

First
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 1, 2009

8:15 & 10:30 Worship Services

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Setting One – 8:15 & 10:30 (ELW)

INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

PRELUDE (8:15) *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

settings by J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)

PRELUDE (10:30) *That Priceless Grace*

setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive 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.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 *Oh, Love, How Deep* (stz. 1-4, & 7) **ELW 322** (*Red Hymnal*)

GREETING

P 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.

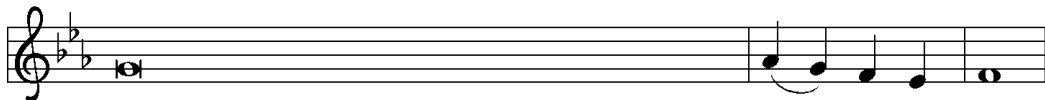
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



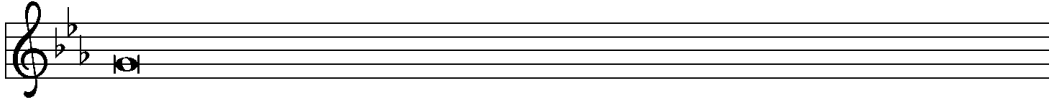
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



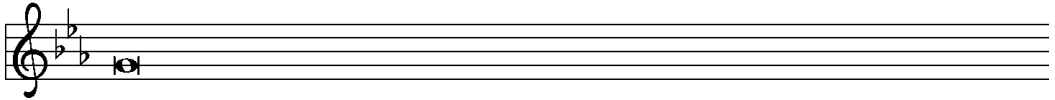
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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 *Genesis 9:8–17*

A A reading from Genesis chapter nine.

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 Peter 3:18–22*

A A reading from 1 Peter chapter three.

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

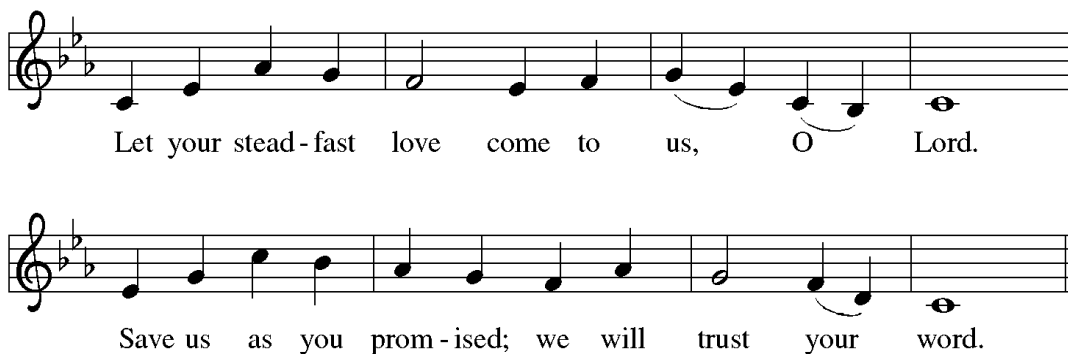
¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a

proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- A** The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL *Mark 1:9–15*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“JESUS VERSUS WILD BEASTS”

Text: *Mark 1:9–15*

APOSTLES’ CREED

**C 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

A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Almighty God, remember the covenant you have established with your people. Preserve us by your mercy, and lead us to live mercifully with others. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Pour out the gift of water for all of your creation. Provide clean water for those who lack it, curb the use of those who waste it, and guide the efforts of those who seek to conserve it. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Extend your gift of renewal to all nations. Where leaders exert overwhelming power and where militaries exert unjust might, deliver your sheltering peace to people who live in fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Deliver your gift of healing to all who suffer. Make well those who are ill, and those who struggle with brokenness whole (*especially*). Renew them with your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Deliver your gift of healing to all who suffer. Make well those who are ill, and those who struggle with brokenness whole (*especially*). Renew them with your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Giving thanks for the gifts of all the saints (*especially George Herbert*), may our faith be enlivened by their music, visual arts, and written words. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY (8:15) *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

setting by F. Zachau

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30) *Give Me Jesus*

African American Spiritual

OFFERTORY HYMN *Now Behold the lamb*

ELW 341 (*Red Hymnal*)

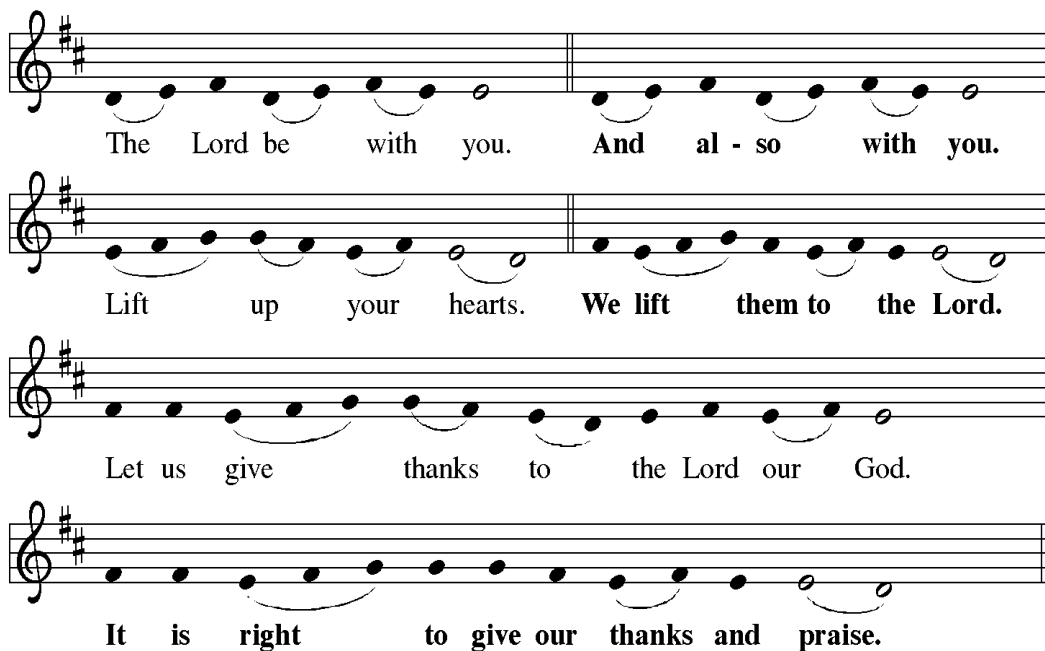
THE PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE (*Spoken by the Pastor*)

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

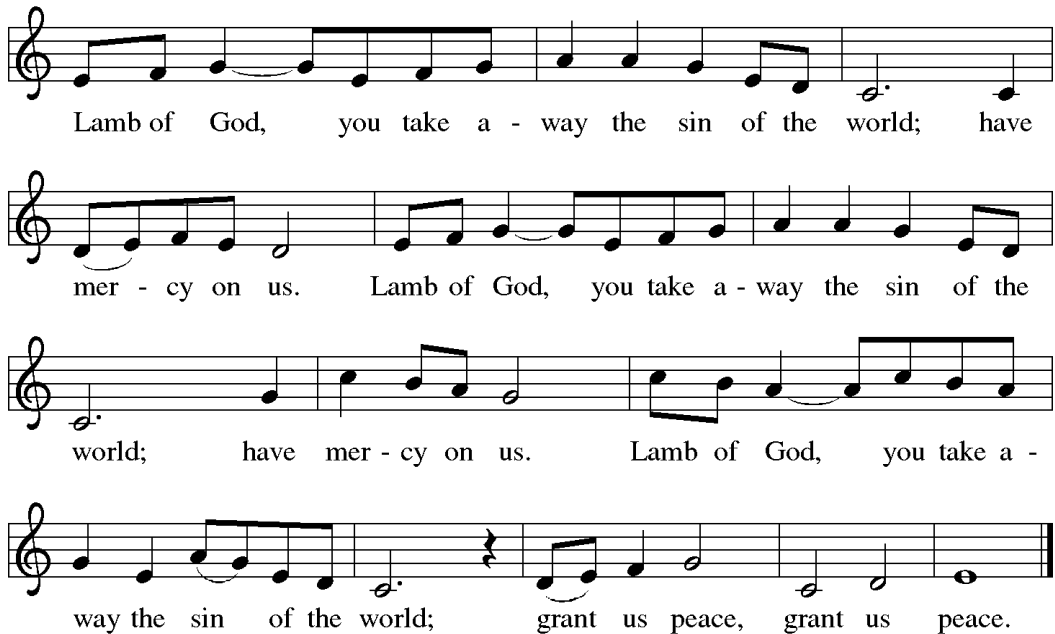
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

A The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *(Sing Twice)*



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*That Priceless Grace
Thy Holy Wings*

ELW 591 *(Red Hymnal)*

ELW 613 *(Red Hymnal)*

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

A Let us pray.

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618 (*Red Hymnal*)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (8:15) *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* setting by J. Kimball

(10:30) *God of Grace* setting by Paul Manz

We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel **welcome** in the Lord's house. Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship.

The **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of our son, Thomas Edward Hentze from his parents Laureen and Robert Hentz and family.

Please remember in your prayers: Pat DeBoard, Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Eloise Bryan, Kay Cottle, Roy Durnwirth, Carl Gant, Judy Gantt, Bill Griggs, Kermit Hiller, Marine 1st. Lt. Sundri Khalsa, Buddy Kircus, David McLawhorn, David Millspaugh, Estelle & Mel Petersen, Mary Raum, LaVonne Rhue, Dan Voelkert, Zach Wilson. The family of Lamar Briner. (*Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.*)

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of March please bring dried canned vegetables & meats (tuna, salmon, etc.).

The **2008 Annual Report** is now available. Pick up your copies in the narthex or outside of the church office.

2009 Lenten Devotionals provided by the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. are available in the narthex and outside of the church office.

Today's prelude, "That Priceless Grace," is our first communion hymn today (ELW 591). It will be the first communion hymn throughout the Lenten season.

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA - will continue on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. when the Cathedral Brass present a concert here in our sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected, and the concert will feature both sacred and secular music. Invite your friends! A reception will follow the concert. Mark your calendar; make plans to attend! Call or see Joy Rust if you wish to place a poster in your workplace to advertise the concert.

The Downtown Community Lenten Services will begin this coming Tuesday, March 3, at Ebenezer United Church of Christ located at 734 Apple Street in Burlington. The Reverend Alan Sasser of Davis Street Methodist Church will be the speaker. Worship begins at noon followed by a light lunch at the church. Cost for the lunch is \$3.00. A special offering will also be collected for Allied Churches Ministries. Macedonia will be the host on Tuesday, March 10.

Have a suggestion or question about the ministries, programs, or facilities here at Macedonia? We take your feedback seriously and have placed a new **Suggestion Box** in the Narthex near the entrance to the Sanctuary. The box is checked frequently and only by our Congregational President. Every suggestion received is reviewed by the Executive Committee. If you provide your name and contact information, we will notify you within one week that we've received your suggestion. We will contact you again with a status report following the next monthly Council meeting. Quarterly, we will review all suggestions and questions to ensure that we've taken appropriate action where warranted.

The **Alamance Chorale** will present "**We're a Little Bit Country**". The dinner show is a blend of Country, Western and Patriotic. Performances will be held at Front Street United Methodist Church on Friday, March 6 and again on Saturday, March 7. For more information contact Sharon Walker, Debbie Riggs or Yoko Moore.

"PRAYER SHAWL NEWS: I hope everyone has been working on their prayer shawl projects. It is almost time for our next meeting. Winter is almost over but that doesn't mean that we have to put our knitting down. The next meeting is March 10th at 7pm at the church. We need everyones help. Please plan to attend and bring all your friends and family. We will discuss plans for the near future, share stories and patterns and most of all engage in fellowship. We welcome all who have an interest in knitting and crocheting. A tentative date for our workshop is Saturday April 4th from 10am to 12noon. I will be looking for people knowledgeable in knitting and crocheting to help teach those who want to learn. Please offer your services for this worthwhile ministry. Call Sandee Jackson at 329-8388 if you are willing to help."

HANDICAP RAMP MINISTRY - We want to start a new ministry here at Macedonia. We would build handicap ramps for those in need. You must be at least 18 years old. If interested sign up sheet is by Pastor's office or call the church office. We need 10 - 15 people to get started. We have nine signed up so far!

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITY CLUB (YAAC) Bingo Party and Chili Supper with Desserts. Saturday, March 14th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Luther Hall. The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Chili Supper with Desserts for adults with developmental disabilities. Over 100 folks usually attend our YAAC events, and have a WONDERFUL time of fun, food, and fellowship. Volunteers are encouraged to come help prepare and serve the meal, as well as assist our guests with Bingo. For further information call Ned Thigpen - 229-4862, Barbara Lilienthal - 229-0188 or Leah Bass - 584-0266. If anyone would like to donate items as prizes to be given away please let us know.

TWIN LAKES AUXILIARY NEWS: Mark your calendars - On Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, 2009, the Twin Lakes Auxiliary will be holding an Estate and Tag Sale, formerly known as a Yard Sale, in the Gathering Room in the Wellness Center. Please note new hours, also. The hours will be: Noon to 8 pm Friday and 7:30 - 1 pm Saturday - everyone is invited to shop. There will be lots of bargains. Twin Lakes Auxiliary appreciates your support.

Attention Macedonians!!! We have a great opportunity to serve the community while it is being served by others. During the week of March 8 - 14, Habitat for Humanity will host a group of 12 college students from the State University of New York Cortland. These students will spend their Spring Break here building a Habitat house for our community. Twin Lakes has again agreed to house them. Macedonia is to provide the breakfast food. (They want one group to do this). They are not asking for anything fancy ... cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, bagels, cream cheese, jelly, fruit, milk, coffee, etc. When you go shopping in the next few weeks, please think about this and buy an extra box of cereal or a jar of jelly. If you want to provide a perishable item, please let Barbara Lilienthal know (229-0188). All items unused when the students leave will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. There will be a breakfast food collection box in the Narthex for these items.

YOUTH BEACH RETREAT POLAR PLUNGE - Calling all Youth Grades 6-12 to mark your calendars for the annual Beach Retreat. We will be going to the Kure Beach Retreat the weekend of April 4th - 5th. If you are interested please let Greg Myers know as soon as possible so we can finalize our reservations. We are also looking for parents to volunteer to drive, chaperone, and assist in preparing meals. Final cost per youth should not exceed \$45.00. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

The **CHANCEL CHOIR** will present "Covenant of Grace," a Holy Week Tenebrae Cantata, on Good Friday, April 10, 2009. If anyone would like to join us to sing the cantata, please join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Each Wednesday we will rehearse the cantata first, so if you only want to sing for Good Friday you do not have to remain for the rest of choir rehearsal.

MUSIC WEEK AT LUTHERIDGE, one of our ELCA camps, is July 12-18. Sylvia and Joy have attended the past two summers, and are looking forward to attending again this summer. We are hoping that some of you may be able to join us. Activities are available for all ages (they even have a nursery)! We are hopeful that we will be able to offer a partial scholarship to those who may want to attend. So check your availability, and let Debbie Riggs or the church office know by March 1 if you are able to participate. To check it out, visit this website: <http://www.llmi.net/youth/MusicWeek.aspx>

Offerings: (2/22) General: \$ 5,168.69 Capital: 178.00

Pew Torches: \$5,795.00 **(Goal is \$8,400.00)**

Hymns For Healing CD: \$3,660.00 The Gift Goes On CD: \$2,686.00

Sunday Attendance (2/22) SS: 70 (8:15): 66 (10:30): 175

Strove Tuesday: 80 Ash Wednesday: 85



If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies for the beautification of our Sanctuary, Nave and Narthex for Easter Day services, you may do so either in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. Please cut out this form, fill out the appropriate information, include your payment and put everything in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate. Payment must accompany order, made payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church and please mark that it is for Easter Lilies. **The deadline is Sunday, March 22, 2009.**

In honor of:

In memory of:

Total _____

By: _____

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today**
- 8:00 Circle #6
 - 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - Noon National Youth Gathering Bible Study
 - **4:00 Musical Moments - Cathedral Brass**
 - 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:30 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 - 6:00 Youth Meeting
 - 6:30 Crossways II, #49
- Monday**
- 4:00 Crossways I, #18
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts
 - 7:00 Evangelism Committee
 - 7:30 Executive Committee
- Tuesday**
- 9:30 Circle #1
 - 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
 - 5:15 Melody Choir
 - 5:30 Cherub Choir
 - 7:00 Social Ministry Committee
- Wednesday**
- 9:30 Circle #3
 - 5:30 BS District Committee
 - 5:45 **Lenten Supper** (Johnsons)
 - 6:45 **Lenten Vespers**
 - 6:30 Worship & Music Committee
 - 7:30 Chancel Choir
- Thursday**
- 5:15 Master Planning CF III
 - 6:00 Men In Mission (Mayflower Restaurant)
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts District Roundtable
- Sunday (3/08)**
- WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Girl Scout Sunday
 - NOON National Youth Gathering Bible Study
(Meal-Menz Family)
- NIGHT SHELTER - Girl Scout Brownie Troop 443
(2:00 - 7:00 Preparing Meal in Kitchen)
- 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:30 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 - 6:00 Youth Meeting
 - 6:30 Crossways II, #50

LIVE AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE



In baptism, God makes a covenant with us. We promise to live among God's faithful people; hear the word of God and share in the supper; proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Many churches today make use of the season of Lent as a time for baptismal preparation and renewal. Pastors or other leaders teach the Christian faith to those who are new to it. Lent is a time for all Christians to be renewed in baptism. In these Lenten devotions, we will focus on one part of the baptismal covenant each week, as we remember God's grace poured out in the waters of the font and as we journey with those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Live among God's faithful people. After a person is baptized, the pastor lays hands on him or her, making the sign of the cross on the forehead, and then, at least at some churches, the newly baptized infant, child, or adult is introduced with words like, "This is our newest brother or sister in Christ." The assembly responds, "We welcome you into the Lord's family...." There are usually lots of smiles, some clapping, and much joy. The assembly shares in God's declaration to Jesus after his baptism, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). We say to each newly baptized person: "We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share." We take responsibility for sharing life in the body of Christ with them. Living with God's faithful people means that we are beloved by God and by those who share with us in the body of Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 1, 2009

First Sunday of Lent

Monday	Psalm 77, Job 4:1-21, Ephesians 2:1-10
Tuesday	Psalm 77, Job 5:8-27, 1 Peter 3:8-18a
Wednesday	Psalm 77, Proverbs 30:1-9, Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday	Psalm 22:23-31, Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18, Romans 3:21-31
Friday	Psalm 22:23-31, Genesis 16:1-6, Romans 4:1-12
Saturday	Psalm 22:23-31, Genesis 16:7-15, Mark 8:27-30
Sunday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

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Director of Church Music.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Kyle Rippenhagen
Acolytes.....	Rachel Spencer, Kari Spencer
Lay Reader.....	(8:15) Sandee Jackson.....(10:30) Marinelle Peery
Communion Preparer.....	Dan Voelkert
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Greg Myers.....(10:30) Colleen Macklin
Greeters.....	Danielle Baker, Ellen Greeson, Kermit & Beverly Hiller
Nursery Attendants.....	Julie Russell, Paige Claypool
Ushers.....	Don Matkins - Chief
.....	Jim Graves, Ass't, Fred Black, Robert Miller
.....	Grover Moore,, Pat Murphy, Bryan Pennington, Wayne Bozeman
Sound System.....	Kristin Spencer
Dust Covers.....	Beverly Hiller, Kermit Hiller

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