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Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID 13946 1st Ave 8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study www.orofinolutheran.org

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT - OCULI

MARCH 11, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (front of the hymnal p. 134)

The Hymns: 149, 742, 148, 147

Prayer: Father of all mercy and God of all grace, we confess that by our sins we brought woe upon our Lord in His passion. For You sent Him to bear our guilt and remove our sins by His holy, precious blood and His bitter suffering and death. In this Lenten Season work true repentance in us, and strengthen us in the faith and knowledge of our blessed Redeemer. Let Calvary be the place of our Hope and Christ's Cross our faith in life and death. We ask it in our Savior's name. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - 149

The Invocation

Α

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:**



- men. 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.



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.



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: My eyes are always toward the Lord:
- C: For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- P: Turn to me and have mercy on me:
- C: For I am desolate and afflicted.
- P: Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:
- C: O my God, I trust in You; let me never be ashamed.





THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

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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: Arise, O Lord, and let not man prevail:
- C: Let the heathen be judged in Your sight.
- P: When my enemies are turned back:
- C: They shall fall and perish in Your presence. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: Unto You do I lift up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens:
- C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. Hallelujah!







The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.





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.

Hymn 742

THE SERMON

Luke 13:1-9 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 "Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

Theme: THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO A TERRIBLE DEATH I. Repentance is absolutely necessary (1-5) II. Repentance is still available (6-9)





A - men. 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.

<u>PRAYERS</u> - (Pastor) <u>THE LORD'S PRAYER</u> - (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.

<u>Hymn 148</u>

Congregation stands for:

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The Closing Hymn 147

<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 SERVICES The theme this year is "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. Peace Lutheran in Orofino has a 7:00 pm Thursday service. Be sure and set aside the time for these meditations upon the suffering and death of our Savior so that you may be filled with the riches of God!

ST. JOHNS Ladies Aid meeting following service today.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING next Sunday after service.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday at both congregations.

WOMEN'S INVITATION A gathering for fun, fellowship and inspiration. This Saturday, March 17th, 9 am to 3 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. Topic: "Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past". Afternoon topic: "Alzheimer's: Fiction, Prevention, & coping with the Disease." The cost of attending is \$10 to cover lunch and a study packet. All the women of Peace and St. John's are encouraged to consider attending this spiritually uplifting event. Please register by March 13. More information and registration forms are available in the back of church.

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: <u>www.koyquin.clclutheran.net/</u> Who's In Charge? Joelle Lentz,Tom Naumann, Jessica Ohlmann. For more details, check out the website.

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.



WORK AT ST. JOHN'S Many thanks to all involved in maintence upgrades to the church building. Among other things this past week, Ken rebuilt several new threshholds and Marvin graded the parking lot. Though done to the LORD's glory, we are grateful for their labors. Also, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church with a list of projects that need to be done.

"Therefore... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31

CLC NEWS <> Teacher Anita Meyer, Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI, has returned the call to teach kindergarten and lower grades at Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC. <> Teacher Amy Osborne has accepted the call to teach half-time at Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

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Old Testament Reading for 3rd Sunday in Lent <u>Exodus 3:1-8</u>

In these verses God assures Moses and us that He has heard our cries for help. Help from the slavery of Egypt, yes, but the bigger picture is the help He sends in His Son Jesus Christ who delivers us from the slavery of sin. We read...

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

In these verses Paul reminds us that Israel, even while on the way to the promised Land of Canaan, was still in danger. Many fell into sin, displeased God and perished on the way. There is a warning in this for us. Our salvation in Christ is assured. But by our own disobedience to God we too can fall and lose our eternal inheritance in Christ. We read...