"This My son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!"



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave 8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study <u>www.orofinolutheran.org</u>

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street 11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class www.ClarkstonLutheran.org

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 125 (front of the hymnal p. 153) The Hymns: 374, 777, 313, 309

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

Opening Hymn 374

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



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.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



THE INTROIT

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

- P: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her:
- C: All you who love her.

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- 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 Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 12 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" 3 Therefore with joy you will draw water From

the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. 5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

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!



PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from 2 Corinthians chapter 4, beginning there in the 3rd verse.



New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Reading.



THE NICENE CREED We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22) I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 777

THE SERMON

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: "A certain man had two sons. 12 "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 "and I am no longer

worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. 25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 "So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

> THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS Some try to find it by running away from God (11-16) Some do find it through God's undeserved love (17-24)





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!

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 313

The Communion Liturgy continues with <u>THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE</u>

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.



PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS





THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always





THE DISTRIBUTION

<u>A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION:</u> All CLC churches practice "Close Communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.





PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



THE BENEDICTION

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



Closing Hymn 309

<u>Announcements</u>

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

WELCOME ...to all our guests who are sharing the Good News of the Gospel with us this morning. Please sign our guest register before leaving, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. Every Sunday you will find words of life and peace through Jesus Christ - and a warm welcome from fellow believers - here in God's house. We're saving a place for you!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE THIS WEEK Lenten theme: "See His Cross! Surprising Words From Our Savior's Passion." St. John's is having a "Soup Supper" beginning at 6:00 pm with worship service at 7:00 pm. Pastor Bob List Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane will be our guest speaker. Be sure to set aside these times of worship so that the blessings that God intends for you and your family at these midweek meditations upon the suffering and death of our Savior can be yours.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING today after service.

CAMP KOYQUIN 2012 Who: CLC members and friends entering grades 5 - 12! What: A week of fun and fellowship! When: June 13th - 19th, 2012! Where: Camp JIM, Pillager, MN http://www.campjim.org Why: Relationship building, study God's Word, meet some mentors, be a mentor, fellowship, and fun! How: By bus, plane, or car! See the website below for more information. How Much: Camp tuition is \$150 per camper if registered by May 31st. Registration is open now – do it soon – the camp fill fast. How Do I Register? Register online: www.koyquin.clclutheran.net/ Who's In Charge? Joelle Lentz,Tom Naumann, Jessica Ohlmann. For more details, check out the website.

Arise and Shine 20's-30's Conference 2012 - June 7-10, 2012 - Camp JIM -Pillager, MN (Brainerd area) – Please make plans to join us for this year's "Arise & Shine 20's-30's Conference." The theme for this year is "self" and is based on our theme passages from Matthew 16:21-26 (ESV): "...Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it..." and John 3:30 (NKJ): "He must increase; but I must decrease." For more info & to register go to our website: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com Costs: **\$125 per adult** (ages 7 and up), **\$50** (ages 4 – 6), FREE (ages 0-3). Child Care is provided at no additional cost to families. We ask that families attending the retreat register by May 18th to enable child care arrangements to be made. Questions: Feel free to contact: Pastor Luke Bernthal - Ibernthal@live.com 402.389.2147 -or- Alana Ahrens - alanaahrens@yahoo.com 402.322.9064

SAVE THE DAY! Post cards are available to help remind you and your loved ones about the 100th anniversary service for planned for Sunday May 27th, 2012. Please take as many as you need to help us get the word out! 1 Peter 2:5 You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

St. John's Ladies Aid meeting

March 11, 2012 10 present

Pastor Naumann opened the meeting with prayer. The Meeting was called to order by the president. The January minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows: Beginning balance \$580.60 Incoming \$60.00 Disbursements: \$105.00 Ending balance \$53.5.60

OLD BUSINESS

- Scrap Book is being organized
- Francis Weaver's Diary covering the early history of St. John's church will be on display at our 100th Anniversary Celebration
- New Address Book almost completed

PASTOR"S REPORT

- Invitations for our 100th year Celebration are being sent out, additional copies are available
- Invitation postcards were sent to four of the CLC congregations, two in Spokane, also Lynnwood and Ascension, in the Seattle area
- 100th Anniversary Committee meets Sunday, March 18th
- Baptismal Napkins are being embroidered by Ruth Lapsley with each child's name and a cross on them
- Cradle Roll has seven children listed, each received Christ –centered material and books

- A Thank you card from Joe Naumann for his birthday card
- Soup Supper each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M going well,
- Spring Cleaning is progressing ,Sue Martin has cleaned the woodwork, and Tile floors need to be done
- Two-10ft ladders are now available
- Ken Martin added a night light over the door on the north side of the sanctuary

April Events:

- Palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered
- Easter Lilies for the altar -four needed
- Easter Breakfast will be served by the men of the congregation
- Picture Frames for the last two Pastors photographs, were purchased by Sue Martin and will be added to the other photos on the wall
- April's Ladies Aid meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday

Meeting adjourned with Pastor leading us in singing the Doxology

Respectfully Submitted, Donna J Johnson

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The Old Testament Reading for 4th Sunday in Lent Isaiah 12: 1-6

The prophet Isaiah reminds us of the great happiness that comes from a faith that clings to the deep wells of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us praise His name, declare His salvation and call upon His great name together! We read...

New Reading Testament <u>1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25</u>

Paul reminds us here about the saving power which lies in the message of Christ crucified. This message my be a stumbling block to some and a foolishness to others, but to us who are called by faith, this message of the cross is His power unto salvation. We read...