

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

Order of Worship

Divine Service I, page 151 in the hymnal

7:45 Hymns: 435, 748, 532

10:30 Hymns: 435, 748, 570, 532, 563

Sermon

“Our Citizenship is in Heaven”

Philippians 3:20

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 26:8-15: And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to

all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Philippians 3:17-4:1: Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35: At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Bill Marsrow

Anthony Bierlein, Larry Kischnick

Organist Pam Berneuter

Choir Select Choir

Usher Captains Alan Kischnick

Jeff Buchinger

Altar Guild . Linda Trombley, Bev Bierlein

Greeters Jim and Janet Hecht

Joe and Georgette

Wednesday

Elder Bryan Bauer, Charlie Weber

Organist Pam Bernreuter

Usher Jeff Buchinger

Altar Guild . Linda Trombley, Bev Bierlein

Voters Meeting will be held today at 11:45 a.m. On the agenda: calling a Principal for our school along with other business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Lenten Suppers will be served this Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This week is hosted by Mary Martha, serving casseroles, salads and desserts. Proceeds from a free will offering go to Vassar Food Pantry. Everyone is invited!

The Home Purpose budget goal for each week is \$27,228. Home Purpose donations for the week of March 10th, in 159 envelopes, were \$19,016.77 which leaves a deficit of \$8,211.23 for that week.

Items for the April newsletter must be turned in by noon on Monday, March 18th.

Greeters are needed for March 31st, both services. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Traveling Choir Reminder: We will sing at Wellspring on Thursday, March 28th at 1:30 p.m. and practice some of the songs at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Please join us as we entertain the residents and also have lots of fun ourselves.

Lutheran Laymen's League: Val & Mary Lou Blasius will be our host on Monday,

March 18th, 5:00 p.m. Meet at the *Blasius Corrian Plant*, 8835 Van Cleve Road, Tuscola. After touring the Plant we will travel to the Blasius Sugar Bush on Buell Road where we will enjoy a pot luck meal with the Blasius Family. Members please bring a dish to pass. Call President Wayne Bierlein at 989-551-3011 with questions.

Helping Hands: We are in great need of volunteers, especially drivers and cooks. We have members who occasionally need rides to dr. visits. We also like to take meals to those who are unable to cook due to illness or injury. If you are able to help in either of these capacities, or have other talents to share, please contact Lynn Schmandt as soon as possible. Thank you!

Volunteers: Looking for 4 young people to wash dishes at the Mother's Day BBQ. Grab a couple of friends and contact Pam Mossner at 239-6999 to let her know you can help out. Thanks!

Thank you to family and friends for the many cards I received and the prayers on my behalf during my recent surgery and continued recovery. Thanks be to God for a successful surgery. Don Bierlein

Attendance

Sunday 382

Ash Wednesday 265

This week at St. Michael:

- Today *Worship Service 7:45 a.m.*
Kidz Min 9 a.m.
Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Communion Service 10:30 a.m.
Voters 11:45 a.m.
Financial Peace 9 a.m and 3 p.m.
- Monday News deadline 12 noon
LLL 7 p.m.
- Tuesday Adult Choir 7 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Class 7:30 a.m.
Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service 7 p.m.
- Thursday. Confirmation Class 7 p.m.
Wages and Benefits 7 p.m.
- Sunday .. *Communion Service 7:45 a.m.*
Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Financial Peace 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

School News

Bus Driver: We have a job opening for a school bus driver for morning pick-up, evening drop-offs, and occasional field trips. Bus classes are required and the next one is May 21-23 with a test to be taken for a bus driver license. Contact Bret Heinlein at 989-751-5398 for more information.

Child Care News

St. Michael's Child Care has job openings for lead teachers and assistant teacher in our program. For more information or to receive an application, please contact the Director Gloria Fahlsing at the Child Care Office – phone #989-868-3830.

Other News

The Lutheran Hour: airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00a.m. every Sunday. Next week's message: "Death Doesn't End the Story". Some accept death as the end; others, as a new beginning. Jesus turned death into a sign that points us to the Author of life.

Applications are being taken for the Doug Gruber Memorial Scholarship. Forms are available in the church office.

- Church Office 868-4791
- Pastor Gadeken. 780-1721
- Pastor Gillaspie 262-8011
- Pastor Yang 239-4758
- School Office 868-4809
- Child Care 868-3830

Passion Drama

We are still in need of:

1. Makeup person to train this year to take over for our chairman next year.
2. Someone to coordinate the guides that take people around the path. This job entails recruiting guides and overseeing them the days of performance.
3. Three more Jesus', many crowd members, many soldiers.

This is an amazing way to spread the word of God to many people in one weekend and have fun with other members of our congregation. We are also opening up the volunteer opportunities to members of other churches and would appreciate it if you would help spread the word. Friday and Saturday this year; 6-9 on Friday and 4-9 on Saturday. To show appreciation to those that volunteer we will be providing a catered dinner on Friday and a mobile dinner on Saturday.

Your passion drama chairmen,
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