



March 31, 2019

Lent 4

Roger Vomhof, Pastor
Linda Noack, Organist

To Our Guests

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the chapel.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Today

Sunday School, IGNiTE and Bible Class at 10:30 am

Call Meeting at 12:15 pm

Monday

Pastor's Circuit Meeting at East Farmington at 9:30 am

Tuesday

Board of Elders at 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Chapel Service at 1:30 pm

Board of Education at 5:00 pm

Lenten supper at 6:00 pm

Lenten service at 7:00 pm

Friday

Hudson Mom's Group at 9:30 am

Special Call Meeting Today

We will have a special Call meeting at 12:15 pm today to extend another Call for a pastor before we need to go to the Assignment Committee to request a graduate. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this special voters/Call meeting. Our Circuit Pastor Bill Brassow will conduct the meeting. Pizza will be served at 11:30 immediately after Bible class while we await the arrival of Pastor Brassow from East Farmington.

Easter Flowers



Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to decorate the altar for Easter. You may take your plant following the service.

The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by April 14th.

For payment, please make your check out to Emmanuel and place in the offering plate. Please note "Easter flowers" on the check memo line or place your payment in an envelope marked "Easter flowers".

If you have questions, please talk to Michelle Rust.

Outreach – Easter Vigil

The signup sheet for specific times is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Lenten Suppers

Lenten Suppers have been scheduled every Wednesday through April 10. The serving group for April 3: **Ann's Group** and April 10: **Potluck**

Fifth Midweek Lenten Service

You are invited and encouraged to attend our fifth Midweek Lenten service this Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme of the pastor's sermon is: "What Is Truth?". Invite a friend or family to come to the service with you. Come by 6 pm to enjoy supper. Everyone is encouraged to bring a food item for the potluck supper.

Other Items of Interest

- Attendance last Sunday: 42
- Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open
- Altar Guild for April: Paula and Kayla Ring
- Church and School Cleaning Team for April: Bertram, Carlson (leader), Johnson, Zimdahl families

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If Your Beloved Son, O God

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 32, CW p. 78

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable

¹¹ “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Lord, to You I Make Confession

SERMON

Sermon text: Luke 15: 11-32

Theme: How Is a Sinner Saved?

- I. He must see his sin and repent.
- II. He must accept God's forgiving pardon.
- III. He is saved by God's grace, not by merit.

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