



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2013

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 91 (front of the hymnal p. 143)

The Hymns: 8, 277, 398, 283

Prayer: *Father of all mercy and God of all grace, we confess that by our sins we are the cause of our Savior's sufferin. For You sent Him to bear our guilt and remove our sins by His holy precious blood and His bitter suffering and death. In this Lenten Season work true repentance in us, and strengthen us in the faith through the Word. Let Calvary be the place of our Hope and Christ's cross our faith in life and death. We ask it in our Savior's name. Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - 8

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: My eyes are always toward the Lord:

C: For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

P: Turn to me and have mercy on me:

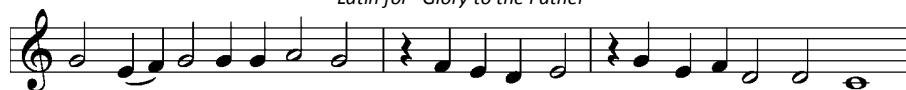
C: For I am desolate and afflicted.

P: Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me never be ashamed.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



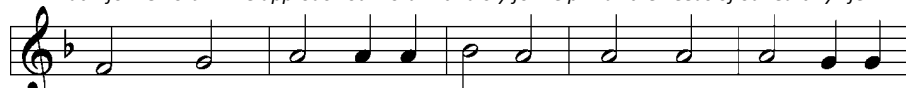
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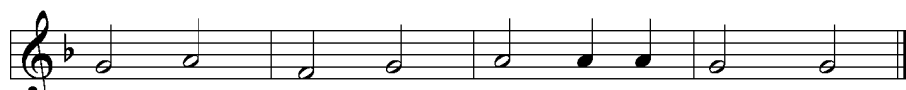
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



A - men.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:14-21 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not

know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Arise, O Lord, and let not man prevail:

C: **Let the heathen be judged in Your sight.**

P: When my enemies are turned back:

C: **They shall fall and perish in Your presence. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Unto You do I lift up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens:

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. Hallelujah!**



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PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from John chapter 9, beginning there in the 13th verse.



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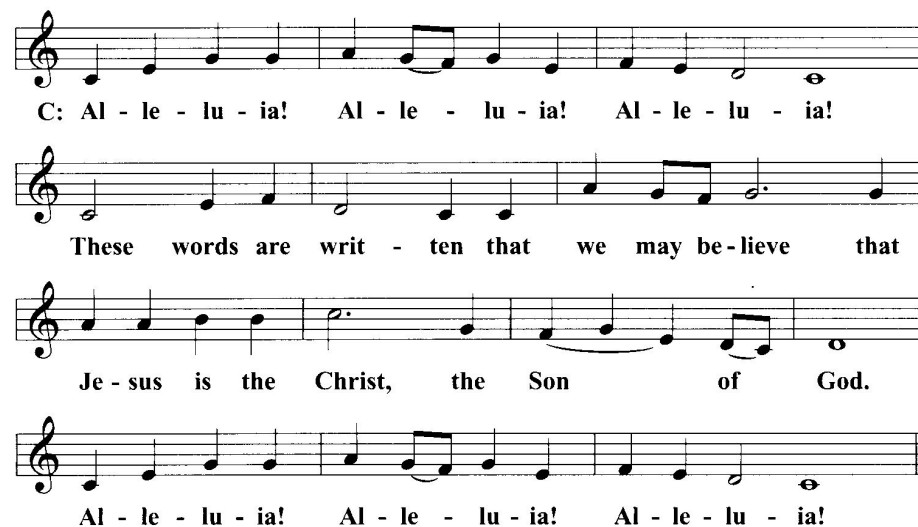
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PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
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Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SERMON

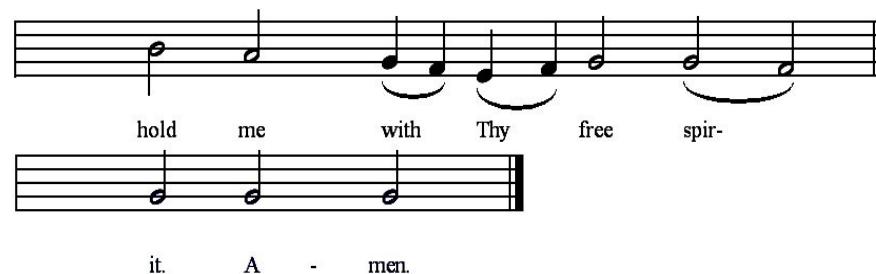
Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Theme: "THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT"

I: Once we were in the dark (8a)

II: Now we are in the light (8b-13)

III: Tell others of the light (14)



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 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Hymn 398

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



The Closing Hymn 283

*** SILENT PRAYER ***

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME ...to all our guests who are sharing the Good News of the Gospel with us this morning. Please sign our guest register before leaving, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. Every Sunday you will find words of life and peace through Jesus Christ - and a warm welcome from fellow believers - here in God's house. We're saving a place for you!

TODAY: ST. JOHN'S SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING following service an important meeting will be held to discuss what should be done about starting a Christian elementary school. Your prayers are requested!

4th MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK Lenten theme: "King of Kings." 6:30 pm Wednesdays at St. John's; 6:30 pm Thursdays at Peace in Orofino. I encourage all to take advantage of these extra blessings from your LORD! Soup Supper at St. John's at 5:30. Supper at Peace at 5:30.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE If you'd like to read them ahead of time at home, the Bible readings for next week, the 4th Sunday in Lent, are : Hosea 5:15 – 6:2; Matthew 20:17-28; and Romans 8:1-10 (the sermon).

ST. JOHNS Ladies Aid meeting following service next Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE! WOMAN'S GATHERING AT ST. JOHN'S Saturday April 6, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. More information on the bulletin board.

CLC NEWS <> Mrs. Amy Osborne, Fond du Lac WI, has accepted the call to teach lower grades at Holy Trinity Lutheran school, West Columbia SC. <> In need to switch from 2.5 to 2.0 teacher positions for financial reasons, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, called Anita Meyer to teach kindergarten/lower grades. She has returned the call. <> Prof. Joel Gullerud has returned the call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN." <>Rev. Joel Fleischer of Marquette, MI has the call to be the foreign missionary to India and E. Africa.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

**"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."**

Proverbs 9:10

THE GOAL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

When I was a child, the stated goals of the public school I attended were summarized as the "3 Rs." It was the goal of the administrator and teachers that we learn reading, writing and 'rithmetic. These were not the only subjects we were to learn, but the foundation of a solid education.

It is certainly important that our children learn to read, write and understand mathematics. But as Christian parents called by God to be the primary Christian educators of our children, we should understand the goals of Christian education established by God.

What is to be the goal of a godly education founded upon the Word of God?

The goal of Christian education, whether it be of adults or children, is simply stated by the Apostle John here, that every soul come to know the only true God, and the Savior Jesus Christ whom He sent. The attainment of this goal leads not merely to a smooth integration into society, but eternal life apart from sin and eternal death.

Now there were times in public school when I felt like I was just a number and that the teachers weren't really concerned that I really learned.

As Christian parents and Christian educators, we should not be satisfied merely that our children know about Jesus. We will do all we can and pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit lodge faith in our children's hearts. We don't just want them to know that Jesus died on the cross, but to know and rejoice that He died for them to make them His own.

This is a true and lasting education. God grant that, through faith, we all come to this knowledge and by His grace remain in the same!

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for 3rd Sunday in Lent

In these verses the Lord admonishes the children of Israel for going astray. In His loving faithfulness, He promises to turn the darkness into light for His elect through the coming Savior. We read...

Isaiah 42:14-21 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

In these verses we read of Jesus' healing of a blind man. There are many in this world who, like the Pharisees, refuse to be healed of their spiritual blindness, they prefer the darkness to the light... We read...

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