

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

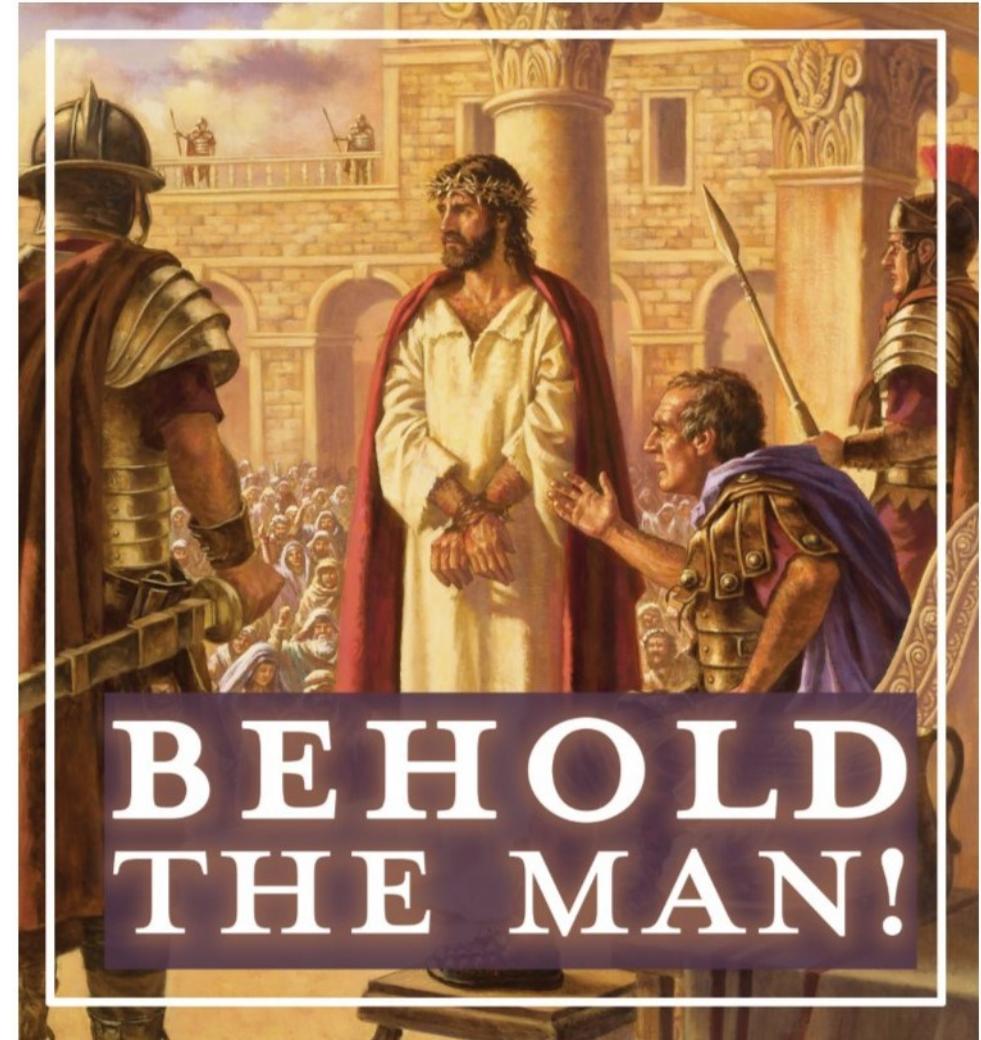
SATURDAY: Worship/Communion5:30pm
SUNDAY: Worship/Communion9:00am
Fellowship/Refreshments10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
MONDAY: Quilters9:00am
Altar Guild5:30pm
TUESDAY: Pastor Circuit Immanuel, Williamsburg
Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
His Too Class3:00pm
Elders meeting7:00pm
WEDNESDAY: Meal being served by LYF.....5:00pm
Mid-week 3rd-6th grade 5:00pm
Worship service6:30pm
Confirmation 7th -8th grade..... 7:30pm
THURSDAY: One Accord6:30pm
NEXT SAT: Worship..... 5:30pm
SUNDAY: Worship..... 9:00am
Fellowship 10:00am

The Lutheran Hour March 17 "**Ba-a-ah**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as "sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82). How does that work? (John 10) On WGN-720AM at **6am**, WMT 600AM at **6:30 am**, WHO-1040AM at **7:30 am**, or XM's Family Talk Radio XM170 at **noon**.

Attendance Last Week:

Saturday — 67 Sunday — 146 Total 213
Adult Bible Study — Sunday School — His Too Class —
Mid week grades 3-6 — 8 Confirmation grades 7-8 —
Home Purpose
Weekly Offering needed to meet the 2019 budget \$10,299.82

Lent 5 Midweek



A GOD WHO THIRSTS

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5
A GOD WHO THIRSTS
AS WE GATHER

“Behold the man!” was Pontius Pilate’s short, yet most profound, sermon. Our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday is to behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. Each time together, we are meditating on and proclaiming His real, bodily suffering and death as well as His physical resurrection. He knew all that real bodies experience; He suffered, wept, bled, ate, and hoped.

Today, we recall that the man Jesus said on the cross, “I thirst.” As a true man, He had become dehydrated, though earlier in His life He had used water to save a wedding, He had promised eternally thirst-quenching water to the woman at the well, and He had even walked on the water of the sea. But as true God, He had another thirst: not for Himself but for the salvation of all people.

As we move through this season of Lent, it will become increasingly clear why God became man: He lived this physical life in order to be nailed to a cross. Thereby, we are truly preparing for the celebration of His real, bodily, flesh-and-blood resurrection. Without that, our faith and our preaching are all in vain. God the Son became the embodied, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like us. What could be more profound? Behold the man, who has led the way for us through death to our own physical resurrection!

OPENING HYMN

“Behold the Man before You”

(See insert)

OPENING SENTENCES

☐ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

☩ **and the Word was God.** *John 1:1*

☐ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

☩ **and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.** *John 1:14*

☐ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,

☩ **He Himself likewise partook of the same things.** *Hebrews 2:14*

☐ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

☩ **He was manifested in the flesh,**

☐ vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,

☩ **believed on in the world, taken up in glory.** *1 Timothy 3:16*

☐ For I know that my Redeemer lives,

☩ **and at the last He will stand upon the earth.**

☐ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

☪ **yet in my flesh I shall see God.** *Job 19:25–26*

CONFESSION

☐ As we consider the true humanity of our Lord, let us confess our human failings.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

☐ In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “When you fast,”

☪ **but we have avoided physical discomfort and preferred less physical “spiritual” disciplines.**

☐ Jesus prayed, “I am praying for them,”

☪ **but we have spent more time praying for ourselves than interceding for others.**

☐ Jesus “was despised and rejected by men,”

☪ **but we have avoided opposition whenever possible.**

☐ Jesus' garments were stripped from Him,

☪ **but we have tried to hide our shame from God and one another.**

☐ Jesus provided for His mother, who gave Him life, even while on the cross,

☪ **but we have neglected the Church, who gives us news of eternal life.**

☐ Jesus, while dying to save us, admitted His physical need, saying, “I thirst,”

☪ **but we often make decisions based on our creature comforts instead of our faith.**

☐ Jesus loved His disciples to the end and washed their feet,

☪ **but too often we have served because it was expected, not out of love.**

☐ Jesus said of His life, “I lay it down of My own accord,”

☪ **but we have sought to save our own skins.**

☐ Jesus was buried and rested in the tomb,

☪ **but we have looked for ways to avoid even talking about death.**

☐ Jesus surprised everyone when He rose on Easter,

☪ **but we have failed to live as those who will also rise to live with Him forever.
Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

FORGIVENESS

☐ The man Jesus, the Word made flesh, endured hunger, rejection, shame, abuse, and death to pay for our sins and to open heaven to all who trust in His name. He physical-

ly rose and now gives us our daily bread, lets His kingdom come to us and through us, and moves us to do His will here on earth until we follow Him through death to eternity with Him. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ *(Philippians 1:6)*.

☩ **Amen.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 69:1–21, 29–36;
antiphon: v.29

☐ *At first, the psalmist seems to reflect the physical thirst that Jesus knew on the cross.*

**All: But I am afflicted and in pain;
let Your salvation, O God, set me on high!**

☐ Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.

☩ **I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;**

☐ I have come into deep waters,
☩ **and the flood sweeps over me.**

☐ I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.

☩ **My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**

☐ More in number than the hairs of my head
are those who hate me without cause;

☩ **mighty are those who would destroy me,
those who attack me with lies.**

☐ What I did not steal
must I now restore?

☩ **O God, You know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from You.**

☐ Let not those who hope in You be put to shame through me,
O Lord GOD of hosts;

☩ **let not those who seek You be brought to dishonor through me,
O God of Israel.**

☐ For it is for Your sake that I have borne reproach,
that dishonor has covered my face.

☩ **I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my mother's sons.**

Fellowship/Refreshments10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
Highland Ridge..... 2:30pm
TUESDAY: Tuesday morning Men’s and Women’s Bible Study.....9:00am
His Too Class3:00pm
LIS Board meeting7:30pm
WEDNESDAY: Confirmation 7th –8th grade.....6:30pm
THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday Service..... 6:30pm
Choir practice7:30pm
FRIDAY: No School
TRE–ORE here at St. Paul..... Noon—3:00pm
Good Friday Service..... 6:30pm
NEXT SAT: Easter Vigil/Communion..... 5:30pm
SUNDAY: Easter Sunrise Service/Communion.....6:00am
LYF serving breakfast between services
Easter Festival/Communion.....9:00am
Fellowship 10:00am

***The Lutheran Hour* April 21 "Cross in the Garden "Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation. (John 19:30-20:18) On WGN-720AM at 6am, WMT 600AM at 6:30 am, WHO-1040AM at 7:30 am, or XM’s Family Talk Radio XM170 at noon.**

April 10, 2019

- ☐ For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
 ☩ **and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**
- ☐ When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
 it became my reproach.
 ☩ **When I made sackcloth my clothing,
 I became a byword to them.**
- ☐ I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,
 ☩ **and the drunkards make songs about me.**
- ☐ But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD.
 ☩ **At an acceptable time, O God,
 in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faith-
 fulness.**
- ☐ Deliver me
 from sinking in the mire;
 ☩ **let me be delivered from my enemies
 and from the deep waters.**
- ☐ Let not the flood sweep over me,
 ☩ **or the deep swallow me up,
 or the pit close its mouth over me.**
- ☐ Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
 ☩ **according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.**
- ☐ Hide not Your face from Your servant,
 ☩ **for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.**
- ☐ Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
 ☩ **ransom me because of my enemies!**
- ☐ You know my reproach,
 ☩ **and my shame and my dishonor;
 my foes are all known to You.**
- ☐ Reproaches have broken my heart,
 ☩ **so that I am in despair.**
- ☐ I looked for pity, but there was none,
 ☩ **and for comforters, but I found none.**

☐ They gave me poison for food,
☩ **and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.**

☐ *But then His thirst turns to God's sure salvation.*

**All: But I am afflicted and in pain;
let Your salvation, O God, set me on high!**

☐ I will praise the name of God with a song;
☩ **I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

☐ This will please the LORD more than an ox
☩ **or a bull with horns and hoofs.**

☐ When the humble see it they will be glad;
☩ **you who seek God, let your hearts revive.**

☐ For the LORD hears the needy
☩ **and does not despise His own people who are prisoners.**

☐ Let heaven and earth praise Him,
☩ **the seas and everything that moves in them.**

☐ For God will save Zion
and build up the cities of Judah,
☩ **and people shall dwell there and possess it;**

☐ the offspring of His servants shall inherit it,
☩ **and those who love His name shall dwell in it.**

**All: But I am afflicted and in pain;
let Your salvation, O God, set me on high!**

READING

Psalm 22:12-18

(The psalm prophetically anticipates Jesus' thirst on the cross.)

- ¹² Many bulls encompass Me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at Me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within My breast;
- ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

HYMN

“Abide with Me”

LSB 878

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Guild is selling 56 Easter Lilies before and after the worship services. The cost is \$9.00 each. They have 18 left to sell. Stop by their table located in the fellowship hall and reserve one today. You can pick them up after the 9:00am Easter worship service on April 21st.

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted)

- Apr 10 - Verne Doehrmann 81, 1012 North St.
- Apr 10 - Fred Ogilvie 20, 100 Catlett Hall Room 1152, Iowa City 52242
- Apr 10 - Erik Schmidt 20, 2704 M Ave.
- Apr 11 - Truman Ramsey 1, 619 Good St., Dixon, IL 61022
- Apr 13 - Mark Grewe 60,154 Circle Dr.
- Apr 16 - Bryson Mumm 16, 2936 N. Drive, Parnell 52325
- Apr 16 - Isabella Davies 10, 3344 Liberty Rd, Apt. B, Hill AFB, UT 84056
- Apr 16 - Allen & Betty Haworth 59th, 1407 West Welsh St.
- Apr 17 - Joy Doehrmann 40, 115 East 15th, West Liberty 52776
- Apr 17 - Alex Garcia 60, 2943 325th St, PO Box 126, North English 52316
- Apr 17 - Kathryn Sitas 16, 104 East South St.
- Apr 17 - Wayne Wardenburg 82, 204 West St, Apt E2

Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for February. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

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**THURSDAY: LIS Spring Musical1:30pm,
7:00pm**

**SATURDAY: Worship/Communion.....
5:30pm**

**SUNDAY: Worship/Communion/Palm Sunday.....
9:00am**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

- Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- ☩ **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ⁽⁴¹⁰⁾
- ☩ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32
antiphon: liturgical text

- Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- ☩ **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every
people, a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- ☩ **Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.**

BENEDICTION

- The blessing of almighty God—the Father, who sent His Son into the flesh, the □ Son,
who lived a truly human life in our stead, and the Holy Spirit, who has given us faith to
trust our Savior—be upon you now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
you lay Me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
¹⁸ they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.

- O Lord, have mercy on us.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

READING

John 19:28–30

(Jesus cries out in thirst on the cross.)

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),
“I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour
wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour
wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

- O Lord, have mercy on us.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

1 John 2:1; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1

- We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- ☩ **He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ☩ **He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- ☩ **He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435

SERMON

“A God Who Thirsts”

OFFERING

CANTICLE

“Praise Be to Christ” *LSB* 538

SALUTATION

□ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

□ Let us use the experiences of the man Jesus as we pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

☩ *The man Jesus experienced severe hunger.*

□ For all who are denied basic food, clothing, or shelter, that God would provide whatever they need to support this body and life, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus prayed for His circle of friends and those who believed in Him.*

□ For the Body of Christ around the world, that God would protect and guide clergy and lay leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed freely and many may come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus was beaten, abused, and ridiculed.*

□ For all who are unjustly imprisoned, persecuted, and denied human rights, that God would strengthen them to remain strong under their circumstances until they find freedom, justice, and dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus was physically exposed on the cross.*

□ For all who try to hide their sins and failings, fearing God's wrath and people's scorn, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to know and trust the forgiveness Christ won for them, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus cared for His human mother.*

□ For all parents and children, especially those in fractured families and those dealing with daily turmoil, that our heavenly Father would surround them with caring friends and counselors to renew the love that they have lost, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus experienced thirst.*

□ For all whose lives are focused on relief from pain and suffering, from illness or addiction, [including . . .], that according to His gracious plans God would bring about healing, relief, and health to body and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus loved His followers to the end by serving even as their physical servant.*

□ For all who serve in homes and hospitals; all in armed forces deployed and in police, emergency, and fire departments at home; and all public servants in government, that God would protect, strengthen, and guide them for the good of the whole society, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus bled and died.*

□ For all who understand Jesus only as a moral teacher or example of pious living, that the Holy Spirit would open their hearts to see that Jesus' death is the reason He became man and to trust that in dying He did everything necessary for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus was buried.*

□ For all who fear death and all who are in mourning, that the Holy Spirit grant them faith to see the death of all who trust in Christ as a sleep from which they shall awaken, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ *The man Jesus physically rose triumphant over death.*

□ For all artists and musicians, poets and writers who express Christian hope and encourage our joyful celebrating, anticipating the day when faith gives way to sight, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

□ Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

PRAYER FROM SUNDAY

□ Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people

☩ **that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;**

□ through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L27)

☩ **Amen.**