

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street 10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service <u>www.ClarkstonLutheran.org</u> Watch the Service at <u>www.ustream.tv</u> (Search: St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA) Nursery Room with Service Monitor

# Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave 7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service <u>orofino.clclutheran.org</u>

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#### 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 2015

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 22 (front of the hymnal p. 127) The Hymns: 141, 175, 370, 724

Prayer: Blessed 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 always by faith 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 the sake of Your love. Amen.

# Opening Prayer Opening Hymn 141 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:** 



#### 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.



**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.



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: Judge me, O God:
- C: And plead my cause against an ungodly nation.
- P: Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man:
- C: For You are the God of my strength.
- P: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth:
- C: Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill.











#### **The Old Testament Reading:**

Isaiah 43:16-21 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, 17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): 18 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. 21 This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

**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: Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: Teach me to do Your will.
- C: He delivers me from my enemies:
- P: Yes, You lift me up above those that rise up against me;
- C: You have delivered me from the violent man. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; May Israel now say:
- C: Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth; yet they have not prevailed against me. Hallelujah!



**PASTOR** The Gospel Reading comes from Luke chapter 20, beginning there in the 9<sup>th</sup> verse.



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#### PASTOR: Here ends the Gospel Reading.





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 175

#### THE SERMON

Philippians 3:7-14, But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Theme: "THROW OUT THE TRASH" I: Your best is only trash (7-9) II: Christ's best is yours by faith (7-11) III: Keep on living "trash free" (12-14)





#### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

Following your gifts, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2: We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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 370

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 724

# <u>Announcements</u>

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15* **WELCOME EVERYONE!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Today at St. John's following morning service.

**VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY BROCHURES** have been printed. These beautiful brochures give important information about our school to those who may be interested in enrolling their children. If you know anyone who might be interested in our school, please give them a brochure. Extra copies are available at the back of the church.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10am at St. John's. All are invited!

**6<sup>th</sup> MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE THIS WEEK** Our Lenten theme this year is "Behold the Hidden Glory of the Cross." Peace has a 5:00 pm service with a soup supper following. St. John's has a soup supper beginning at 6:00 pm with worship service at 7:00 pm. Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane will be our guest speaker this week. Be sure to set aside these times of worship so that the blessings that God intends for you and your family can be yours.

**Other Ongoing Home Bible Studies** – 6:00pm Tuesdays with Suzie and Ben. 1:00pm Thursdays with Steve and Nancy.

### WAYS TO HELP OUR NEW SCHOOL - VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY

We have certain upcoming projects that could use your prayers along with any combination of your time, talent, and treasure. Save your soup labels & box tops for education" and place them in the box on the back church table. We are also looking for laptop computers and Ipads. If you've upgraded your laptop lately and your old one is still usable, please consider donating it to the school. In the weeks ahead, we will be building the playground. Playground equipment and woodchips have been donated. We thank everyone for your ongoing prayers and support. **SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** This fund has been established for anyone who wishes to help finance children attending our new school at St. John's.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S THREE BIBLE READINGS** To help prepare hearts: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 – God wounds and also heals Phillippians 2:5-11 – Imitate Christ's humility (sermon) Luke 19:28-40 – Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

**MISSION HELPER FUND** This fund was established to help sponsor Sam Naumann's participation in the Mission Helper trip to East Africa this Summer. The overall cost of this trip is usually over \$5,000. If you'd like to help, gifts may be made directly to Sam or make checks out to St. John's and mark "Mission Helper" in the memo line.

**Summer Youth Camp 2015** Rregistration opens March 13. Camp takes place on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Camp is for children going into grades 5-9. Cost is \$125 per camper. There are two sessions of camp: June 21-27 and July 19-25. Each session will have a maximum capacity of 80 campers. For more info about camp please go to youthcamp.clclutheran.net.

**CLC NEWS** <> The Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Watertown and Zion Lutheran, Hidewood Twp. SD, has accepted the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI. <> Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called the Rev. Roland Gurgel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Spring TX. <> Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Jennifer Ohlmann, teacher at Luther Memorial school, Fond du Lac WI, to serve as principal and teacher. <> The Rev. Edward Starkey, missionary to India, has accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.

Weekly Memory Ferse

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

Judica – Behold the Liberator as Priest – by His own blood He obtained an eternal inheritance for us.

## **The Old Testament Reading:**

The LORD through the prophet Isaiah gives a foretaste of His grace toward us accomplished through the Gospel. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy – "New Thing" when as our great High Priest, He sacrificed Himself on the cross as our substitute. Now we declare His praise! Isaiah 43:16-21 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, 17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): 18 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. 21 This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

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# **The Gospel Reading**

Despite any and all opposition, God builds His Church on the crucified and resurrected Jesus – the Messiah – the Chief Cornerstone. As God's believers, we build our heavenly hope on the one sure Cornerstone He has provided, our Lord Jesus Christ. We read... Luke 20:9-19 Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 "Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 "Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away emptyhanded. 12 "And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. 13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.' 14 "But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 "So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 "He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!" 17 Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'? 18 "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." 19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people; for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

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

