

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

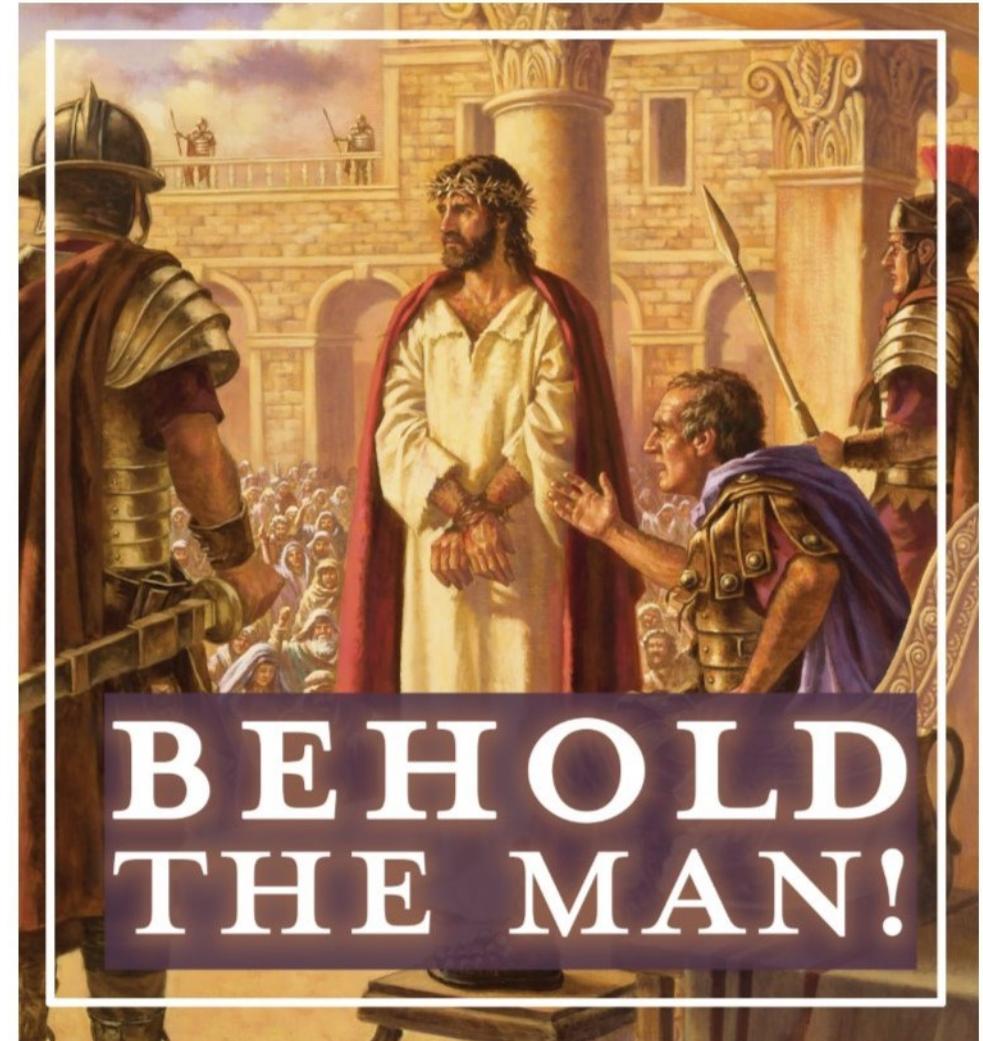
SATURDAY: Worship/Communion5:30pm
SUNDAY: Worship/Communion9:00am
Fellowship/Refreshments10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
MONDAY: Quilters9:00am
Altar Guild5:30pm
TUESDAY: Pastor Circuit Immanuel, Williamsburg
Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
His Too Class3:00pm
Elders 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 4 Midweek



A GOD WITH A MOTHER

MIDWEEK OF LENT 4

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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 had to be born and grow in the body of, and under the care of, His mother. But Mary is also His disciple, given to another, John, at the foot of the cross. And in our human relationships, we are all, parents and children, disciples of the man Jesus.

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 physically 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 71; antiphon: v. 6a

**All: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;
You are He who took me from my mother's womb.**

- In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

☩ **let me never be put to shame!**

- In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

☩ **incline Your ear to me, and save me!**

- Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;

☩ **You have given the command to save me,
for You are my rock and my fortress.**

- Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

☩ **from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

- For You, O Lord, are my hope,

☩ **my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

- Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;

☩ **You are He who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of You.**

- I have been as a portent to many,

☩ **but You are my strong refuge.**

- My mouth is filled with Your praise,

☩ **and with Your glory all the day.**

- Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

☩ **forsake me not when my strength is spent.**

.....10:15am

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The Lutheran Hour April 7 "**The Darkness Has Not Overcome It**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God works through the darkness to overcome the darkness. Even in history's darkest moment, the light is still shining. (John 12:37-50) 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**.

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- For my enemies speak concerning me;
those who watch for my life consult together
- ☞ **and say, “God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is none to deliver him.”**
- O God, be not far from me;
- ☞ **O my God, make haste to help me!**
- May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
- ☞ **with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who seek my hurt.**
- But I will hope continually
- ☞ **and will praise You yet more and more.**
- My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts,
of Your deeds of salvation all the day,
- ☞ **for their number is past my knowledge.**
- With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;
- ☞ **I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.**
- O God, from my youth You have taught me,
- ☞ **and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.**
- So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
- ☞ **until I proclaim Your might to another generation,
Your power to all those to come.**
- Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
- ☞ **You who have done great things,
O God, who is like You?**
- You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;
- ☞ **from the depths of the earth
You will bring me up again.**
- You will increase my greatness
- ☞ **and comfort me again.**

□ I will also praise You with the harp
for Your faithfulness, O my God;

☩ **I will sing praises to You with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.**

□ My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to You;

☩ **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

□ And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long,

☩ **for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.**

**All: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;
You are He who took me from my mother’s womb.**

READING

Isaiah 49:1–6

(God knew His Servant from before His birth.)

□ Isaiah writes as if he were God’s servant Israel, whom God chose while he was yet inside his mother. The Lord’s prophecy rings true for Jesus as well. A reading from the forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother He named my name.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of His hand He hid me;
He made me a polished arrow;
in His quiver He hid me away.
And He said to me,
“You are My servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
He who formed me from the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him;
and that Israel might be gathered to Him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
He says:

**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.**

HYMN

“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”

LSB 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

□ Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER FROM SUNDAY

- Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.
- ☩ **Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;**
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L26)
- ☩ **Amen.**

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.**

“It is too light a thing that you should be My servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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

READING

John 2:1–5; 19:25–27
(When His “hour” comes, Jesus cares for His mother.)

- During His earthly life, Jesus listened to His mother, and when His “last hour” came on the cross, He provided for her well-being. A reading from the second and nineteenth chapters of John.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” . . .

Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”
Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!”
And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

- 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 “For All the Faithful Women” *LSB* 855:1, 8, 3–4

SERMON “A God with a Mother”

OFFERING/Anthem You Are My All in All

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.**