



P: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the wicked will perish.

C: For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; not dwell with You.

P: The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate evildoers.

C: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will dwell in Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the future.

C: Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of the abundance of Your love; do not cast away Your people, O Lord, for You are their God; do not turn away from me, O Lord, my Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ez*

17 "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' v their own way that is not just. ¹⁸ When the righteous turns righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹ An wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just ar

overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in



Galileans whose blood I hate had mingled with their sacrifice. He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise suffer, like those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶ And He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure; it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

THIS WEEK— (February 28th – March 6th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Open Forum, 10:30am

Monday: Bible Study, 1:00pm

Tuesday: Evangelism, 5:00pm; Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation (1st year) 5:00pm;
Confirmation (2nd year), 6:00pm; Choir, 7:00pm

Thursday: Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 02/21/16)

General Fund: \$4024.00; Building Fund: \$22.00; Blessings: \$10.25

Share God’s Word and you’ll share His love. Thank you to Lombardo for his presentation of The Gideons Internation:

LET’S BEAUTIFY GOD’S HOUSE WITH EASTER FLOW

The order forms have been placed in the mailboxes. All o be turned in by Sunday, March 6th. You may also purcha flowers and bring them to church on Saturday, March 26th to do so.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY EVENING FOR LENTEN WOF

JPS man continues to strive to find the answer to the ques "Whose Cross Is It Anyway?"

HOPE LIFE CENTER THANKS YOU

for participating in th Operation Baby Bottle ('OBB') program. Your donations c help **HOPE** as they work with unwed mothers to choose li unborn babies. If you missed the OBB turn-in date, pleas bottles to Sandi Michaelis or Yvonne Schilsky as soon as HOPE needs returned bottles to prep for upcoming church you again for participating!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY HOUR

Today, February 28, (during the adult Bible study hou forum will be held to discuss the church redeccorating proje

Next Sunday, March 6, at 10:30am join us for Bible st begin our walk through the Book of Romans.

Were You There? ...when God's Son Died?

I was not there. I was not with Jesus that week before Easter.

Explore with us how: God so loved the world, that he gave his

only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but

have eternal life. John 3:16 **Saturday, March
19th 10am – Noon**

Easter Egg Hunt (3-12 yr)

Game Tournament (12-18 yr)

Craft~Story~Song~Candy

Pool~Foosball~Trivia~Board Games

“The greatest irony of Jesus' life is the more Jesus loved, forgave, the more He was hated.” — *Rev. Paul Koelpin, History, Theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Min*

(www.lutheransforlife.org)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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| March 20th | Palm Sunday | 9:00 am |
| March 24th | Maundy Thursday | 6:30 pm |
| March 25th | Good Friday | 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm |
| March 27th | Easter Sunday | 6:30 am & 9:00 am |

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (LHM): A stark reality exists in the world today. Billions of people live without the hope of Christ. - nearly 2/3 of the seven billion people on this planet are not followers of Christ - 36% of Protestants in the United States don't feel a personal responsibility to share their faith - younger generations have grown skeptical of the church's relevance - Islam is the world's fastest growing religion

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) works spreading the Gospel here in the United States and around the world. LHM works to help local churches, like ours, in all areas of evangelism and discipleship through several outreach training programs and resources.