

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

--Steve Kaad

Minute for Mission

--Cliff Smith

Opening Prayer / Prelude

*Praise Medley

(Musical selections are located on the back pages.)

***Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, you come to us with a love so great we're frightened by it. You give of yourself completely and totally to us, even to death on a cross. You invite us to respond to your love in return, but we are afraid of what that might mean. We love you, Lord, but not yet as we want to. Draw us more deeply into your embrace that we might respond by giving you our whole heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves; for we ask in the name of Love Himself, Jesus Christ.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

--Mary Carlson

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Dean Wright

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--Cliff Smith

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- 2 **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *Jesus Loves Even Me*

Sermon Text: Matthew 7:7-12

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! ¹² “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Sermon

*Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*

No. 404

*The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering (Sunday)

*Doxology (Sunday):

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mary Beth Schuiteman, Sunny Johnson, Tom Olson, Carol Hochstein, Bob Hendrickson, Ralph Kramer, Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick; Sam and Cayla Schaefer; Pastor Mike; the family of Marian Lies

***Lord's Prayer: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Hymn: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

No. 719

*Benediction

*Response: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

No. 684

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 3:30p.m. Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Lenten Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. "Sit, Chat, Finish That"
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group

Saturday: 4:00p.m. Worship Service

Thank you to Dr. Stephen Kaad for filling the pulpit while Pastor Mike is away on retreat. And welcome to Peggy Osborne who is the new camp manager at Presbytery Point.

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR LAUREN MARCH

Sunday, March 19th 3:00p.m.

The Session invites everyone to the ordination of Lauren, who is the first seminarian to be ordained in the history of our Church. A potluck in Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room to volunteer to help with the reception. Also, if you'd like to donate toward the gift of her first clerical robe and stoles, make your check out to the church and mark "Lauren" in the memo.

Youth Sunday is next Sunday, March 12th: If your child will be taking part in the service, let Lorna or Mary know ASAP.

College Connection: Care packages will be sent to our college students in April, so please get your college student's address to Mary Jean (maryjean5775@gmail.com) by March 31st.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, March 29th 5:00-7:00p.m.

Please check out the table in the Fireside Room to volunteer or donate items for this outreach. Items needed are: plastic eggs, egg cartons (cut in half), and candy to fill the eggs.

Ushers: Philip and Margaret Spooner; Bill and Laura Stanek



SOUP KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 18th

5:00p.m.-7:00p.m

Fellowship Hall

(dine in or take out)

Spaghetti

(with homemade Italian sausage and homemade sauce)

Garlic Bread and Green Beans

Dessert (*provided by you!*)

Please sign up to bring your favorite dessert on the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

All proceeds go into our soup kitchen fund!

