

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*310 West Main Street*

*Saxonburg, PA*

*724-352-2333*

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**PRELUDE**    *When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)*  
-- Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice;  
but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

L:        Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:        Amen**

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.

*Please kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

L: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)*

## GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

L: A reading from chapter 60 of the book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

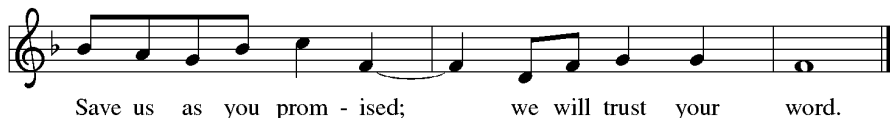
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: John 1: 1-14**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter one.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)*

## **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he 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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

8:15 *Oracion (Prayer) -- Gregory Hamilton*  
10:45 *Father, Lift Me Up*  
*Soloist, Rachel Steiner*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray.  
C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L; Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

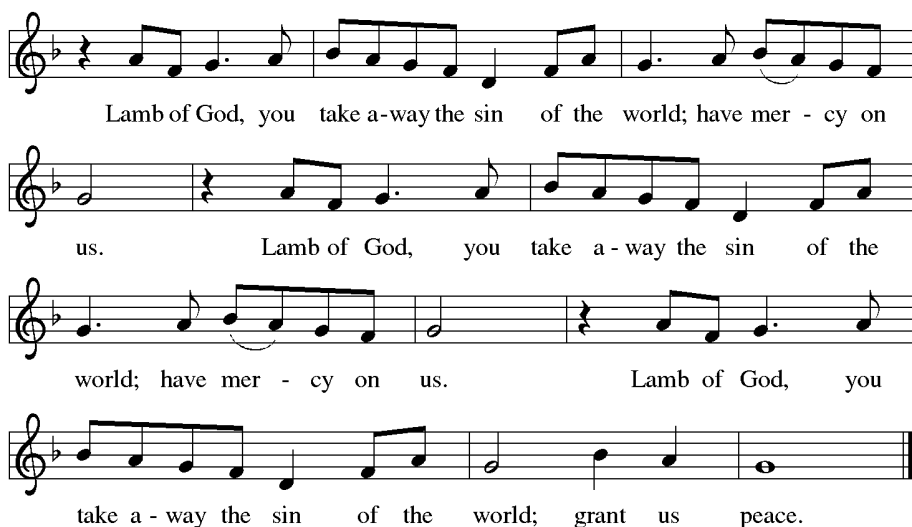
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L:     Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C:     Amen

## **COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN *When Peace Like a River* (ELW 785)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**L:** Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### BLESSING

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)**

**EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES AND CHIMES**

**DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*  
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**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

1 Corinthians 13: 1-7, Mark 1: 9-22

**WELCOME!**

*Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.  
Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and  
place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.  
Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an  
appointment.*

Attendance on Sunday, February 11, 2018

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|---------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:15    | 36  | St. Luke's Lutheran Church                                                       |
| 9:30    | 49  | 310 West Main Street                                                             |
| 10:45   | 52  | Saxonburg, PA 16056                                                              |
| Nursery | 2   | 724-352-2333                                                                     |
| Total   | 139 | <a href="mailto:stlukechurch@consolidated.net">stlukechurch@consolidated.net</a> |

## THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

|                       | 8:15 Service                        | 10:45 Service                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ACOLYTES              | Alex Kadunce and<br>Alex Olczak     | Cole Edwards and<br>Rachel Steiner  |
| ALTAR GUILD           | Shannon Miller and<br>Ruth Richards | Helen McLafferty and<br>Jackie Bice |
| BREAD BAKER           | Jackie Bice                         |                                     |
| ASSISTING<br>MINISTER | Dave Fugate                         |                                     |
| GREETERS              | Dave and Judy<br>Gundlach           | Jeff and Jenny Hartzell             |
| USHERS                | Kathy McRandal<br>and Ruth Markwell | Mike and Cristie<br>Crytzer         |
| OFFERING<br>COUNTERS  | Jeff Hartzell and Bill Gordon       |                                     |

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God's Love Made Manifest; For and By Us**



**Wednesdays**

**Time for all services: noon and 7 p.m.**

**February 21**

**Location:** Jefferson Center Presbyterian Church

**Speaker:** Rev. Rob Wilson of Zion United Methodist Church

**February 28**

**Location:** St. Luke's , Main Street, Saxonburg

**Speaker:** Father Mark Pattock of St. Joseph Catholic Church

*Join for a blessing for the final stretch of construction of the new worship center  
at St. Paul's, Sarver and Pizza Party at ABBA's House*

**March 7**

**Location:** Zion United Methodist Church

**438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver**

**Speaker:** Rev. Shawn Smith of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**March 14**

**Location:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 315 Stoney Hollow Road

**Speaker:** Rev. Kerry Doyal of Christ Community Fellowship

**March 21**

**Location:** St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**310 West Main Street, Saxonburg**

**Speaker:** Rev. Robin Swinsburg of Westminster Presbyterian

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