

First Lutheran – St. John Episcopal

5th Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Prayer Ventures

These petitions – one for each day this week – are offered as a guide for your own prayer life as together we pray for the needs of the world and give thanks for the ministries of our church.

Sunday, March 13

In our baptism, we experience the freedom that can only come through the power of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. For this undeserved gift of love, we give thanks.

Monday, March 14

We give thanks to God for the generous grant the ELCA has received from the Lilly Endowment to help fund an initiative to address the financial and economic struggles that often prevent pastors from leading congregations effectively.

Tuesday, March 15

We remember in our prayers all those who support and empower international women leaders in the life and development of this church and our communities. We pray to be awakened to the power and capacity our sisters have in transforming the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, March 16

Whether gathered for a Lenten meal or worship, we pray that our thoughts and reflections will be on Jesus and that we will trust and follow Jesus no matter where he leads or how difficult the journey.

Thursday, March 17

On this St. Patrick's Day, we give thanks to God for our brothers and sisters who respond to God's call to serve as missionaries in the world. We ask God to fill them with love and respect for the people and communities they serve and with a tireless enthusiasm to share the gospel.

Friday, March 18

The prayerful words of the psalmist in ancient times still holds meaning for our prayers today – "Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Saturday, March 19

We remember in our prayers the leaders in our congregations who commit themselves to sharing the gospel, deepening our faith, and equipping and sending us to do God's work in the world.



Lenten Midweek Soup & Worship

March 16 St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Happy March Birthday to:



GRETCHEN GUNDERSON March 14
PATRICIA NEVE March 17
TRAUTE BALE March 27
BERT KOPLITZ March 27
MARCIA UDD March 30

If you have a March birthday and we have not listed you, please let us know so that we can update our records.

On the calendar....

AA Meetings Mondays and Fridays at 12 Noon
Maranatha Estudio de la Biblia Tuesdays 7 PM
Legacy Food Bank Open Wednesdays 2-5:30 PM
Soup Supper Wednesday, March 16, 6 PM
at St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Lent Worship Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 PM
at St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Next Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday
We gather in social hall to begin worship with a palm processional into the sanctuary
Monday, March 21, 5:30 PM Council Meeting
Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 – RUMMAGE SALE right here. You may bring your donations anytime after Easter Sunday, March 27. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Holy Week 2016

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

March 20 – 10 AM

We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week which will end with his death, burial and (alleluia!) triumphant departure from the tomb. Join us for a palm processional and hear Luke's account of the Passion of Christ.

Maundy Thursday

March 24 – 6 PM

"Just as I have loved you, you should love one another." This is Jesus' command, the mandate (Lat., *mandatum*) for which Maundy Thursday is named. We, along with the first disciples, are entreated to serve and then we share the Lord's Supper. Before we depart this night, the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

Good Friday

March 25 – 6 PM

In a stripped down worship space we hear the Passion of Christ according to St. John, we pray the ancient bidding prayer of the church, and we center our hearts on the tree of life, the cross.

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

March 27 – 10 AM

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

If you would like to donate plants to decorate the sanctuary please call or email Transition Minister Janeen Smith as soon as possible. Colorful flowering non-fragrant potted plants or cut flowers in vases (e.g., tulips, azaleas, hydrangeas) would be best to avoid respiratory distress in members of the congregation.



Legacy

Outreach

Community

Food Bank

continues to need some people to be occasional (as need arises) baggers and helpers on Wednesday afternoons. If you'd like to know more, talk with Laura Michaelson, 360.942.2207, michaelson06@hotmail.com.

From the Cloud of Witnesses

"I am doing a new thing." Thus God admonishes us as we enter the last week of Lent: prepare yourselves, for something you have not imagined is about to happen. The day that is coming will not be like any former day. It will come fresh and dazzling as a bright sunrise after a lifetime of drizzle and gloom. The new thing that is almost upon us will relativize everything—even our best preparations. For God is bringing us out of the isolation created by sin, into a communion of the forgiven. No matter how many times we experience it, no matter how many times we celebrate the repentance, eucharist, and Easter, the forgiving embrace of God always comes upon us as brand new, totally unexpected, awesome in its revelation of ourselves and all others as beloved children of God.

—Mary Frohlich

[Mary Frohlich, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, pp. 434-36.]

FROM SUNDAYSANDSEASONS.COM

Check out the new signs on the Garden and the Food Bank!!! Looking good.....

Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Setting</u>	<u>Musician(s)</u>	<u>Presider</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Weekly Team Leader</u>
3/13 Lent 5	Now the Feast	Annette O'Hara	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Deb Sturgill
3/20 Palm / Passion	Special order	Annette & Mary Lee	shared	Passion Reading	Kitty Turner
3/26 Easter Sunday	Now the Feast	Annette & Mary Lee	shared	Janeen S.	Patricia Neve
4/3 Easter 2	Episcopal	Mary Lee Carlson	Gretchen G.	Gretchen G	Andy Carlson
4/10 Easter 3	Now the Feast	Annette O' Hara	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Deb Sturgill
4/17 Easter 4	Now the Feast or Folk	Annette or Randy	Janeen S.	Patricia N.	Kitty Turner
4/24 Easter 5	Now the Feast	Annette O'Hara	Janeen S.	Janeen S.	Patricia Neve