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Romans 5:15

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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – navy hymnal *Please stand as able.

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P.98

*Sharing of Peace

*Opening Hymn: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” **LBW 482**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P.99

*Glory to God in the Highest P.100

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that, by your power, we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman,

“You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made

themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." ¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Psalm 32:1-7 (read responsively by half verse.)

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Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning

was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Lenten Sentence

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*Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Sermon: "THE FREE GIFT OF GRACE"

*Hymn of the Day: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **LBW 439**

*Apostles' Creed P.106

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart (Back Hymnal Cover)

*Prayers P.106

Heavenly Father, we know that you discipline those you love and guide sinners in doing what is right. Take away our selfish will so that we might live according to your divine will. Open our ears to hear you speaking to us, so that we would repent from seeking our own ways, and turn to you for forgiveness and mercy. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, as we travel this Lenten journey to the cross, we are mindful of our desperate need for your mercy and grace. Through your Spirit inspire us to hunger for your word of life and teach us to show forth in our lives what we confess with our lips.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and enter in, that we may see those in need, and care about them in that need; that we may gather ourselves to reach out in friendship and in prayer, to give as we have received.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we wait upon your mercy, trusting that you never forget us. Give hope to all who wait in patience and faith in the midst of troubled times [especially ...]. Be with them in their time of need, and remind them of your promise, that neither height or depth, death or life, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer

*The Lord's Prayer P.119

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **LBW 230**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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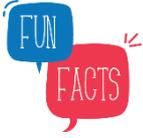
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CHURCH FUN FACTS

Ladies' aides served fifty cent chicken suppers from the basement kitchen that had a cook stove, no running water and no sink.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday, March 1 -29.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

3/1 Council - chili

3/8 Lydia - Spaghetti

3/15 Potluck Soup (Watch for sign-up)

3/22 Sunday School - sloppy joes 3/29 Men - pork chops

6:30pm –Lenten Vespers Service

The theme for all the Lenten Vespers services will be:

“PLACES OF THE PASSION”

2/22 The City of Jerusalem

3/15 Gethsemane

3/1 Bethany

3/22 The Courtyard

3/8 The Mount of Olives

3/29 Pilate's Judgement Hall

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

Thank you to all who helped provide supplies for the Personal Care kits. They will be blessed on March 11 & 12th.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Wyatt Mielke 2/26/14

Kailey Haberkamp 2/28/11

Peggy Wince 2/29

Onie Luepkas 3/5

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Steve & June May 2/27/74

If I have missed a birthday or anniversary, please let me know – Dianna.

MEAT RAFFLE

Kirkland Lion's Club will be hosting a Meat Raffle on Saturday, March 4 at Red Brick Inn beginning at 6pm. Half of the proceeds will go to the **Kirkland Food Pantry**. If you would like to donate to the meat raffle, they are looking for raffle or auction items, meat or new donated silent items. The Lion's Club is a not-for-profit club, and they donate everything back to the community in many different ways. If you have any donations or questions, please call Phil Montgomery at (815) 751-7560 or Steve Boettger at (815)739-7879.

From Pastor Tom:

Winter Homebound:

This is a reminder to those who may be winter homebound due to the cold weather and cannot attend regular worship. Pastor Tom is willing to do homebound visits to offer prayer and communion. But it is important to contact Pastor Tom directly; unlike Pastor Carl, who was here for 31 years, Pastor Tom does not necessarily know if you fall in that category. Pastor Tom's cell phone is 716-990-6244. Call him today to make an appointment for visitation.

Vacation Bible School:

We are looking for a member or two to lead the Vacation Bible School. We are hoping to have VBS scheduled for the second or third week in June. Please let Pastor Tom or Jo know that you are interested.

Lessons for Next Week:

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday 2/26: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after service.

Adult Forum, 10:30am.

Monday 2/27: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 2/28: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/1: Lenten Dinner, 5:45pm;

Lenten Vespers Service, 6:30pm.

Thursday 3/2: Food Truck Delivery, 7:30am.

Lydia Circle Bible Study, 1pm. Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 3/4: Communion Service, 5:30pm. Meat Raffle, 6pm.

Sunday 3/5: Communion Service with Sunday School, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Carolyn Leist, friend of Laura Block's died. Carolyn was 39. Pray for comfort and peace for her family & loved ones, especially her 18-year-old daughter.
- Debi Hetland, Joanie Sanderson's daughter, received an answer to prayer and didn't need brain surgery.
- Andy Ritzert, Jo Boehmer's son has a severe case of shingles that is affecting his left eye.
- Reenie, Jo Boehmer's diabetic sister was diagnosed with Covid.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Carolyn Suhr, Jerry Sheehan, Jason Gorski, and Loraine Steinhorst (Gary Steinhorst's mother).
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, and the Great Rivers Mission District.