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." 13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD." 14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" 15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on." 17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? 18 "Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 "But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

"Saul: The King Who Fell from Grace"

#### Third Midweek Lenten Service February 27 & 28

Hymns: 721, 145, 395, 341:5

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

The Sermon

1 Kings 3:1-15 Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem. 2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. 3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. 4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness. and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day, 7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 "And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

"Solomon: The King Who Had Everything"

#### Fourth Midweek Lenten Service March 6 & 7

Hymns: 57, 516, 341:3&5, 552:1, 6-8; The Reading: A harmony of the Passion **The Sermon** 

1 Kings 16:29-33 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

1 Kings 21:20-29 So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD: 21 'Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. 22 'I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and made Israel sin.' 23 "And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.' 24 "The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field." 25 But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. 26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 27 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. 28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

"Ahab: The King Whose Repentance Was Too Late"

#### Fifth Midweek Lenten Service March 13 & 14

Hymns: 723, 155, 273, 341:5; The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

The Sermon

Matthew 2:13-20 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." 14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children,

Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." 19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."

"Herod: The King Who Couldn't Kill Jesus"

#### Sixth Midweek Lenten Service March 20 & 21

Hymns: 244, 353, 341 4&5, 562

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

#### The Sermon

2 Kings 24:18-25:7 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 He also did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For because of the anger of the LORD this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, that He finally cast them out from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 25:1 Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around. 2 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 3 By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. 4 Then the city wall was broken through, and all the men of war fled at night by way of the gate between two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped all around against the city. And the king went by way of the plain. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him. 6 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him. 7 Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon.

"Zedekiah: The King Who Turned Out the Lights"

#### Good Friday Communion Services March 28 & 29 1:00 pm April 10

Order of service: This bulletin; after sermon page 47-48, 24 ff.

Hymns: 170, 166, 315, 724; The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

#### The Sermon

John 19:17-22 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

"The King of Kings: Life through Death"