



John 3:16

St. John's Lutheran Church & Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA
10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class, 11:00 am Service
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Peace Lutheran Church

13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID
7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE

MARCH 11, 2018

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (front of the hymnal p. 134)
The Hymns: 143, 245, 297, 20

Prayer: Gracious Redeemer, grant Your blessing to us during this Lenten season. Let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Yours, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we by faith always see You as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes. Hear us, for Your love's sake. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 143

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.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

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



C: 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 has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your 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: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her:

C: All you who love her.

P: Rejoice for joy with her:

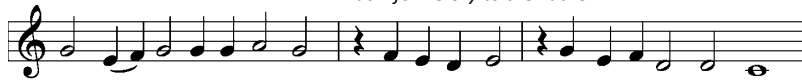
C: All you who mourn for her.

P: I was glad when they said to me:

C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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)



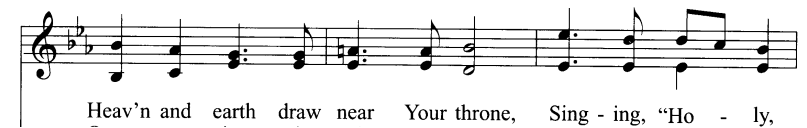
I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



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 Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

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

THE GRADUAL

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

P: I was glad when they said to me:

C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

P: Peace be within your walls:

C: And prosperity within your palaces.

P: Those who trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion:

C: Which cannot be removed, but abides forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem:

C: So the Lord is round about His people from this time on, even forevermore. Hallelujah!



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 1, beginning in the 22nd verse.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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Ephesians 2:4-10 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Reading. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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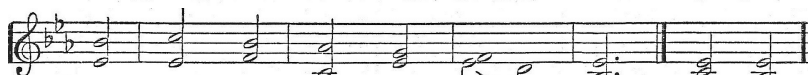
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief en-deav - or.



Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.



Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its teach - ings pure



Through - out all gen - er - a - tions. A - men.

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.

HYMN 245

THE SERMON

John 3:14-21 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Theme: "THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE"

- I. Take comfort in it
- II. Build your life upon it

THE OFFERTORY

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of, the Holy Spirit..

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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 297

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

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.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 20

**** Silent Prayer ****

Announcements

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

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, confess, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

CALL ACCEPTED – Brian Fox has accepted the call to be Primary Teacher/Principal at Valley Bible Academy! Brian, 53, is the son of Les and Wyona Fox. For the last five years he has been the Boys' Dorm Supervisor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. During that time, he has taken classes from ILC for the purpose of graduating with teaching degree. He already has an elementary education degree from LCSC here in the Valley. We thank the LORD of the Church for providing another teacher for our Christian school, and we look forward to working with Brian in the vitally important Christian education of the young souls entrusted to our care. God has given us another great gift! Let us give thanks and praise His holy name!
Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

ST. JOHN'S LADIES AID meets today following morning service.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday at both congregations.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEDNESDAY This years' theme is: "Keeping Your Eyes on Jesus." Please come and join with your fellow believers in the worship of our Savior. Receive blessings from your LORD! Preaching: Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer.
Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino: 3:30 pm service with refreshments following.
St. John's Lutheran Church Clarkston, 6pm service with a soup supper at 5pm.

WE NEED A HOUSE At the Annual meeting last January a "Teacher Housing Fund" was started because we realize that permanent housing is going to be needed for our new teacher. Free temporary housing has been offered as a gift by a family in the congregation. In the mean time, it is hoped that a long term solution may be found. Please help contribute to this fund for the future of our school, Valley Bible Academy. **"We will not hide (the Bible) from... children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done." Ps. 78:4**
"Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14

EASTER VBS We are planning a one-day Easter Vacation Bible School on Saturday, March 24th, (8 days before Easter Sunday), 9am – 3pm. Enrollment will be for 4 year olds through 6th Grade. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. If you can volunteer to help, please speak to Pastor. Also, please let your family and friends know of this one-day VBS – it is a wonderful way to introduce our school to parents and their children.

NEXT SUNDAY'S THREE BIBLE READINGS To help you prepare your hearts:
Jeremiah 31:31-34 – The New Covenant
Hebrews 5:7-9 – Jesus, our perfect High Priest
John 12:20-33 – Jesus predicts His death (sermon)

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY *From thankful hearts:*
Received: \$3,272. Needed: \$2,215 (+ \$1,057). YTD: - \$574
"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You." 1 Chr. 29:14

CLC NEWS <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI. <> Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac WI, has called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA.

Weekly Memory Verse

**"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts."**

Isaiah 55:8-9

The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

In these verse we hear how the people sinned against God, and how they were dying because of it. God gives the cure, using it as a picture of the promised spiritual cure to come – the Messiah - Jesus Christ. We read...

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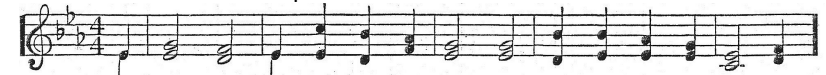
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The New Testament Reading:

The subject in these verses is GOD's grace, His mercy and love. Notice the Gospel – that is, everything described in these verses is God doing things for us. Not because of us, but rather because of His undeserved love and kindness for us. We read...

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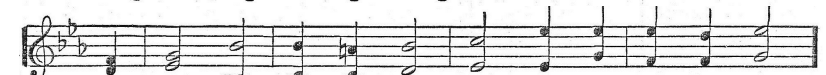
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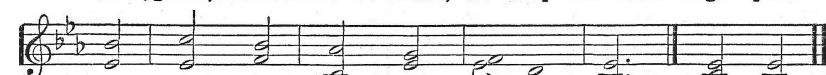
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