## My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



## Welcome! Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave 8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street 11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Preparation for Worship:

Read Psalm 68 front of hymnal p. 137 The Hymns: 761, 759, 441:1-2, 289, 50

Personal Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast given us Thy holy Word as a bright light in the darkness of this present world, and we humbly pray Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to heed diligently the light of the Word, so that Thy Son, with divine grace, may enter our hearts, and as the true Light continually shine until we reach our heavenly goal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

## First Hymn 761

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands) **PASTOR** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **CONGR. (sing)** *Amen.* 

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness. **PASTOR** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

## CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

**PASTOR** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

## CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**PASTOR** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to

# Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. CONGR. (sing) **Amen.** (congregation is seated)

## <u>THE INTROIT</u>

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.

- P: Awake, why does it seem as though You sleep, O Lord?
- C: Arise, and do not cast us off forever.
- P: Our soul is bowed down to the dust:
- C: Arise for our help and redeem us.
- P: We have heard with our ears, O God:
- C: Our fathers have told us what great works You have done in their day.

#### THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### <u>THE KYRIE</u>

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## <u>THE GLORIA</u>

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing) God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sovereign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

#### THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you. CONGR. (sing) *And with thy spirit.* 

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer. **PASTOR** Let us pray. **CONGR. (sing)** *Amen.* 

## THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

## The Old Testament Reading:

Hosea 2:14-16, 19-20 "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. 15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. 16 "In that day," declares the LORD, "you will call Me 'My Husband'; you will no longer call Me 'My Master.' 19 I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. 20 I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

## THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

- P: Let the nations know that Your name is Jehovah:
- C: You alone are the Most High over all the earth.
- P: You, O Lord, have made the earth to tremble and have broken it:
- C: Heal its branches, for it does shake. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: That your beloved may be delivered:
- C: Save with Your right hand. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from 2 Corinthians chapter 3, beginning there in the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.
CONGR. (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

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PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading. CONGR. (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!** 

Congregation stands for:

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 759

#### <u>THE SERMON</u>

Mark 2:18-22 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. 20 "But the days will come when the

bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. 21 "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. 22 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

"ONE OF THESE THINGS JUST DOESN'T BELONG HERE" 1)Drummed-up sorrow doesn't belong with Christian joy, and 2)Pharisaic legalism doesn't belong with Gospel freedom.

## THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit. (Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)

> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

#### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2: We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (AII)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 289

Congregation stands for:

#### THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

**PASTOR** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn 50

\*\*\* Silent Prayer \*\*\*



"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

#### THE TOUR CHOIR OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

is scheduled to give a concert of praise to God on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm at St. John's in Clarkston. They plan on staying then night in Clarkston, so if anyone can help to house the 30 plus students, please sign up at the bulletin board or speak with the pastor. A free will offering will be taken during the concert to help defray traveling costs. Advance offerings may also be given in the collection plate (please mark "Tour Choir") or in the donation box in the back of the church.

#### ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

#### **Potluck next Sunday!**

**Altar Flowers:** There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

**Pre-service Goodies:** If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen. **Church Cleaning:** If you are able to help clean the church, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you!

**ILC SUMMER CAMP: COMING SOON** Summer is around the corner and you know what that means, so is Camp! We have already been preparing for months and are very excited to get things rolling!

Camp dates are June 19-25 for campers going into grades 5th-9th. The cost for camp will be \$100. We are also running our Pre-camper program again, for children ages 5-9 and will be half-a-day in the mornings. Camp will be headed up by Joelle Noeldner, Tom Naumann, and Jessica Ohlmann. We feel truly blessed to be given the opportunity to care for your child(ren) and nourish them in His Word. We have full confidence that God has given us the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts needed to run this camp safely and smoothly. Thank you for your trust. We hope to see you and your child(ren) soon! Camp website: <u>http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net/</u>. Registration will open March 11th. We can't wait to hear from you!

**CLC NEWS** Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Schaller, Dowagiac MI. <> The Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia IL. <> On Saturday, March 19, the Northwest Women's Retreat will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane. <> The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI, Friday through Sunday, March 11-13, 2011. Info: <u>http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney</u>. <> Youth Conference 2011, sponsored by Immanuel of Mankato MN, is to be held August 2-6 in Ellington, MO. It is open to 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and older (generally, through the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of College). <> Via his blog, Pastor Mike Gurath has been sending back some very encouraging reports, pictures, and videos from Kenya, Africa: <u>http://emmausmilimanimission.tumblr.com/</u>

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved." Psalms 55:22

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## The Old Testament Reading for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany <u>Hosea 2:14-16, 19-20</u>

In these verses the LORD illustrates His incredible love and grace toward us by using the picture of marriage. His righteousness, and justice and failthfulness will keep us together with Him for all eternity. We read...

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The Apostle Paul here rejoices over the Gospel's evident work in the lives and hearts of believers. Given by the Holy Spirit, Faith in the New Covenant clings to Christ and gives us eternal life. The Old Covenant, the letter of the Law, gives death. We read...