

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH & SERVICE

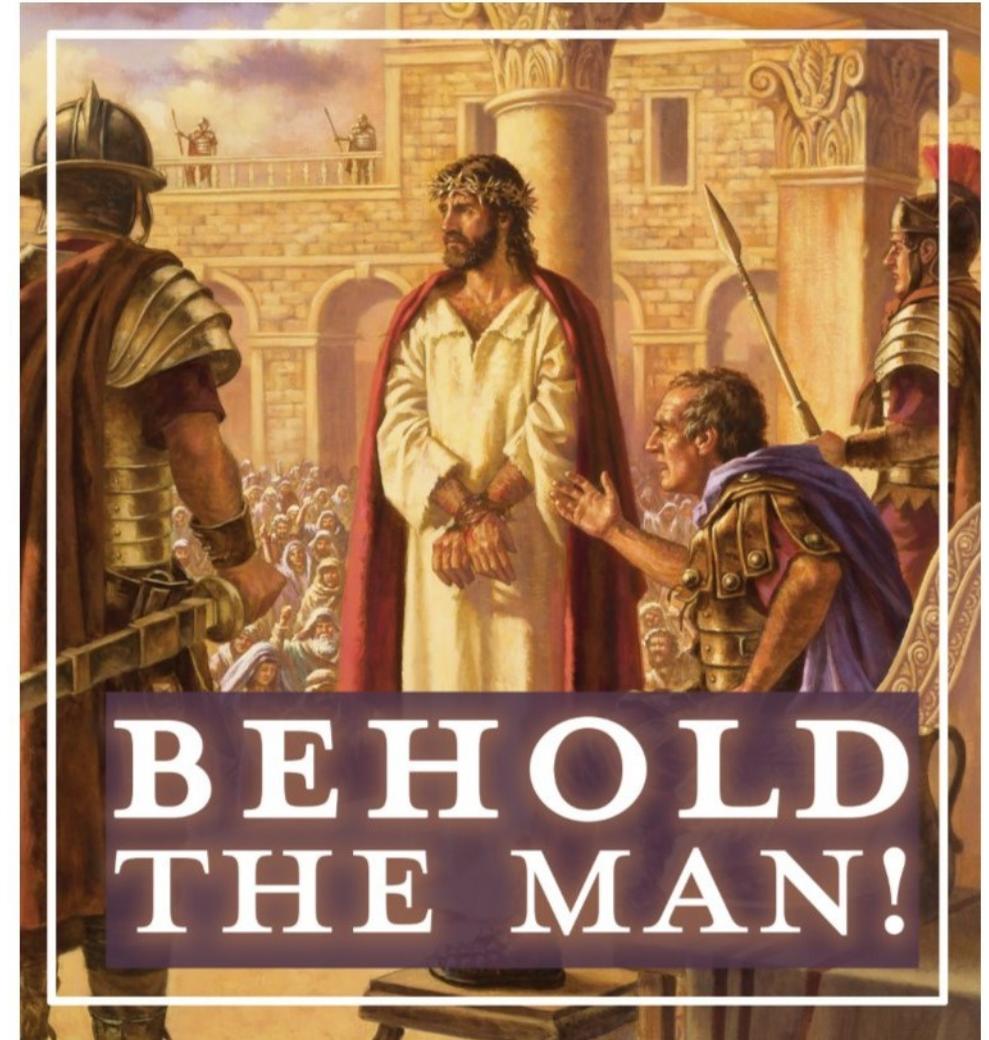
SATURDAY:	Worship/Communion	5:30pm
SUNDAY:	Worship/Communion	9:00am
	Fellowship/Refreshments	10:00am
	Bible Study/Sunday School	10:15am
MONDAY:	Quilters	9:00am
	Altar Guild	5:30pm
TUESDAY:	Pastor Circuit Immanuel, Williamsburg	
	Tuesday morning Men's and Women's Bible Study.....	9:00am
	His Too Class	3:00pm
	Elders meeting	7:00pm
WEDNESDAY:	Meal being served by LYF.....	5:00pm
	Mid-week 3rd-6th grade	5:00pm
	Worship service	6:30pm
	Confirmation 7th -8th grade.....	7:30pm
THURSDAY:	One Accord	6:30pm
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 3 Midweek



**BEHOLD
THE MAN!**

A GOD EXPOSED

MIDWEEK OF LENT 3

A GOD EXPOSED 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, after being clothed in mock royal robes, had His own garments taken from Him in order to shame Him. But, unlike every other human, He had nothing to hide. His clothes were taken from Him; but we are given the robe of His own righteousness!

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 32; antiphon: v. 1

**All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

- Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
☩ **and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

- For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

☩ **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

- I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

☩ **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

- Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

☩ **surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

- You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;

☩ **You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

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Fellowship 10:00am
Bible Study/Sunday School10:15am
5th Sunday potluck11:30am

The Lutheran Hour March 31 "**Life Worth Living**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (John 12:12-36) 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**.

March 27, 2019

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

☺ **I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

☺ **which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

☺ **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

☺ **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

READING

Genesis 3:7–21

(Adam and Eve cover themselves with fig leaves, but after pronouncing judgment, the Lord clothes them with durable garments.)

A reading from the third chapter of Genesis.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, *Where are you?*

Men: I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.

Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

Men: The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.

Then the LORD God said to the woman, *What is this that you have done?*

Women: The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

- The LORD God said to the serpent, *Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*

To the woman He said, *I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.*

And to Adam He said, *Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it," cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

- O Lord, have mercy on us.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

READING

John 19:1-5, 23-24

(Jesus is mocked in royal robes, then stripped of His own clothing.)

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" . . . ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things.

- 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.

- Apr 4 – Don & Jo Anne Doehrmann 55th, 107 East State St
- Apr 5 – Dorothy Schwartz 95, 100 Village View Circle, Apt. 211
- Apr 5 - Grayson Wardenburg 2, 2669 240th St.
- Apr 7 – Rhonett Wardenburg 50, 235 East Clark St., North English 52316
- Apr 9 - Kevin & Kay Garringer 25th, 2507 280th St.
- 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.

Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital

- Dairyl Faas, at St. Luke's Hospital 1026 A Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, 319-369-7211
- Christopher Doehrmann, 304 Taylor Dr., PO Box 557 Lone Tree 52755
- Roland Williams, 304 West Welsh Street St

Serving Wednesday March 27: **Acolytes:** Zach Glandort; **Altar Guild**—Gloria Imhoff, Val Snyder; **Elder**—Allan Schlesselman; **Greeter**—Karen Asbe; **Organist**—Peggy Wardenburg; **Stewardship**—Lyle Grimm; **Head Ushers**—Loren Timm, Richard Wichmann; **Ushers**—Volunteers.

Serving March 30 & 31 Acolytes: **Sat:** Brooklyn Kilgard, Katharyn Cox; **Sun:** Braden Mumm, Landon Jepson; **Altar Guild**—Gloria Imhoff, Val Snyder; **Elders**—**Sat:** Douglas Rowe; **Sun:** Corey Kuesel; **Greeters**—**Sat:** Jeannie Schwarting; **Sun:** Mallory Garringer, Howard & Donna Collingwood; **Organist**—**Sat/Sun:** Jean Grewe; **PA System**—Ed Ficken; **Sunday Refreshments**—Greeters; **Stewardship**—**Sun:** Kandi Gensley, Sandy Joseph, Will Stoltenberg; **Head Ushers**—**Sat:** Harvey Schwarting, Don Hiner; **Ushers**—**Sat:** Volunteers; **Head Ushers**—**Sun:** Richard Schaefer, Gilbert Asbe; **Ushers**—Neil Hinrichsen, Robert Kozishek, Richard Schlesselman.

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☩ **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 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” *LSB* 883

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

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Choir will be meeting after the worship service tonight.
Church Council Meeting on April 2nd at 6:00pm

Evangelism will be having a 5th Sunday Potluck on March 31st at 11:30am. Please plan to join them. Bring a dish or 2 to pass around, and enjoy the fellowship.

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

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

Mar 31 – Kamden Kruse 2, PO Box 281
Mar 31 – Zachary Zuber 16, 1926 Q Ave, Marengo 52301
Apr 3 – Samantha Loy 5, 805 W. State St.
Apr 3 – Denny & Carmen Van Dee 15th, 2344 250th St

☩ **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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☩ **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.

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HYMN “In Adam We Have All Been One” *(LSB 569)*

SERMON “A God Exposed”

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.**

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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

u **be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word;**

- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L25)

u **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

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

u **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)

u **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.