

March 17, 2019



Flock Talk

Scriptures:

First Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalter: Psalm 27 (CH 736) CH1-6; 7-12 from Bible, then R; then 13-14 as in CH
Epistle: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Sermon Text: John 8:1-12
Sermon: "Sticks and Stones"

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Senior Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Liturgist: Diane Garthwaite
Greeter: Riensche's
Sound/Projection: Tom Smiley/Art Konnerth
Worship & Wonder: Mary Ann/Karen
Nursery: Britt / Erin
Counters: Brian S / Jo H
March Fellowship Hosts:
The Luke Care Group

Serving Deacons:

Open/Close: Dan Henkel
 Brian Sears, *bread*; Jo Henkel, *cup*
Communion Prep: Betty Dawson
Serving Team: Brett, Erin, Betty P, Dan
Alternate: Mike/Robyn

Prayer Needs:

(new names in bold)

Elena LaRussa (MOW officer) Nancy Riensche
 Greyson Garcia (newborn)
 Luke Sherman Joe, Nevaeh and **CJ (Blakeman)**Tucker
 Laura Failes Dave Case Dave Whitfield
 Jeremy Failes Jane King (Cammie mom) Gail Cain
 Cheryl Langer (friend of Dietz) Joshua Huskey and
 Tim Smith **Johnny & Danielle Barnes** (Powell family)
 Ron Burdick (Shirley brothr) Paul Solomon
 Adam Bennett (Benitez nephew)
 Barbara Dean Milton & Joan Giberson
 Donna (Rev Day friend)
 Lee Jones (Mike friend) Bill Denton
 Barbara Dean Ruthie Mojica
 Brenda Kingery Matthew Gaines (Robyn's son)
 Jonathan Matzen (Fulton grandson)
 Scott & Pam Bauch (Failes' family)
 Darren & Beth Hurd (Betty C friends)
 Gerry & Diane Paulson
 Ed, Susan & Alex (Robyn's family)

Remember These Dates!

- ⇒ Board Meeting, #2, 5pm, TODAY
- ⇒ NO SWIFT TODAY!!!
- ⇒ Matthew Fellowship at Riensche's, 1pm, Sun, March 24th

The Real Story of St. Patrick



Everyone knows about Saint Patrick — the man who drove the snakes out of Ireland, defeated fierce Druids in contests of magic, and used the shamrock to explain the Christian Trinity to the pagan Irish. It's a great story, but *none of it is true*. The shamrock legend came along centuries after Patrick's death, as did the miraculous battles against the Druids. Forget about the snakes — Ireland never had any to begin with. No snakes, no shamrocks, and he wasn't even Irish.

The real story of St. Patrick is much more interesting than the myths. What we know of Patrick's life comes only through the chance survival of two remarkable letters which he wrote in Latin in his old age. To read more about the real St. Patrick, go to: <https://blog.oup.com/2014/09/real-story-saint-patrick/>. This blog by a Harvard professor and Celtic scholar, Philip Freeman tells the true story. He is also the author of 15 books, including one on St Patrick, titled *The World of St. Patrick*, if you'd like to read more.

ATTENTION: SERVERS

for next week - 3/24/19

Liturgist — Art Konnerth
 Open/Close — Brett Powell
 Communion Prep — Terri Fulton
 Greeter — Lucy Buck
 Nursery— Scott W/Karlita K
 W&W—Mary Ann GB /Caitlin W
 Bread/Cup—Leroy D/Britt F

FLEA MARKET

The date is March 30th, 2019. Drop-offs taken after 3pm Thurs, 3/28. Lots of stuff will be needed to fill the Fellowship Hall! Also, see the volunteer sign up list on the narthex cabinet. Also, goodies will be needed for the BAKE SALE!!! Start baking now and freeze!

In essentials, unity.

In non-essentials, liberty.

In all things, love!

One Shepherd's Thoughts...

Jesus Christ was fully human, fully God. The historical circumstances of his life reveal the human Jesus. The presence of God in this person adds a dimension identified as the Christ, which we recognize and confess through faith. The joining of God with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ forms the very heart of the Christian faith. Although the question of Jesus Christ's being divine or human or both confounds human wisdom, it is this union of humanity and divinity—the uniting of the historical Jesus with the Christ of faith into a single being—that expresses the fundamental claim of Christianity.

The historical Jesus is known to us through many sources. Fragments of New Testament papyri recovered from the sands of Middle Eastern deserts attest to the life of the human Jesus. Chronicles of old, including the *Antiquities* of Josephus (93 CE), the *Annals* of Tacitus (110 CE), and the *Lives of the Twelve Caesars* by Suetonius (98 CE) all contain historical references to Jesus. And in our own time, the discoveries of archeology and exegesis have resulted in more being written on the life of Christ in the last twenty years than in the previous nineteen centuries.

The cold, historical facts of Jesus' human life can be sketched in broad strokes. His earthly existence, beginning in the days of Herod and ending in the time of Pilate, has been fixed with relative accuracy. A carpenter by trade, his hometown was the community of Nazareth, in the province of Galilee. During the final years of his brief life, a religious fervor touched the Jordan valley, drawing Jesus out of Nazareth and into an extraordinary ministry. His contemporaries often mistook his ministry as a political revolt, a misapprehension that led to his arrest and execution.

It is the character rather than the biography of this man that we know with thoroughness. He was called the *Christ*, a Greek word meaning “the anointed one,” or “the Messiah,” the appointed one. The apostle Paul used the term again and again in his many letters to describe the spiritual presence of the risen Lord for a generation who had not known the human Jesus in the flesh. The gospels, written after the letters of Paul and written specifically to proclaim the divinity of Christ, are laden with anecdotes that reveal the depth of his divine nature. Filled with the grace of God, Jesus performed unending good works, turning all things base into things noble.



The very name “Jesus Christ” affirms that the historical life was united with the grace of God. The human Jesus died at the crucifixion, but the Christ of faith was resurrected. It is this resurrection that provides for all generations the experience of faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

See you on Sunday! - Rev. Day



Upcoming Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, April 14—Bell Choir plays in service (see John Peterson or Rick Barclay for more information) & Easter Special Offering

Maundy Thursday, April 18—Messianic Seder with Communion Service (see Steve Blinder for more information) →

Good Friday, April 19

Easter/Resurrection Day, April 21—Sunrise Service at 7:30am, followed by Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 8:15am

11am service in Sanctuary

& Easter Special Offering



HOLY WEEK

What is a Passover Seder?

One of the most moving moments in the life of Jesus occurs at the very end of His earthly ministry. It is known as the Last Supper – the final gathering of Jesus and the disciples to celebrate Passover on the last night of His earthly life. The more we learn of the Passover, the more we understand the ministry of Messiah. Passover is also a time in Jewish tradition to extend hospitality to others.

Seder is the Hebrew word for “order” or “procedure.” It is the liturgy of Passover—a living tradition that links the present with the past. Like the other feasts of Israel, Passover is an exciting blend of elements designed to make the story of the Exodus from Egypt as riveting as possible.

The Seder plate holds the place of honor at the Passover table. Seder plates are some of the finest and most beautiful examples of Jewish art. Families pass them down from generation to generation, and some of them are breathtaking examples of artistry. The elements found on the Seder plate all have their parts to play. The Passover is a living testimony of God's faithfulness to His people. It teaches us to look back at the past with gratitude, to accept the present with trust and to anticipate the future with hope. From <https://www.chosenpeople.com/site/how-to-host-a-passover-seder/>