

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Call to worship

L/ Blessed be the God of our salvation

C/ Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins!

Hymn of Praise: # 572 Blessed Assurance

Prayer of Confession

L/ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9). God be merciful to me, a sinner.

L/ Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded us. (1 John 3: 18,23) Confess your sins to the Lord in your heart.

<Take a moment of Silence and confess your sins to God>

--The Tree of Life is dressed during this time. This is a reminder that although we start dead in sin, Christ through his passion, death, and resurrection saves us and brings us to New Life!--

Assurance of Pardon

L/ Hear the Good News of Salvation—God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) I declare we are forgiven and remade in Christ!

Gloria Patri

#812

Choir Anthem

Children's Chat

Reading of Scripture

Silence and Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 143:1-6 **page 977*

Canticle: #630 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

New Testament Reading - Matthew 26: 36-46 **pages 1544-45*

Sermon Theme for Lent—"Who Exactly is this Jesus?"

Jesus Opening His Soul in Prayer

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed (180 AD—Book of Confessions 2.1 – 2.3)

All/ 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

#815

Special music by Pastor Dave Ullom during Offertory

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (BCW 237)

(Words of Institution are 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26)

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

L/ The Lord be with you

L/ Lift up your hearts

L/ Let us give thanks

C/ And also with you

C/ We lift them to God

C/ We give thanks and praise

L/ It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to glory of your name:

C/ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

L/ You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord...Proclaim the mystery of faith

C/ We remember His death, we proclaim his resurrection, and we await his coming in glory.

L/ Gracious God pour out your Spirit upon us and these gifts...Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast at your table in glory.

All/ Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Communion (Please join in singing Come to the Table of Grace in the front of the blue hymnals.)

Prayer After Communion: (Psalm 103)

L/ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

C/ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all the benefits God bestows on God's people: Forgiveness, healing, redemption and Life.

L/ God crowns us all with His steadfast love and mercy. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Benediction

Sending Hymn: # 306 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Terry Wiese & Heather Harmon

Greeters: Ron & Shelli Nissen and Jan Sathren

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

Guest Preacher: Pastor Dave Ullom

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 3/26/17: 48

Offering 3/26/17: \$2,329.57

Per capita for 2017: \$33 47/134 Paid

Commercial (Manse) Loan Balance: \$13,208.41

Furnace Loan: \$14,768.26

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Marian Tuinstra on April 6th.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Kurt & Bonnie Anderson on April 5th, and to Mark & Karen Byers on April 6th.

-Today we welcome guest preacher, Pastor Dave Ullom, and the PNC from our sister church, Estherville First Presbyterian Church.

-Please join us for a reception following Worship today in honor of new members Paul & Tara Korthals and sons, Simon and Thor, Ron & Shelli Nissen, and Jan Sathren. We also welcome back Rhoda Brunz.

-Worship Service at the Care Center today at 2:00 p.m.

-Special Joint Lenten Service today will be at Harris UMC at 5:00 p.m. (This is a change due to a previous weather-related cancellation.)

-Reminder – anyone who would like a printed copy of our church newsletter must request one by notifying the church office. You can also request to have it sent to your e-mail address. As always, the newsletter is available on our church website at www.fpclakepark.org

-Mission Focus this month – One Great Hour of Sharing Let us join in God's call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. This special offering will be received next Sunday, April 9th.

-Bits & Pieces - this Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m.

-Pastor Tim will be leading Bible Study this month at the Care Center – every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

-A joint meeting of Deacons and Worship & Music Team will be this Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

-There will be Choir practice Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

-MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will again be here this Thursday, April 6th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed at 12:00 p.m. to unload truck, and then at 4:30 p.m. to help with packing and carrying.

-The Easter Egg Hunt will be next Saturday, April 8th from 10 am til 12 noon.

-We WILL be having a Garage Sale this year during the Lake Park City Wide Garage Sale. People may start bringing items in and taking them to Classroom B (the former New To Me room). We will NOT be accepting clothing or electronics, except for radios.

-Looking ahead to next week: Session will meet on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m., and the SENIOR TEA will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 1:30 p.m.

-Upcoming fundraisers: Easter Lily Fundraiser, Good Friday Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Easter Morning Breakfast from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

-HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday Service – Sunday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Noonday Prayer -Wednesday, April 12th at 12 pm.

Instead of going to lunch, consider fasting and coming to pray with us.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th -Supper & Service at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring stew to the church by 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th at 12 pm – L.P. Community Center (Joint Service with the Methodist Churches)

Easter Sunday, April 16th – Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th - Service at 10:30 a.m.

-Everyone is welcome to join us for Friday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. We study the book of Jonah.

Thoughts on Rain - from *Our Daily Bread*

When torrential downpours beat on the heads of my newly planted petunias, I felt bad for them. I wanted to bring them inside to shelter them from the storm. By the time the rain stopped, their little faces were bowed to the ground from the weight of the water. They looked sad and weak. Within a few hours, however, they perked up and turned their heads skyward. By the next day, they were standing straight and strong.

What a transformation! After pounding them on the head, the rain dripped from their leaves, soaked into the soil, and came up through their stalks, giving them the strength to stand straight.

Because we prefer sunshine, we get annoyed when rain spoils our outdoor plans. We sometimes wrongly think of rain as something negative. But anyone who has experienced drought knows that rain is a blessing. It nourishes the earth for the benefit of both the just and the unjust (Matt. 5:45).

Even when the storms of life hit so hard that we nearly break from the force, the "rain" is not an enemy. Our loving God has allowed it to make us stronger. He uses the water that batters us on the outside to build us up on the inside so we may stand straight and strong.

