

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

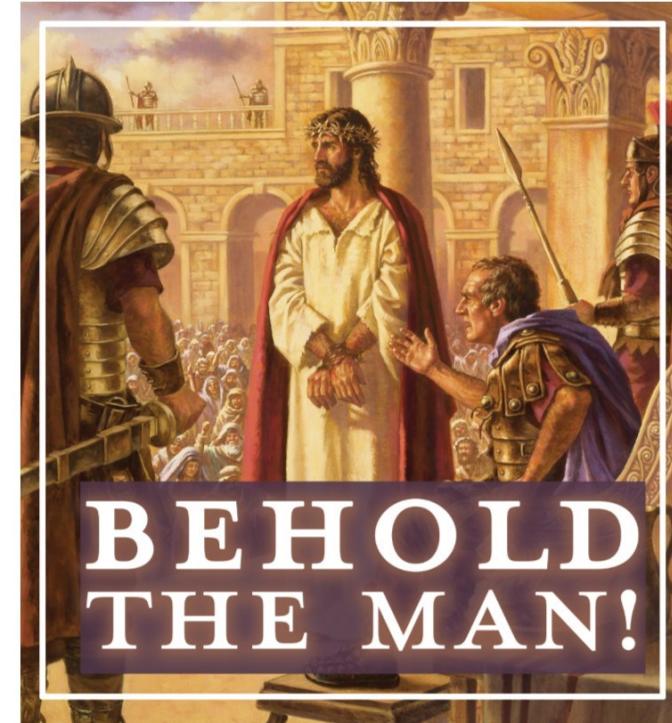
SATURDAY: Worship/Communion5:30pm
SUNDAY: Worship/Communion9:00am
Fellowship/Refreshments10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
MONDAY: Quilters9:00am
Altar Guild5:30pm
TUESDAY: Pastor Circuit Immanuel, Williamsburg
Tuesday morning Men’s and Women’s Bible Study.....9:00am
His Too Class3:00pm
Elders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

Lent 1 Midweek



A GOD WHO PRAYS

☪ **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 91; antiphon: v. 15

**All: When he calls to Me, I will answer him;
 I will be with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and honor him.**

- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

☩ **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

- For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

☩ **He will cover you with His pinions,
and under His wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

- You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

☩ **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

- A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

☩ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

- Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

☩ **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

- For He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
 Trinity, Conroy Soup Luncheon/Bazaar11:00-1:00pm
 St. Patrick's Day

MONDAY: Quilters9:00am
Blood Dr.3:30-6:30pm

TUESDAY: Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
His Too Class3:00pm
LIS Board...7:30pm

WEDNESDAY: Meal being served by Helen Ramsey, Mellissa Zuber.....5:00pm
Mid-week 3rd-6th grade 5:00pm
Worship service6:30pm
Confirmation 7th –8th grade..... 7:30pm
First Day of Spring

THURSDAY: One Accord6:30pm

FRIDAY: Lake County Lutheran High School Band 7:00pm

NEXT SAT: Worship/Communion.....5:30pm

SUNDAY: Worship/Communion..... 9:00am
Fellowship 10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am

The Lutheran Hour March 24 "**Death Doesn't End the Story**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Some accept death as the end; others, as a new beginning. Jesus turned death into a sign that points us to the Author of life. (John 11) 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 — Sunday — Total Ash Wednesday —
 Adult Bible Study — Sunday School — His Too Class
 Mid week grades 3-6 — Confirmation grades 7-8 —
 Home Purpose NA
 Weekly Offering needed to meet the 2019 budget \$10,299.82

- ☞ **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ☐ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- ☞ **“Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My name.**

All: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

- ☐ With long life I will satisfy him
- ☞ **and show him My salvation.”**

READING

Hebrews 7:20–28 (*Jesus is our great high priest.*)

- ☐ A reading from the seventh chapter of Hebrews.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to Him:

“The Lord has sworn
 and will not change his mind,
 ‘You are a priest forever.’”

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

READING

John 17:1–26 (Jesus prays for His disciples.)

□ In the upper room the night He was betrayed, Jesus prayed what has been called His High Priestly Prayer. In it, He prays for us, for those who have yet to come to faith, and for Himself. A reading from the seventeenth chapter of John.

□ He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

☩ **And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

□ I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

☩ **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.**

□ All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me,

☩ **that they may be one, even as We are one.**

□ While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

☩ **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.**

□ As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

☩ **I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word,**

□ that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them,

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Serving Wednesday March 13: Acolytes: Frannie Ogilvie; Altar Guild—Gloria Imhoff, Val Snyder; Elder—Corey Kuesel; Greeter—Darlene Read; Organist—Jean Grewe; Stewardship—Lyle Grimm; Head Ushers—Harvey Schwarting; Ushers—Volunteers.

Serving March 16 & 17 Acolytes: Sat: Braden Mumm, Ben Roberts; Sun: Brooklyn Kilgard, Landon Jepson; Altar Guild—Gloria Imhoff, Val Snyder; Elders—Sat: Douglas Rowe; Sun: Corey Kuesel; Greeters—Sat: Karol Lacher; Sun: Ted & Sandra Miller, Harlan & Joan Heitman; Organist—Sat/Sun: Karin Winwood; PA System—Ed Ficken; Sunday Refreshments—Greeters; Stewardship—Sun: Mike Ramsey, Carolyn Hopp, Dawn Doehrmann; Head Ushers—Sat: Harvey Schwarting, Don Hiner; Ushers—Sat: Volunteers; Head Ushers—Sun: Richard Schaefer, Gilbert Asbe; Ushers—Neil Hinrichsen, Robert Kozishek, Richard Schlesselman.

Service opportunity. St. Paul will be hosting a concert by the Concert Band of Lake Country Lutheran High School in Hartland, WI. We are looking for people who would be willing to host 2 or more band members following their concert on Friday, March 22. If you would be gracious enough to show hospitality to some of these students, please contact the church office. Thank you! We still need housing for 6 girls and 8 boys.

Women’s Guild will be making Chili and Chicken noodle soup for the Concert Band of Lake country Lutheran High School on March 22nd. The ladies are asking for donations of food. There is a sign up sheet on the west entrance bulletin board.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

SATURDAY: Worship
5:30pm

SUNDAY: Worship
9:00am

Fellowship/Refreshments
10:00am

☩ **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.**

HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

☩ **that they may be one even as We are one,**

☐ I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

☩ **Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am,**

☐ to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

☐ 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

“O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544:1–4

SERMON

“A God Who Prays”

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.

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **Lord, have mercy.**

OA 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.

u **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.

u **Amen.**

PRAYER FROM SUNDAY

- Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.

u **Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;**

- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L23)

u **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

- Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,