



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SIXTH MIDWEEK IN LENT

March 21, 2018

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

7:00 pm-Joel Zastrow

Acolytes

7:00 pm-Ethan Maas

Musician

Carol Christian

AS WE GATHER

Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross

God created man, and man began his journey in the Garden of Eden. In the midst of that garden were two trees more beautiful than the rest. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life—what joy for man to come to these trees and worship, giving thanks to God for His good and gracious gifts. But one day there was an unwelcome visitor to their worship service—Satan. He had things to say, wise things to share with man. They were lies, but man followed. Sin came, and Adam and Eve were exiled from the garden and from the tree of life. How they longed to return to the garden and the beautiful tree, and God promised that He would lead the way. Jesus Christ leads us from one garden to the next and from one tree to the tree of life in the courts of heaven. It was a hard and treacherous journey for our Leader, and it required a stop at another tree, the cross. But the evil Satan, who used a tree to bring sin into world, was conquered by another tree, and our sin was washed away.

For Our Guests:

Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 418 “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Please Stand

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!

People: **For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.**

Pastor: Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to Me, says the LORD of hosts,

People: **And I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.**

Pastor: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

People: **Let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

Pastor: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

People: **They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears!

People: **For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.**

CONFESSION

Pastor: We are on a journey from a deserved exile to a gracious promised land. Although we merit nothing, because our heavenly Father promises forgiveness and mercy to all who call on Him for Jesus' sake, let us go to Him, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we are fallen creatures, prone to hiding our faults from one another, yet knowing our sins are laid bare before You.

People: **Forgive us and clothe us with Christ's own righteousness.**

Pastor: We have erred and strayed from Your way.

People: **Forgive us and turn our feet toward the paradise You promise.**

Pastor: We have attempted to placate Your just demands by our own efforts.

People: **Forgive us for the sake of Your Son's sacrifice in our stead.**

Pastor: We have often failed to reflect the new life You granted us in our Baptism.

People: **Forgive us and drown the old Adam within us.**

Pastor: We have eaten "forbidden fruit" in our disobedient thinking, speaking, and acting.

People: **Forgive us and grant us the new life won on the tree of the cross.**

Pastor: We have failed to trust Your care and protection as we journey through this wilderness.

People: **Forgive us and accompany us on our pilgrim way.**

FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our gracious God, even when we were dead in our trespasses, You made us alive together with Christ, You Who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. May He Who began this good work in you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM 80 (antiphon: v. 19)

Pastor: The psalmist trusts that God, who did such great deeds in the past, will restore His people in the present.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock.

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Pastor: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

People: Stir up Your might and come to save us!

Pastor: Restore us, O God;

People: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: O LORD God of hosts,

People: How long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears

People: And given them tears to drink in full measure.

Pastor: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

People: And our enemies laugh among themselves.

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Women: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

Men: You drove out the nations and planted it.

Women: You cleared the ground for it;

Men: It took deep root and filled the land.

Women: The mountains were covered with its shade,

Men: The mighty cedars with its branches.

Women: It sent out its branches to the sea

Men: And its shoots to the River.

Pastor: Why then have You broken down its walls,

People: So that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

Pastor: The boar from the forest ravages it,

People: And all that move in the field feed on it.

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts!

People: Look down from heaven, and see;

Pastor: Have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted,

People: And for the Son Whom You made strong for Yourself.

Pastor: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;

People: May they perish at the rebuke of Your face!

Pastor: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,

People: The Son of man Whom You have made strong for Yourself!

Pastor: Then we shall not turn back from You;

People: Give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

PASSION READING

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Be Seated

+ WORD +

READING

Genesis 2:15; 3:22–24 The loss of access to the tree of life.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

READING

John 3:14–15 The tree of the cross offers eternal life, forbidden to Adam

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU

As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.

To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.

OFFERING**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: We are returning from exile, listening to the inviting Word of God, full of grace and truth. Let us go to Him in confident prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, offering full and free forgiveness,

People: We come in spiritual sackcloth and ashes, painfully aware of our sins and failings. Graciously wash us and clothe us with the robe of Christ's own righteousness so that we may live eternally with all Your saints.

Pastor: Eden's Lord and ours,

People: Hear us and all who call out to You in pain and sorrow, sweat or tears. Remind us of Your painful victory over every temptation, and strengthen us to follow where You have led the way.

Pastor: Loving Father, calling us to Mount Calvary,

People: Remove from us our fear of Your righteous judgment for our sins; strengthen our faith in the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son in our stead.

Pastor: Spirit of life,

People: Remind us again of our Baptism, in which our old Adam was drowned; strengthen us to live in the freedom of the children of God.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Savior and Guide,

People: Give us the eyes of faith to see the tree of life awaiting us in heaven, and guide us to follow where You have led the way.

Pastor: Protecting Father,

People: Assure us of Your presence on our journey through the desert of this world and bring us at last to the paradise purchased by Your Son.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,

People: Nourish our faith and restore our souls each time we come to the Table of the Lord and receive His body and blood, a foretaste of the feast to come.

Pastor: Holy and merciful Lord over all,

People: We feel the burden of our sin; renew in us the firm faith that Your Son has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, giving His life for ours.

Pastor: Everlasting Father,

People: Our Savior has conquered death. Fill us with rejoicing, confident that we shall therefore gather around the eternal throne of the Lamb, Your Son, Who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS Luke 2:29–32 (antiphon: liturgical text)

Pastor: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.

That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

People: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

People: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 595 "O Blessed Spring"

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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March Altar Guild- Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas			
WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SNACK
3/18 8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Larry Beyer	Ariona Hildebrandt Klayton Bischoff	Ruby's Pantry
3/21 Lent 6 7:00 pm	Joel Zastrow	Ethan Maas	Stewardship Supper
3/25 8:00 am 10:30 am	George Feller Ted Fuller	Chellie Hildebrandt Adam Theder	J. Frank Family
3/29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	George Feller	Helena Cahoon	
3/30 Good Friday 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tim Zindl Bob Nass	Geena Kuehl	
4/1 EASTER 6:30 am 9:00 am	Larry Beyer Ted Frank	Adaline Nass Treyton Hildebrandt	Youth Group Easter Breakfast
4/8 8:00 am 10:30 am	Joel Zastrow Bob Nass	Kelsey Ewert Ethan Maas	Youth Families- Kuehl & C. Hildebrandt
4/15 8:00 am 10:30 am	Bob Nass Larry Beyer	Nathan Kehl Ariona Hildebrandt	Ruby's Pantry
4/22 Examination 8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Ed Purtell	Lucy Groeler Gabby Sippel	Youth Families- Groeler, Cahoon(Kappell)
4/29 Confirmation 8:00 am 10:30 am	Todd Kuehl Ted Fuller	Hailey Fincutter Tianda Hildebrandt	Confirmation Sunday
5/6 New Member Recognition 8:00 am 10:30 am	George Feller Ted Frank	Helena Cahoon Treyton Hildebrandt	OPEN
5/13 Mother's Day 8:00 am 10:30 am	Joel Zastrow Larry Beyer	Adam Theder Geena Kuehl	OPEN
5/20 Student Recognition 8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Ed Purtell	Adaline Nass Chellie Hildebrandt	OPEN
START OF SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES			
5/24 Summer Midweek Starts 7:00 pm		Landon Pfingsten	
5/27 Sunday Summer Worship Times 8:00 am 9:30 am	Todd Kuehl Ted Fuller	Gabby Sippel Lucy Groeler	
5/31 7:00 pm		Lucas Theder	
6/3 8:00 am 9:30 am		Tianda Hildebrandt Hailey Fincutter	

The background of the entire page is a vertical strip of pink flowers, likely daisies, with green stems and leaves. The flowers are arranged in a column down the center, with some appearing more prominent than others. The overall tone is bright and cheerful.

We invite you to join us for
worship this Easter season!

Palm Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

Good Friday

1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service

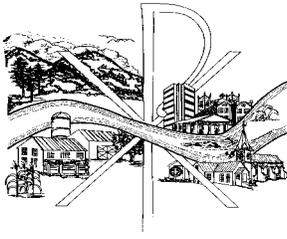
6:30 am & 9:00 am

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

7:30 am-9:00 am

Easter 2018

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St. Peter's – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for over 135 years.

Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days
 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day -Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am*

We Celebrate Two Sacraments

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) & LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's(LCMS) and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

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