

Briefings

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The Countdown

This week we begin the season of Lent, a countdown if you will, to Good Friday and Easter. It is also a reminder to me that spring is in the air, something we all look forward to.

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were recognized with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to these major events, as a time of preparation. During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence.

The penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Our baptism is an act of God's grace coming to an unrighteous and undeserving sinner, washing away our sin, rescuing from eternal death and receiving the Holy Spirit; not as a result of anything we have done, but purely by the grace and love of God. The responsibility of parents is what they promise to God; *"We promise to diligently and faithfully bring (name) to the services of God's house, teach him or her the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed and the Ten Commandments. As he or she grows we will provide him or her with the scriptures and provide for his or her instruction in the Christian faith. We will do all we can and pray daily that he or she remains faithful to his or her Christian calling."*

Why is instruction necessary? Because the seed of faith planted at baptism must be nurtured so it will grow up to spiritual maturity. While baptism is the beginning of salvation and necessary, it cannot save by itself. Mark 16:16 *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.* Notice without faith baptism is dead and so are we. Being exposed to God's word is critical for faith development. Martin Luther made it clear that if we fall from our baptismal covenant we must be "converted". He said; *"It is, of course, self-evident that in true conversion there must be a change, there must be new activities, and emotions in the intellect, will and heart, so that the heart learns to know sin, to fear the wrath of God, turn from sin, to understand and accept the promise of grace in Christ."*

This year we are going to look at what the King of kings experienced the last week of his life. We begin with our Ash Wednesday service March 2, 6:30 and continuing on Sundays in order to maximize attendance. May the Lord open our eyes to his presence during Lent in preparation for Easter service.



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MARCH 2022

Dear Friends

I want to take a minute to thank everyone who attended our Annual Meeting a few weeks ago. It is great to see such great attendance and participation in this event that affects all of us. A special thank you goes out to all of those who have served our church family during the 2021 year in some form on the Pilot Knob Council or Committee members and those who are willing to serve in 2022. Your time, talents and resources are greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to the next few months we hope to have a new look to the kitchen. A fresh coat of paint and a little sprucing up will give it a new feel. Spring will be here soon and I am sure we are all ready for some nice warm weather and sunshine to brighten our days.

Please watch the Briefings and other communication for dates and times for several upcoming events such as our Ash Wednesday service, Living Last Supper, and Easter service.

It seems like there is so much unrest in the world. I am trying to focus on the things in my life that I can control – the places I see God's presence. Last week was National Random Acts of Kindness Week. Wouldn't it be great if every week was? Can't we live as though it is? Jesus surely did!

It is a pleasure to serve you once again as your council chairperson.

Council Chairperson

Cathy Caldwell

March Sermons & Scriptures

★ March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

Evening Worship Service

Sermon: The King's Wisdom

OT Lesson: Joel 2:12-19

Epistle Lesson: 2Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

★ March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: The King is Condemned

OT Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20

Epistle Lesson: 1Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:11-26

★ March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sermon: The King Betrayed

OT Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:47-56

★ March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: The King is Mocked

OT Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle Lesson: 2Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:27-31

★ March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

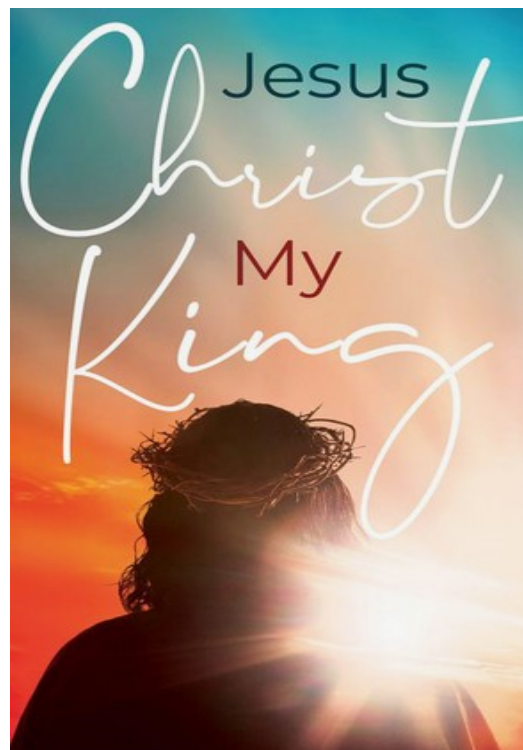
Morning Worship Service

Sermon: The King Denied

OT Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:69-75



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 4:30pm- Confirmation 6:30pm- Evening Service	3	4	5
6 Greeters: Steve/Jan Reader: Donna	7	8 5:45pm- Deacons 6:30pm- Council	9 4:30pm- Confirmation	10 10am- Quilting	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Greeters: Marty Reader: Sherry 4pm- LLS Practice	14	15 9:30am- Ladies Bible Study 2pm- WOL Bible Study 7pm- Men's Bible Study	16 4:30pm- Confirmation	17	18	19
20 Greeters: Matt/Diane Reader: Cathy 4pm- LLS Practice	21	22	23 4:30pm- Confirmation	24 10am- Quilting	25	26
27 Greeters: Joel/Bert Reader: Tony 4pm- LLS Practice	28	29	30 4:30pm- Confirmation	31		