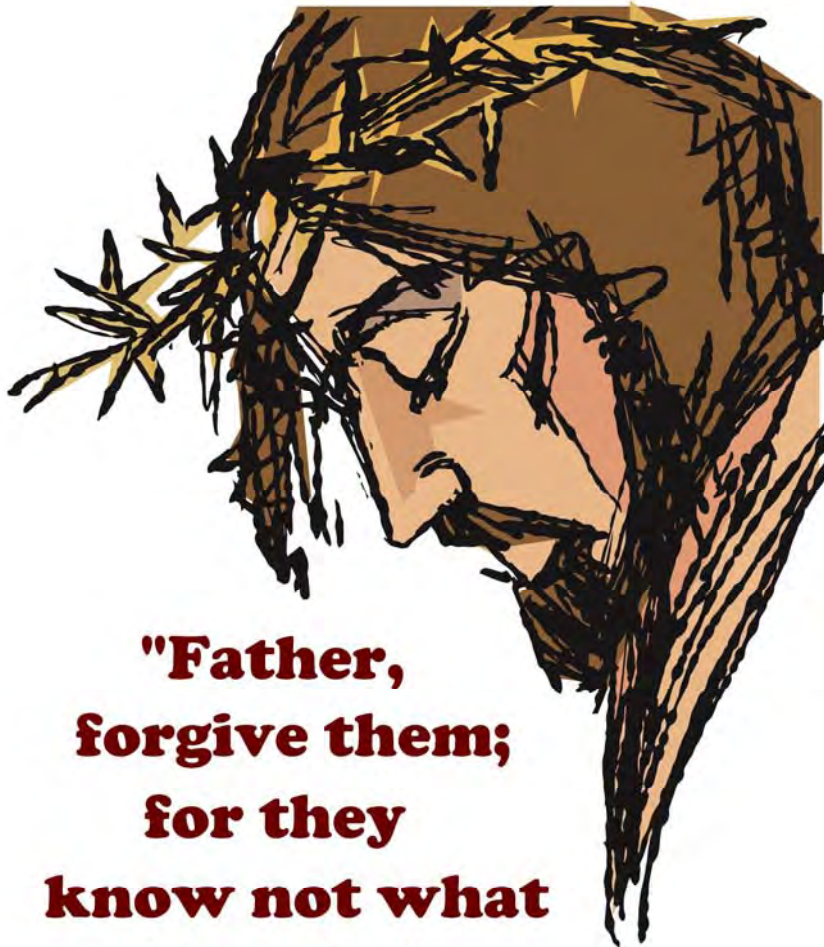




**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**March 2018**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



**"Father,  
forgive them;  
for they  
know not what  
they do."**

**Luke 23:24, KJV**



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I've said before that I think March is a tough month. I'm a person who likes winter and snow, but by March I'm ready for it to be over. The reality of it though, is that winter might begin to loosen its grip in March, but around here it's not likely to let go. We're thankful for more sunlight in the morning and in the evening, a sign that spring is coming, but we know that winter will in all likelihood continue to make its presence felt.

Relative to the church year, in most years the month of March makes up the bulk of the forty days of Lent. That's true this year as well as Easter falls on April 1<sup>st</sup>. That also means that the last week of March is Holy Week, a week that concludes with the Triduum, The Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Saturday. It is sometimes said to be "one liturgy in three acts."

*Sundays and Seasons* a worship planning book published by Augsburg says the following: "The readings on these days are central to our identity as Christian people. The events they commemorate are at the heart of the gospel narrative. And yet their role in these liturgies is not to teach or explain, but to proclaim the mystery the rituals enact: our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. It is the word with the water, with the bread and wine, with the light shining in the darkness that causes us to tremble.

The proclamation on these days should not give the impression that we are 'standing in' for some characters from long ago, reenacting their drama and repeating their lines as in a pageant. It should help the gathered assembly to see that *they are the ones, here in this time and place, who are dying and rising again.*"

"Central to our identity as Christian people...the heart of the gospel narrative." Those are words of consequence, identifying these days and the worship experiences that are part of them being at the center of who we claim to be as Christians. At its best, worship forms us, not just by the words we use but also through the rituals and actions that engage not just the thinking part of who we are but the feeling part as well; both are important as we relate to God. The combination of thought and feeling is especially true concerning the worship of the Great Three Days. The words are important, but so are the actions. In addition to that, the atmosphere is important. Much of what we do is done in varying degrees of shadow and darkness and candlelight, again appealing to the feeling part of who we are.

It's disappointing that more people don't make these worship services a priority as they are "central to our identity as Christian people." I give thanks for those who are here and as always, if you haven't done so before, make observance of the Great Three Days a part of what you do this year!

Pastor Geier



### Good Friday

They call today Good Friday  
but what could make this day good?  
if you have ever believed that love inevitably leads to betrayal  
this day says it doesn't.  
if you have ever believed that some people are unlovable, irredeemable  
this day says they aren't.  
if you have ever believed that there is a limit to forgiveness  
this day says there isn't.  
if you have ever believed you aren't worth saving  
this day says you are.  
if you have ever believed that you don't deserve freedom  
this day says you do.  
if you have ever believed that fear, anger, hate and despair will al-  
ways win  
this day says it won't.  
this day is good for you.



Cheryl Lawrie

## DAILY LECTIONARY



*The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.*

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”  
—Martin Luther

### March 2018

1 Psalm 19 Exodus 19:1-9a 1 Peter 2:4-10

2 Psalm 19 Exodus 19:9b-15 Acts 7:30-40

3 Psalm 19 Exodus 19:16-25 Mark 9:2-8

#### 4 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Cor. 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

5 Psalm 84 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 1 Cor. 3:10-23

6 Psalm 84 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-28

7 Psalm 84 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark 11:15-19

8 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 1:3-6

9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Daniel 12:5-13 Ephesians 1:7-14

10 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Numbers 20:22-29 John 3:1-13

#### 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

12 Psalm 107:1-16 Exodus 15:22-27 Hebrews 3:1-6

13 Psalm 107:1-16 Numbers 20:1-13 1 Cor. 10:6-13

14 Psalm 107:1-16 Isaiah 60:15=22 John 8:12-20

15 Psalm 51:1-12 Isaiah 30:15-18 Hebrews 4:1-13

16 Psalm 51:1-12 Exodus 30:1-10 Hebrews 4:14 — 5:4

17 Psalm 51:1-12 Habakkuk 3:2-13 John 12:1-11

18 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

19 Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Cor. 3:4-11

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16 Psalm 89:1-29 Romans 4:13-18 Matthew 1:16, 18-21,  
24a

20 Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24

21 Psalm 119:9-16 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23 John 12:34-50

22 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11

23 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18

24 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

25 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday/Annunciation of Our Lord

Procession with palms: Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15 ; 47

Readings for the Annunciation of Our Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 45 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

26 Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11

27 Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Cor. 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

28 Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

29 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor. 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

30 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 — 53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1 — 19:42

31 Resurrection of Our Lord, Vigil of Easter

First Reading: Genesis 1:1 — 2:4a - Creation

Response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 - Flood

Response: Psalm 46

Third Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 - Testing of Abraham

Response: Psalm 116

Fourth Reading: Exodus 14:10-31 ; 15:20-21 - Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 - Salvation Freely Offered to All

Response: Isaiah 12:2-6

Sixth Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21 ; 9:4b-6 - The Wisdom of God

Response: Psalm 19

Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28 - A New Heart and a New Spirit

Response: Psalm 42 and Psalm 43

Eighth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Valley of the Dry Bones

Response: Psalm 143

Ninth Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 - The Gathering of God's People

Response: Psalm 98

Tenth Reading: Jonah 1:1 — 2:1 - The Deliverance of Jonah

Response: Jonah 2:2 — 3 [4-6] 7-9

Eleventh Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 - Clothed in the Garments of Salvation

Response: Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a

Twelfth Reading: Daniel 3:1-29 - Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace

Response: Song of the Three 35-65

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18



## **HOLY WEEK** *Worship Services*

**March 25 Palm Sunday**  
**Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**  
**Palm Sunday brunch follows worship.**

As we ponder what it would've been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet.

**March 29 Maundy Thursday 8:00 p.m.**

God, after the first Passover, you delivered Israel from slavery. Today we share that meal, transformed by your Son, and trust in your delivery from slavery to sin. Amen.

**March 30 Good Friday**  
**Ecumenical Service @ Bethel Lutheran Church 12:30—3:00 p.m.**  
**Tenebrae Service 9:00 p.m.**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. We praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**March 31 Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.**

**April 1 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Welcome into Easter joy. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead and offers eternal life to all.



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?  
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?  
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame,  
you walked a different, lowly way, another's will your aim.

You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive,  
to shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live.  
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:  
a different rule of righteousness, a different kind of king.

Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,  
you said the first must be the last and service be our call.  
O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;  
for still, through us, you come to serve, a different kind of king.

You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;  
you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.  
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,  
for now at God's right hand you reign, a different kind of king!

Delores Dufner  
ELW #431





*Palm Sunday  
Brunch*



*Bethany's Palm Sunday Brunch  
March 25  
after worship service*



*Decorated Eggs  
Ham & cheese on rolls  
Fruit  
Muffins  
Coffee  
Milk*

*Sponsored by the  
Board of Worship and Music*



## Coffee Hour Help is Needed

Please take this survey.

YES NO Can you bake?

YES NO Can you buy baked goods?

YES NO Can you set up a table full of goodies?

YES NO Can you provide a can of coffee?

YES NO Can you make coffee?

YES NO Can you put out cream and sugar?

YES NO Can you plug in a pot of water for making tea?

YES NO Can you smile as you serve coffee and tea? (Or not smile – as long as you serve the coffee and tea.)

YES NO Can you pour juice into cups? (With a smile or without)

YES NO Can you operate the dish washer? (No smile required)

YES NO Can you wipe and clean tables?

If you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, then you are a perfect candidate to help out with Sunday morning coffee! And if you noticed that you see the same faces over and over serving coffee, you know that HELP IS DEFINITELY NEEDED!

If you did not answer “Yes” to any of the above, then we have people who will happily train you. Proficiency is not a requirement – just being willing and able is enough. If necessary, we can also train you to become “willing and able”.

Anyone who is proficient or willing and able should contact any committee head to volunteer to help with Sunday coffee, or you can simply contact Rae Elliot or Marie Chilman. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for being willing to help with this fellowship endeavor that helps us grow as a caring Christian community! THANKS!

Sincere Thanks to our Sunday Coffee Volunteers

Board of Christian Education

Board of Finance

Board of Property

Board of Worship and Music

Board of Stewardship

Board of Personnel

Board of Social Ministry

WELCA

Quilters Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friends of the Library Members

Barb Lucas & Paul Kniivila and Friends

Barbara Yunkari and Friends

Individual Volunteers: Debbie and Bruce Bussone & Colleen Sundblad

### **Update on the Building Renovation Project**

The project committee is soliciting proposals for replacement of roofing, windows, doors and installation of siding on the building. The bid packet is posted to the church website: [www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://www.bethanyishpeming.org) for those interested in reading it or bidding. There will be a pre-bid meeting on 6 March 2018, 09:00 a.m. at the church. Proposals are due 16 March 2018 and contracts for the work will be issued shortly after that date. Next on the agenda is a plan to remodel the bathrooms.

Anyone who is interested in serving on a committee to select colors and finishes for the bathroom remodeling project, please let Tom Perry, Bob Bruhnke or Jim Kinnunen know ASAP. The committee will be formed soon.

### **Spring Clean Up**



Once the snow melts, youth who are planning to attend the youth conference “This Changes Everything” in Houston this summer will be offering yard clean up for donations. If you would like to have your name on the list for clean up, please contact Nathan Jarvi.

**Congratulations Abbi Bruhnke for being selected as Ishpeming Middle School’s Student of the Week.**



**The March and April Noisy Offering will be given to Northern Great Lakes Synod—NGLS Hunger. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

## Faithfulness

It is dark.  
The day has turned to night.  
Jesus,  
who just last night  
ate and drank wine  
with his disciples,  
lit with lamplight  
and promise,  
now hangs condemned.  
The sun is eclipsed.  
The earth shakes.  
Jesus,  
who spoke  
words of love  
who touched and healed,  
hangs condemned.  
("Father, forgive...")  
The veil of the temple  
the veil that separates  
divine from human  
is torn  
torn from top to bottom.  
Who is this person Jesus?  
What had God called him to be?  
What was his deepest identity,  
his truest self?  
What were his unique gifts?  
What was the world yearning for?  
What was the cost to him  
to live in utter obedience to his deepest identity?

And what happened to the very heart of the universe  
because of his obedience to his call?

Who is the person you are?  
Who has God called you to be?  
What is your deepest identity,  
your truest self?  
What are your unique gifts?  
What is the world yearning for?  
What would be the cost to you  
to live in utter obedience  
to your deepest identity?  
And what would happen  
at the very heart of the universe  
if we were all obedient to God's call  
up to our last breath?

- Susan Palo Cherwien



## Library Notes for March 2018

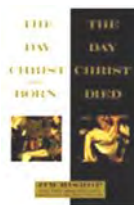
By Keenan Tunnell

During March Lent will draw to a close so books for this month will look more at Holy Week and the following 50 days to Pentecost. As usual, the library kiosk will be overflowing with children's Easter books and they can also add a dimension to your Easter pilgrimage. Take some time in your busy days to pay some special attention to the continuing miracle of God's love.

Bishop, Jim. **The Day Christ was Born; the Day Christ Died.**

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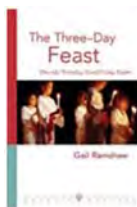
Presents a detailed retelling of the events of Christ's birth and an hour-by-hour account of the Last Supper and His trial, crucifixion, and death, and depicts the Jewish and Roman worlds of His day. Bishop renews our sense of wonder about the "greatest story ever told" as he vividly chronicles the events leading up to the two days that encompass the birth and death of Jesus. This collection of two bestsellers presents the immensely dramatic and ultimately uplifting events as though they were related for the first time.



Ramshaw, Gail. **The Three-Day Feast.**

**263 RAM**

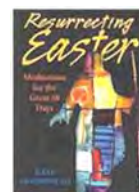
"The restoration of the Three Days at the heart of the church's year remains one of the great projects in the ongoing renewal of congregational life and mission. In rich and vivid detail, Gail Ramshaw shows us how the ancient and ever new Easter feast both tells the story of God's mercy in Jesus' death and resurrection and enacts its meaning for our lives, for this world. This book will inform, inspire, and delight all who seek to keep these days." (Amazon.com review from the Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg Seminary)



Moorehead, Kate. **Resurrecting Easter.**

**242 MOO**

American Christians have forgotten the Easter season. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on one day and then we return to ordinary time. But Christ appeared over and over again for forty days in resurrected form. We cannot sustain this resurrection season because that kind of sustained joy overwhelms us. This book is designed to help us sustain Easter.





## Living Lutheran— February 2017

### Cover Story:

- “It’s all about death—and life!” (Robert C. Blezard)

### Features:

- When shepherds grieve (Anne Roser)
- Countdown to Houston; what’s happening at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering? (Susan B. Barnes)
- A place for all religions at Lutheran schools (Angela Denker)
- Hope at home; How the Salvadoran Lutheran church helps returned migrants (Stephen Deal)
- Deliveries of hope; Puerto Rican congregation supplies Maria-impacted neighbors with food, water (Alex Baird)
- Seekers of peace and justice; Young adults discover purpose through Lutheran Volunteer Corps (Katie Scarvey)
- Water and the word create new life; a five-part series of meditations for Lent (Kurt Lammi)

### Perspective:

- Grace (Angela Khabeb)
- Member status (Anna Anderson)

### Reflection:

- We’re going for the gold (William Flippin, Jr.)

### Faith & Family:

- How to talk with kids about race (Judith Roberts)

### Deeper Understandings:

- I can’t get no satisfaction (Wayne E. Croft, Sr.)

### From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

- A valentine from God



Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

### Easter Trivia

1. What happened on Maundy Thursday?
  - A. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem
  - B. The Last Supper
  - C. The Sermon on the Plain
2. Who or what is the origin of the name Maundy Thursday?
  - A. Jesus's new command to his disciples
  - B. An older pre-Christian festival
  - C. Pope Benedict VII
3. True or False? Jesus was crucified on Good Friday.
4. What is the origin of the name Good Friday?
  - A. It is a good day to be a Christian
  - B. It is a corruption of the name God Friday.
  - C. It refers to a day when Gentiles were brought to the temple at Jerusalem.
5. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
  - A. 7
  - B. 10
  - C. 14
6. What food is traditionally the last food eaten before a Lenten fast begins and first food eaten when a Lenten fast ends?
  - A. Egg
  - B. Cake
  - C. Fish
7. What is Royal Hours?
  - A. The Eastern orthodox Church service where the Passion Story is told
  - B. The time from Noon until 3 pm on Good Friday
  - C. The time from 9 pm until midnight each day during Lent
8. The Holy Sepulchre is the name of the tomb that Jesus was buried in. How is the Holy Sepulchre commemorated in some Holy Week services?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No

### Answers to Easter Trivia Challenge

1. B. The Last Supper happened on Maundy Thursday.
2. A. Jesus's new command to his disciples to love one another is known in Latin as the *Mandatum novum do vobis* and the Latin is the origin of the name Maundy Thursday.
3. True Jesus was crucified on Good Friday.
4. B. The name Good Friday comes from a corruption of the name God's Friday in German *Gottes Freytag*. (Remember that Old English and German are similar languages).
5. C. There are 14 Stations of the Cross representing scenes from the trial, death and burial of Jesus.
6. A. Egg is traditionally the last food eaten before a Lenten fast begins and first food eaten when a Lenten fast ends.
7. A. Royal Hours is the Eastern Orthodox Church service where the Passion Story is told. During the Middle Ages it got the nickname Royal Hours because the Byzantine Emperors attended this service. The service used to be a nighttime Maundy Thursday service. Now it is a morning service on Good Friday.
8. Yes. The Holy Sepulchre is commemorated in Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Holy Week services. The precise nature of the commemoration varies by region. Often it includes placing the Eucharist in a prepared representation of the tomb in the church and removing the Eucharist from the tomb on Sunday morning.





## Stations of the Cross; a new version



Almost since the beginning of the Christian era, devout Christians have contemplated the Passion of Christ by following His footsteps on those final days. After the fall of Jerusalem to Saladin and considering the spread of Christianity across the Roman world, true pilgrimages to the Holy Land became increasingly difficult, so various programs re-enacting those final days were developed. At least since the 15<sup>th</sup> century a simulated pilgrimage called “the Stations of the Cross” has been re-enacted in almost all Roman Catholic churches, utilizing a series of images to illustrate each of the fourteen stations which are permanently displayed around the sanctuary. The stations remained the same until revised by Pope John Paul II in 1991. They are presented here as an alternative to the traditional stations and as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

**First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane** (*Matthew 26:36-41*)

**Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested** (*Mark 14: 43-46*)

**Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin** (*Luke 22: 66-71*)

**Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter** (*Luke 22: 66-71*)

**Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate** (*Mark 15: 1-5, 15*)

**Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns** (*John 19: 1-3*)

**Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross** (*John 19: 6, 15-17*)

**Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross** (*Mark 15: 21*)

**Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem** (*Luke 23: 27-31*)

**Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified** (*Luke 23: 33-34*)

**Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief** (*Luke 23: 39-43*)

**Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple** (*Luke 23: 39-43*)

**Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross** (*Luke 23: 44-46*)

**Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb** (*Matthew 27: 57-60*)

### **Closing Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.



~From the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It used to be that Palm Sunday was a day of celebration. The better part of the worship service was hosannas and palm branches waving. Children and Adults looked forward to this upbeat worship, especially after 40 days of somber, penitential Lent. And the service acted as a sort of reprieve, before the intensity of Holy Week began.

But then, attendance during the Great Three Days began to decline. Maybe Holy Week was too intense for some. Maybe it was too sad. Maybe these three days somehow were no longer given the focus and attention due them as the central worship of our faith.



Whatever the reason, missing Holy Week meant that folks were experiencing the “happy happy joy joy” of Palm Sunday and then leaping over Holy Week to the “happy happy joy joy” of Easter Sunday. They would completely skip over death, and suffering, and sadness. They would miss the betrayal, the last supper, the crucifixion of Jesus.

And I guess, who can blame folks for wanting to avoid all that grim darkness. We would much rather celebrate and be joyful than sad and somber.

But worship that only considers the happy hosannas and the empty tomb misses the whole point of Christ on the cross and the sin of the world that put him there. There is value in looking at the death of Jesus, in pondering his suffering, and in dwelling on his last hours of life.

Because you know and I know that life is not all “happy happy joy joy.” To worship in Lent, and to dive in to Holy Week is to admit the truth to ourselves, no matter how unpleasant – that life can be hard, and death can be harder. We live in the shadow and fear of death. We suffer. We sin. We die. And we need saving.

So I am glad that our Lutheran tradition dwells in the darkness, if only for a little while. It is good that our worship reflects the truth of life and the truth of our faith. Constant joy is not the way things are. And worship that only celebrates feeling good, soon seems hollow, no matter how upbeat the music.

So during Lent and Holy Week we take the time to consider the suffering and death of Jesus. During these 40 days, we sit in the knowledge of our sinfulness and consider our need for God.

And we take this time, not so that we feel condemned and sad, but because death is the only way to new life.

Jumping from Palm Sunday to Easter is like jumping from fall to spring with no winter. Fall and winter are necessary before spring can come. And Jesus must suffer death before he can rise again. There is no resurrection without the crucifixion. There is no rising without dying. Easter joy is real when we admit that death is real. We receive the freedom of forgiveness with relief and gladness if first we understand our need for God's grace.

So Palm Sunday is now Passion Sunday and our hosannas quickly fade. During Holy Week, we will pause in Jesus' final hours and give them their due. In our Lutheran tradition there is no escaping the sacrifice and death of Christ.

But then neither do we miss the new life of resurrection and the fullness of Easter joy...in this life, nor in the life to come.

~Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan



### **Lenten Services and Soup Suppers Continue**

The Wednesday Lenten Services continue during March at 6:30 p.m. with the last three plays in the series *Pushing Down Daisies* by John P. Trump.



The Lenten Soup Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service. Soups will be provided by Christian Ed (March 7), Stewardship & Personnel (March 14), and Worship & Music (March 21).

## The Great Physician

Would you care for a special appointment  
With the greatest Physician on earth?  
One who knows all the innermost secrets  
Of life and of death and of birth?

Who can, without aid of a scalpel,  
Probe the innermost depth of your soul.  
Who can give a new heart for your old one  
Which will last as eternities roll.

Won't you come to the blessed Physician?  
There'll ne'er be a bill that you owe.  
For the blood for the great operation  
Was given by Him long ago.

'Twas a gift to the world from the Master.  
Come now, while your need is so great.  
Lest the pale horse at last overtake you,  
In the stillness of death it's too late.

— Violet Yenore



## Butternut Squash Soup

From Debbie Bussone

6 tablespoons chopped onion  
6 cups butternut squash, peeled and cubed  
3 cups water  
4 chicken bouillon cubes  
½ teaspoon dried marjoram  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
4 ounces light cream cheese



In large pot, add all ingredients except cream cheese. Bring to a boil; cook 20 minutes or until the squash is tender. Puree squash mixture and cream cheese in a blender or food processor until smooth. Return to saucepan and heat. Do not allow to boil.

Serves 6



## Bible Study at Millcreek

Messiah led a Bible Study at Millcreek on February 2. Residents of Millcreek John Pontti and John Kiltinen took part in this time of fellowship and study. Refreshments of cinnamon rolls and coffee followed their discussion.



Correction  
February Outlook

from

Grandparents of Lucy LaChapell are Holly and Jim Bjorne.

## ELCA Presiding Bishop Responds to the Florida School Shooting

Feb. 16, 2018

A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled because they are no more (Matthew 2:18).

As we live into these first days and weeks of Lent, we do so riveted by the news of another tragic mass shooting, this time at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Ash Wednesday. My heart, like yours, is filled with anguish; my spirit, like yours, laments. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be consoled because they are no more, and so do we.

We pray for the inconsolable loved ones and for the shooter and his family, for those terrorized by what took place and those who are unmoved. We acknowledge our own failings and ask God to guide us in finding new ways to turn the tide together on both the availability of assault weapons and the lack of mental health care.

But we know that those things alone won't solve this epidemic. All of us, including the church, must take a close look at ourselves. How are we cultivating a culture of violence, hatred, anger and fear, and how can we participate in building a counter-culture where people can experience God's intended peace and life abundant for all?

Lent is a time for lamentation, dwelling with our sorrow, and facing the painful reality of death. We take each step certain that God weeps with us, walks with us in our deepest sufferings, and in the end makes the ultimate sacrifice for us – through death on a cross. This is our strength for the journey

A prayer offered by Bishop Pedro Suárez, Florida-Bahamas Synod:

Dear loving God, There are so many things we don't understand about our world. We might not know how the families and friends of the victims of today's shooting are feeling. But we do care. May they feel your presence in spirit through those that are accompanying them right now.



Help us to be mindful of the pain around us and to do something about it. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's peace,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



### Prayer Chain Ministry

**” Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.”**  
Psalm 50

Our prayer chain is a way we can offer assistance in prayer for illness and problems. It is one way for us to act on God's command to love one another. We are updating the prayer chain volunteers at Bethany and if you would like to be added to this ministry please let Pastor Geier know – 486-4351.

The prayer chain starts with requests given to Pastor Geier and he initiates the call process. When you are called, you call the next person on the list. If you reach an answering machine you may leave a message but continue to call until you speak to a person. This ensures that the list continues to the end. We will be providing an updated list to all participants in the coming weeks.

**Prayer is everything the soul does in God's word.**  
Martin Luther-



## Council Highlights— February 2018



- Thank you from NGLS for supporting the Healthy Congregations Initiative. A session will be held at Bethany April 23rd, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- The project committee is soliciting proposals for replacement of roofing, windows, doors and installation of siding on the building. The bid packet is posted to the church website.
- Council approved a motion to accept new members Bernice Bruhnke and Diane Garrett by way of transfer.
- Lenten soup supper offerings will be earmarked for the NGLS Quarters for Hunger fund raising. The idea was generated by the confirmation class.
- Jim Kinnunen presented the financial report for January 2018.
- Addy Lemire requested use of the building for the Pie Social, Saturday, April 14.
- Bob Clark is going to contact the local Thrivent representative to make a short presentation during one of the coffee hours in the near future.



OUR CHURCH'S  
  
**FINANCES**

**YTD Income: \$15,882.18**

**YTD Expenses: \$20,137.44**

**January 2018**





## Christian Gift-Planning

Below is the sixth part of a twelve part series explaining how Christians can incorporate the Church in their estate planning.

**Charitable Gift Annuities** are the most popular way for seniors to make gifts to ELCA ministries while providing themselves with the life income. Gift annuity life income distribution rates are based largely on age. A significant income tax deduction is received, and a major portion of the annual income from the gift annuity is received tax-free. If the intent to make a gift exists, when compared with the current rates of return of fixed investments, gift annuities represent a significant improvement in life income for seniors. ELCA charitable gift annuities are thus an excellent way for seniors to enjoy the benefits of a life income gift.

For more information: Contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or [timothy.knutson@elca.org](mailto:timothy.knutson@elca.org), or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or [larry.westfield@elca.org](mailto:larry.westfield@elca.org), or Bishop Katherine Finegan at (906) 228-2300 or [kfinegan@nglsynod.org](mailto:kfinegan@nglsynod.org)

### Update on Gloria Eman Clickner

Gloria Eman Clickner, daughter of Alice Eman, underwent a kidney transplant on Ash Wednesday. The following Tuesday she went home to continue her recovery. The kidney is working well and Gloria is now in the process of adjusting to the anti-rejection medicine. Continue to keep Gloria in your prayers.



Bethany's Pie Social -  
April 14  
1:00 - 3:00 pm  
\$5.00



Saturday Night  
March 10



### Easter Flowers

Easter Lilies will be \$15  
Mums, Daffodils & Tulips will be \$15  
Azaleas and Hydrangeas will be \$25

**The deadline for ordering is March 23.**



### Easter Postcard Included in Outlook

Enclosed in each copy of March's Outlook is the Holy Week worship schedule. The schedule is written on a postcard.

Feel free to use it as...  
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- A book mark
- An invita- (Add postage it to someone vices at



**World Day of Prayer  
March 2, 2018**

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inviting them to take part in our Holy Week ser-  
Bethany.)

**Bethany's Website**

[www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://www.bethanyishpeming.org)

To view the latest edition of the Outlook in color, please visit Bethany's website.



## Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

**Valente:** Doreen Brown

**Jacobetti:** Carol Waters

**Teal Lake Senior Living Community:** Betty Geier, Jean Johns

**Mill Creek:** John Pontti

- Kay Chartre
- Gloria Clickner
- Vicki Baldini
- Kathy Geier
- Roland Kyburg
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ruby Kaukola
- Sharon Argall
- Dan Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Carl & Doris Pellonpaa
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Contact **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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## March Worship Assistants

### March 4

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades  
Acolytes - Luke Holmgren & Kyra Holmgren  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Nursery - ShyAnn Holm-Brown  
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

### March 11

Assisting Minister - Jackson Cardoni  
Acolytes - Jarin Johnson & Abby Koski  
Altar - Rae Elliot  
Coffee Hosts - Barb Lucas & friends  
Nursery - Mackenzie Ryan  
Bread - Kathy Geier  
Youth Ushers - Faith Cain

### March 18

Assisting Minister - Carrie Meyer  
Acolytes - Faith Cain & Ian Bivins  
Altar - Jill Carter  
Coffee Hosts - Joy Circle  
Nursery - Ben Bruhnke  
Bread - Shirley Tyni  
Youth Ushers - Jarin Johnson

### March 25 Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister - Tom Ryan & Linda Dahl  
Acolytes - Abby Koski & Abbi Bruhnke  
Altar - Kathy Barton & Peggy Clark  
Coffee Hosts - Palm Sunday brunch sponsored by  
Woship & Music  
Nursery - Hope Kaukola  
Bread - Kaye Frederickson  
Youth Ushers - Ian Bivins

### March 29 Maundy Thursday 8pm

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitchen  
Acolytes - Luke Holmgren & Kyra  
Holmgren  
Bread - Kay Chartre

*Thank You!*

### March Ushers:

John Beerling  
Jerry Hager  
Bill Heavyside  
Don Meyer  
Dan Sleeman  
Bob Bruhnke  
Rick Rhoades

### April Ushers:

Bob Nadeau  
John Carlson  
Tom Brown  
Maurice Hansen  
Tom Sodergren  
Greg Stahlmann  
Don Hurrell  
Jim Penhale



*Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Carol Carlson
- 2 Carol Heavyside
- 3 Heidi Sweet
- 4 Marvin Swanson
- 4 Calvin Bertucci
- 5 Addy Lemire
- 7 Alexandra Kitchen
- 7 Evelyn Valente
- 8 Terra Frustaglio
- 8 Roberta Luokkala
- 9 Gwen Bruhnke
- 10 Rick Dault
- 11 Brett Sandstrom
- 12 Robert Clark
- 12 Trisha Gugin
- 14 William Carne
- 15 Jamie Healey
- 15 Beverly Matherne
- 16 Joshua Argall
- 16 Derek Meyer
- 17 Beth Bertucci
- 18 Peggy Clark
- 19 Sue Ryan
- 21 Gregory Stahlmann
- 22 Nicholas Chartre
- 24 Patricia Nault
- 25 Robert Kaukola
- 25 Joseph Lemire
- 27 Gavin Argall
- 28 Kimberly Marks
- 28 Doris Pellonpaa
- 28 Donna Stahlmann



- 29 Chad Anderson
- 29 Catherine Barton
- 29 Marie Chilman
- 29 Kenneth Lawson
- 30 Sharla Riutta
- 31 Benjamin Bruhnke
- 31 Lois Goethe

*Happy Anniverary!*

David & Amanda Bivins  
3/2/02            16 years

George & Barb Holmgren  
2/12/65           53 years

Richard & Jamie Rhoades  
3/21/03           15 years

