

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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QUINQUAGESIMA – February 11th, 2018

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 732, 685, 556, 919

Psalms: 146

Catechetical Review: The Sacrament of the Altar

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

Q: Where is this written?

A: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul [the Apostle] write thus: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as “closed communion” because of the Bible’s teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

REMINDER: Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering. It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

FRIENDS AND VISITORS: Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study as we continue our study of the Life of Luther. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK: **Elder:** Wednesday – Randy Verbeten; Sunday: 8:00 – Todd Wilks; 10:30 – Doug Just; **Organist:** Wednesday – Sharon Mueller; Sunday: 8:00 – Sharon Mueller; 10:30 – Lora Heinz; **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; Sunday: 8:00 – Kathy Culshaw; 10:30 – Lynn Hauser. **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .

PRELUDE:

ATTENDANCE: Last Week: Wednesday– 15; Sunday: 8:00– 63; 10:30– 53. **TOTAL:** 131. Sunday School- 11.

OUR GIVING: Last Week: General Fund - \$3,482.00; Sunday School – \$9.00. **TOTAL - \$3,491.00. Needed each week to meet budget - \$4,470.00.**

THE ETERNAL CANDLE for the month of February is given to the glory of God by Marilyn Lendvey in loving memory of Anna Wenger.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Lucky LaMeer, celebrating Lucky's birthday and all February birthdays.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION is open to register your children. You may pick up a registration packet from the office.

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S enrollment process for 2018-19 is underway. Please contact the Admissions Office now to provide your child with the gift of a Lutheran education. Financial assistance and scholarships are available. 262-637-6538.

TODAY - QUARTERLY MISSION OFFERING: As we all know, charity starts at home. Thus, today's mission offering will be collected for a need within our own congregation.

LADIES GUILD: If you were unable to drop off your LWML mites at the meeting, the box for collection will be in the Good Shepherd room today.

QUILTING: There will be no quilting this Wed. Feb. 14, please join us on Wed. Feb. 21

WE BEGIN THE LENTEN SEASON with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. Join us each Wednesday during Lent as we focus on the price our Lord paid for our salvation. Services will be at 7:00 PM with a meal preceding at 5:30 PM and Bible Study immediately following the Service at 8:00 PM. If you or your organization are interested in hosting a Lenten meal, please contact Lucky LaMeer, who will be coordinating the meals. The only date remaining open is Feb. 28.

ABOUT THE COVER: Our Lord brings healing to the blind man of Jericho. The blind man believed in the promise and the mercy of the Messiah and cried out to Jesus in faith and trust.

