

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A community of disciples for Jesus Christ, dedicated to glorifying God through worship, spiritual growth and service to others.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

Service of the Word

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

*GATHERING SONG

God Is Here

ELW 526

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison, see insert*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

READINGS (*See Insert*)

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 27 (*read responsively*)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (*read in unison*)

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C: **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

C: **Glory to you, Oh Lord.**

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Richard Graf

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW 805

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*See insert*)

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Salvation Belongs to Our God

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*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation Stands
Congregational Responses are **in bold**

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Worship 10:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. “THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE...” We will rejoice and be glad in it.” Thank you for choosing Unity as your place to worship this morning. If you would like more information concerning the ministries and outreach of Unity church in the community please speak to one of the Ushers.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Bob Raby in honor of his wedding anniversary.

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Please sign up for Altar flowers. The next available Sundays are April 14 & 28

LENTEN SERVICES, Unity congregation is invited to join St. Luke’s Lutheran on Springs Road for their Lenten services at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 17, 24, 31 & April 7. A light soup and sandwich meal will be provided @ 6:15 before the service.

EASTER LILIES: if you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary on Easter morning please fill out an order form and place in offering plate along with money. **Deadline to order is March 31th.**

****CALLED CONREGATIONAL MEETING** Sunday, March 31st following the worship service to once again discuss the church’s mortgage.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS: James Burns, Tina Carpenter, Lora Childers, Glenn and Peggy Davis, Bill & Farrell Gibbs, Dave Shannon, Kathy Whisnant, Sue Heavner, Unity college students.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dave Shannon, Candyce Webb, Kenneth Webb, Bette Killian.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lucy Jones, Ned Little, Terry Jenkins, Michael Fox (Farrell Gibbs’ grandson) Edith Michael, Janet Rhoney, Theda Reinhardt, Judy Houser, Lesa Fox, Dan Drinkard, Diane Futrelle, Gay Apple, Cort Hollar, Nancy Lang, Celeste White, Rachel Jones, all public safety personnel and military personnel.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Unity’s Planting Hope Team, Gifts and graces of the Unity Lutheran Family.

GRIEF: for the family of Keith Sigmon (brother-in-law of Ruie Jones & Tinita Stoker)

Offering and Attendance for March 10, 2019

Attendance: 28 Offering – \$1678

SERVING TODAY, MARCH 17

Presiding Minister: Richard Graf
Organist: Frances Whitener(pre-recorded)
Reader/Assisting Minister: Adrian Jones
Ushers: Maurice Huffman/James Burns
Counters: Adrian Jones/James Burns
Altar /Narthex Care: Ruie Jones
Property Contact: Maurice Huffman

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Presiding Minister: Malcom Lerch
Organist: Frances Whitener(pre-recorded)
Reader/Assisting Minister: Bea Isenhour
Ushers: Maurice Huffman/James Burns
Counters: Adrian Jones/James Burns
Altar /Narthex Care: Ruie Jones
Property Contact: Maurice Huffman