

***Worship to the Glory of God  
Sunday, March 9, 2014  
8 & 11 am***



**Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**

**Romans 6:8**

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm  
(Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am  
(Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. @ 8 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

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# ***FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT***

*March 9, 2014 – 8am & 11am*

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## **The Pre-service Music**

**The Chimes**

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

**435**

## **The Invocation (please rise)**

*Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: He was despised and rejected by Men.*

**People: A Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief.**

*Pastor: And as one from whom men hide their faces,*

**People: He was despised and we esteemed Him not.**

*Pastor: Surely He has borne our grief.*

**People: And carried our sorrows.**

*Pastor: He was pierced for our transgressions.*

**People: He was crushed for our iniquities.**

*Pastor: And with His wounds we are healed.*

**People: All we like sheep have gone astray.**

*Pastor: We have turned – every one – to his own way.*

**People: And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Litany for Lent** (see insert)

### **Hymn for Lent**

*“Farewell to Alleluia”*

**672 v 1,2**

tune: “Jerusalem the Golden”

1 Farewell to “Alleluia!”  
Exalted word of praise,  
Which now in faith we forfeit  
Throughout these forty days  
While ashes of contrition  
Our true repentance prove  
Till Easter’s Alleluias  
The veil once more remove.

2 Lord, sanctify the silence  
With which we contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners  
Your sacrifice so great,  
And grant us hope and patience  
That, when the fast is gone,  
New songs of “Alleluia!”  
May greet your Easter dawn!

### **The Prayer for Today**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Let us pray... “Heavenly Father, draw us to the cross this Lenten season that we might see the awfulness of our sin and the magnitude of Christ’s sacrifice. We pray in Christ’s name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.”*

**People: Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated*

### **The Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 3:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and

evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

## **The New Testament Reading**

**Romans 5:12-19**

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

14Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

17If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who went to the Cross, we rise to sing*

**All Sing:**                                    *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"*                                    **560 v 1**

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

1Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6and said

to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." 7Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" 11Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

*Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.** (spoken)

**The Greeting** (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

✠ Please be seated

**The Sermon Hymn** "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" **651**

**The Sermon** "Thy Kingdom Come"  
Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

✠ Please rise for

**The Apostles' Creed** (8:00 am) (back of hymnal)

**The Nicene Creed** (11:00 am) (back of hymnal)

**The Gathering of the Offerings** (Please be seated)

✠ As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:

✠ **The Offertory** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" **450 v 1**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

**The Prayers** (The Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy ..." and the congregation will respond with "hear our prayer.")

**Lord's Prayer**

8:00 am service concludes on page 9

11:00 am service continues

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.** (spoken)

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.** (spoken)

*Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing your unending hymn:*

**The Sanctus**

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

**450 v 3,5**

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.

5 What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

**The Words of Institution**

*Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: And also with you.** (spoken)

**The Agnus Dei**

*“Lamb of God”*

**163**

**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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**An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.**

**“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”**

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- ✘ Faith’s statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✘ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers’ instructions.
- ✘ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✘ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✘ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

**The Hymn sung during the Distribution**    *“Alas! And did my Savior Bleed”*    **437**

✘ *please rise for*

**Post-Communion Canticle** (sung)    *“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”*    **632 v 1,2**

**All Sing:**

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

**Post-Communion Prayer**    **166**

*Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**



**8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with**

**The Benediction**

**The Proclamation**

*Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Closing Hymn**

*"Were You There"*

**456 v 1-3**

**The Post-service Music**

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**Those Serving Today:**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	<b>8 am service</b>	<b>11 am service</b>
Assisting Elder		Jack Greenlee
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Austin Logan	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care	Cathy Hurff & Freda Steinke	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Yvonne Burkee	Grace Selkow
Audio Assistant	Keith Allard	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Tim & Yvonne Burkee	Barbara Hahn
Ushers	Bob & Mickie Ferguson and Mel & John Reinstetle	Neil Finkenstadt, Kenny Korchak, Ray LaVallee & Marian Malmgren
Flower Angels	Harold & Marilyn Bley	Harold & Marilyn Bley
Fellowship Card	Harold & Marilyn Bley	Harold & Marilyn Bley
Altar flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Sandi Leenhouts in honor of husband Rich's birthday.	

***Our Purpose***

***The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.***

**Stewardship Sentence:** “During Lent, we see Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Consider your offering to the Lord as your thankful response.”

**This Week’s Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve**

Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45-10:45	Faith Family Fellowship
	8:45 am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible
	11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance Meeting
	7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Study of St. John
	7:00 pm	Study of St. Paul
Wednesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:15 pm	Lenten Devotions
Thursday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	N.A. / GSH
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise
Sunday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible
	11:00 am	Worship

Food Pantry Item of the Month ***Peanut Butter***

## A Measure of Our Devotion

March 1 & 2, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	42/92/129
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	43/85/102
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2014	40/74
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2013	35/79
SS/Youth/Confirmation	24/5/4
Adult Sunday School/Mid-week Studies	22/19
Receipts for March 1 & 2, 2014	\$6,488.65

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.**

- **TODAY IS OUR FAITH'S FAMILY FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME** Are you hungry this morning? Then join us in Narthex II from 8:45 am until 10:45 am for Faith's Family Fellowship. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, a cool beverage and something sweet to eat. It's all free and all ages are welcome. Come and visit as we enjoy the company of our "northern friends." See you there!
- **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Just a reminder that **ALL** Board reports for the Congregational Assembly meeting are due no later than Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **LENTEN WEDNESDAYS** will feature a Lenten Fellowship Dinner served in the CLC starting at 6:30pm, followed by a short worship service at 7:15 pm.
- **OUR LENTEN WORSHIP THEME** is "Prayers of the Passion." Prayers offered up, either by Christ or to him, as he made his fateful way to the cross...and beyond. Consider the prayers of the Passion, even these two thousand years later. For they speak to us...even today.
- **SPECIAL LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS** are in your mailbox today. Take yours home and use it these 40 days of Lent.
- **EVERYONE KNOWS** that April showers bring May flowers. But **MARCH** brings a list of new officers for our Congregation. Unfortunately we don't have a full slate. We are missing someone to be our Assistant Treasurer. Are **YOU** willing/able to do this job? Do you know someone that is? If so, please contact Edie Knudsen by putting a note in her Narthex mailbox, or calling her at (727) 843-0380.

- **PARTNERS FOR LENT** volunteers are reminded to follow through with their assigned responsibilities during these days of Lent.
- **BIBLE STUDIES OFFERED:** We currently have several studies to choose from on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday evenings. Which one will you choose?
- **OUR CALL TO PASTOR WEEKS:** We are still awaiting his decision. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to direct him to answer in the affirmative.
- **THE C. S. LEWIS SOCIETY** invites everyone interested in a Reasonable Faith in an Uncertain World to come and hear the famous atheist turned Christian and bestselling author, Lee Strobel, speak on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater. Mr. Strobel was the former award winning legal reporter for the Chicago Tribune whose wife's conversion led to his investigation of the claims of Christianity. He started out attempting to prove her in error and ended up writing "The Case for Christ," the "Case for Faith," and "The Case for a Creator." He currently serves as a professor of Christian thought. The 2 day conference includes other speakers. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. If you have questions contact Phyllis Miller at (727)847-0959 or phyalama@tampabay.rr.com.
- **DO YOU HAVE A MISSION PROJECT** or idea that would help our community? Need money to get your mission project started? The Pasco County Chapter 30749 of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran funding is available NOW for the FIRST QUARTER of 2014. Care Abounds in Communities applications for funds can be submitted NOW. Contact Rose Ann Verheyen, Barbara Hahn or Kathy Butler for the applications. So easy, and so rewarding.
- **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

**Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are:**

(10) Mona Krupicka (11) Meta Gerken (13) Tom Springer (14) Marti Curran (15) Rich Leenhouts (16) Tasha DeBlasi; Logan Mather

**Members of the church that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:** (11) Al & Maggie Grosskurth