



John 3:16

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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Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

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8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School

Members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession – CLC

**Welcome!**

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2011

**Preparation for Worship:** Psalm 47 front of hymnal p. 134  
The Hymns: 159, 245, 143, 297:1

*Prayer: Blessed Redeemer, grant Thy blessing to us during this Lenten season. Let us see the pains of body and agony of soul that were Thine, and help us to realize that our sins were also responsible for them. May we always behold Thee as our Substitute, Who bore the burden of our sin and guilt perfectly, so that we now stand pure and sinless in God's holy eyes. Hear us, for Thy love's sake. Amen.*

**Opening Prayer**

**First Hymn 159**

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)*

### THE INTROIT

*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: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her:

C: **All you who love her.**

P: Rejoice for joy with her:

C: **All you who mourn for her.**

P: I was glad when they said to me:

C: **Let us go into the house of the Lord.**

### 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.**

### THE KYRIE

*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.**

### THE GLORIA

*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:

Numbers 21:4-9 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

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: I was glad when they said to me:

C: **Let us go into the house of the Lord.**

P: Peace be within your walls:

C: **And prosperity within your palaces.**

P: Those who trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion:

C: **Which cannot be removed, but abides forever.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem:

C: **So the Lord is round about His people from this time on, even forevermore. Hallelujah!**

CONGR. (sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading is from Ephesians chapter 2, beginning there in the 4<sup>th</sup> verse.

**CONGR. (sing) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!***

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**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 245

THE SERMON

John 3:14-21 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Theme: "THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE"

- I. Take comfort in it
- II. Build your life upon it

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 788:1:*

***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.  
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.***

## THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

**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 143**

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 297:1**

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

# Announcements

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

**NEW FRONT DOOR AT PEACE** Many thanks to Ernie Tuning for installation of a new church door. This wider door and a proposed ramp will enable handicap access to our church. An additional light was also installed above the organ Thanks Ernie!

**NEW WEBSITES** Attractive websites of both congregations are now online. Recent bulletins and audio sermons are now available.

Peace Lutheran Church: <http://orofino.clclutheran.org>

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church: [www.clarkstonlutheran.org](http://www.clarkstonlutheran.org)

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** Our services continue with the theme PROFILES OF THE PASSION. St. John's is Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, Peace Lutheran is on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. With the LORD, we hope to see you there!

## **ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:**

### **Potluck dinner today!**

**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!

## **ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT**

(a retreat to strengthen and encourage those in their 20's and 30's)

**Thursday June 9th - Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> Camp JIM in Pillager, MN** (about 1 hour north of St. Cloud) Registration is open! 2011 info has been updated at [www.ariseandshineretreat.com](http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com). This year's theme is "The Struggle between Fear and Faith" based on Mark 9:24, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" This year scholarships are available due to the generosity of an anonymous retreat attendee. These scholarships are to help families, singles, students, those attending from afar - any attendee who needs the assistance in order to attend. It is to help those whom the registration fee would hinder from attending. To inquire about a scholarship, please email Alana at [alanaahrens@yahoo.com](mailto:alanaahrens@yahoo.com). Scholarships will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Check out the website and feel free to contact either Pastor Luke Bernthal or Alana Ahrens with any questions. Alana Ahrens: [alanaahrens@yahoo.com](mailto:alanaahrens@yahoo.com) 402.322.9064  
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**CLC NEWS** Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI called Carrie Reim to fill the position taught by Beth Sydow, who is retiring. The call is to teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade all day and add 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the afternoon. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, has called Anita Meyer, Fond du Lac WI, as its lower grade teacher. Sharon Schierenbeck is retiring from teaching at the end of this school year.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

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### **Old Testament Reading for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9**

In these verse we hear how the people sinned against God, and how they were dying because of it. God gives the cure, using it as a picture of the promised spiritual cure to come – the Messiah - Jesus Christ. We read...

### **New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:4-10**

The subject in these verses is GOD's grace, His mercy and love. Notice the Gospel – that is, everything described in these verses is God doing things for us. Not because of us, but rather because of His undeserved love and kindness for us. We read...