

“Remember how he told you. . . And they remembered his words.”  
Luke 24:6,8

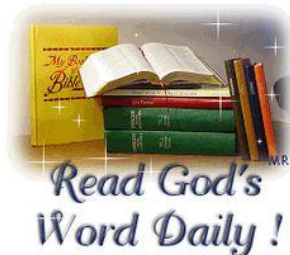
Recently, on Ash Wednesday, I recovered a daily devotional discipline I had allowed to slip because of “more urgent things”. Since Lent began, with the help of God I have spent a good amount of time each day in God’s Word through the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, a fine resource from Concordia Publishing House. As anyone who meditates on God’s Word knows that Word carries God’s power and grace to touch our hearts and lives and bring us many spiritual blessings.

The above words from Luke’s Gospel, which will be heard on Easter this year, are the words of God’s angels who appeared to the women at the empty tomb. As the frightened women hid their eyes from the angels, those angels bid them remember how Jesus had previously announced to His disciples His passion, death, and resurrection. Remembering their Lord’s words, the women were encouraged and glad, and they went to share the news with the disciples.

It is the same for us. As often as we take to heart the Word of God which He lays before us in the Scriptures and in Christian preaching, we are encouraged and made glad, for the Word of God brings to us Jesus Christ, our true and only Savior. Heartened by the good tidings of the Gospel, we are moved outward to share the news with others.

As you review the important happenings and upcoming events of March noted below, remember that the most important thing throughout this and every month is God’s Word and how the Holy Spirit blesses us through our devoted use of that Word of life and salvation. God be merciful to us and help us all to receive, meditate upon, and cherish that Word.

*Pastor Groth*



## March Happenings and Upcoming Events

- **Consecrated Stewards.** We are in the midst of a stewardship emphasis at Beautiful Savior and have been blessed with special opportunities in these weeks for Bible study and for prayerful consideration of our calling as disciples of Christ. Consecration Sunday is March 13. On that day former Rocky Mountain District President Rev. Roger Krause will be our guest preacher and will lead us in making our individual stewardship commitments to the Lord. A celebration luncheon takes the place of Bible class that day.

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- **Movie Night Saturday, March 19.** The Board of Christian Outreach invites you, your family, and your friends to a free showing of the film *Do You Believe?* to be shown in our gymnasium (with fresh hot popcorn) on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 7:00 P.M.
- **Confirmation.** On Palm Sunday, March 20, two young people, Johnathan Acker and Emily Bower, will be confirmed at our altar. Let's pray for John and Emily as they prepare publicly to confess their faith and to pledge their commitment to the triune God of their salvation. What a happy day of praise and celebration that will be, ushering in another observance of Holy Week.
- **Easter.** We gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord the last Sunday of this month. Two worship times will be offered on March 27: an early service at 8:00 and a late service at 10:30. Prayerfully consider inviting a friend or family member to hear God's Word with us on Easter and to appreciate the true meaning of Easter!
- **Pastor on Vacation.** Pastor and Dawn and boys will be visiting family in Texas from March 27 until April 6. While Pastor Groth is away, Pastor Thompson (newly installed as Associate Pastor at Mt. Zion, Denver) will be available to serve our members should you need pastoral care for any reason. Pastor Thompson will also lead our Divine Services on Thursday, March 31, and Sunday, April 3.

# It's Time for a Change

How often have we heard "it's time for a change"? But the question is, what are we going to change, why are we going to change and how are we going to change?

Spring is just around the corner and that's a change most of us look forward to. It's a change that usually makes most people feel excited about the New Year, but 2016 is bringing a huge challenge to all of us. It's election year and that means being prepared for all the finger pointing, big promises and everything else we have heard in all past elections. This year will be no different and God fearing Christians have even more on the line.

In the past few years we have seen Christ removed from our schools, our public buildings and from our sports. Elected officials are being caught in one lie after another. Recently NASA instructed the Johnson Space Center that the name Jesus was not to be in any of their communications. Military Chaplains are to only speak of Christ in private. The first Muslim woman judge, Carolyn Walker, hand-picked by Mr. Obama, was sworn in as judge of the 7<sup>th</sup> Municipal District in Brooklyn by holding the Quran. The federal government continues to fund Planned Parenthood, which is responsible for over 7 million abortions, and currently Colorado is debating a bill for legalized suicide. This list could go on and on but I think you get the picture.

The world is changing and some might use a more colorful expletive, like it's going to hell in a hand basket. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't, and this letter is surely not meant to tell you how to vote. There is enough blame to go around for all parties. It is, however, meant to advocate that it's time to stand up for what is right. Even Christ said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

God-given life no matter how small, God-given faith even if it offends someone, and God-given morals and values this county was founded on have been pushed aside. It certainly is time for a change. Time to change back to what we were meant to be, "One nation under God".

By Rick Mericle for the Board of Elders





### March Birthdays

- March 1 Jim Park
- 5 Corrie Rose
- 8 Rhianna Gonzales
- 12 Michele Robey
- 15 Jackie Adams  
Tina Boss
- 16 Don Johnson  
Wyonne Sylvester
- 18 Jordan Little
- 20 Ron Wolff
- 21 Nancy Ruckman
- 24 Bill Gardner
- 28 Ahren Davenport
- 29 Cindy Hein
- 31 Nanette Little



### March Anniversaries

- March 9 Gary & Nancy Ruckman
- 10 Charlie & Dawn Weinstock



### GREEN AND GOLD 5K - Gethsemane Lutheran

School is having its Green and Gold 5K event on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to runners of all ages and abilities. Register online today by going to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and enter "Green and Gold 5K" on the search. Follow the links from there. The price includes a race day t-shirt, the 5K race, a post-race celebration for participants, music, food, and various vendor tables.

The following are additional ways we are seeking to make this event great: Participation (join us for the walk/run); donations for raffle prizes; sponsorship of the event at the \$100, \$200 or \$500 levels; donation of a bouncy house for the post race celebration; vendors for the vendor tables (do you have a product or service or you'd like to promote?). If you can assist with any of these, please call Gethsemane's office at 303-451-6908.

# HOLY WEEK



## SCHEDULE

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

**March 20 Palm Sunday**  
**8:00 Examination of Confirmands**  
**9:00 a.m. Divine Service and Junior Confirmation**  
**10:30 Reception for Confirmands**

**March 21**  
**11:00 a.m. Responsive Prayer**

**March 22**  
**11:00 a.m. Responsive Prayer**

**March 23**  
**11:00 a.m. Responsive Prayer**

**March 24 Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00 p.m. Divine Service**

**March 25 Good Friday**  
**12:00 p.m. Worship**  
**7:00 p.m. Worship**

**March 27 Easter Sunday**  
**8:00 a.m. Divine Service**  
**10:30 a.m. Divine Service**



Listed below are the names and addresses of some of our members that are either homebound or due to distance and/or lack of transportation are not able to worship with us on a regular basis. I'm sure they would enjoy receiving cards from anyone wishing to send them.

Mrs. Melva Anderson 1055 Adams Circle #236 Boulder, CO 80303

Mrs. Marianne Burnworth 680 Emerald Street Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Dixie Cassily 12919 Lafayette Street Unit G Thornton, CO 80241

Mrs. Maxine Craiger 269 Garnet Street Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Ron Davis 10190 Wadsworth Blvd. Apt 113 Westminster, CO 80021

Mrs. Doris Hintz Clear Creek Care Center 7481 Knox Place Westminster, CO 80030

Mrs. Irene Lombardi 225 Waneka Parkway Room 283 Lafayette, CO 80026

Mrs. Roberta Nigon 1213 Jefferson Louisville, CO 80027

Mr. James Nuoffer, 7175 Kipling Street, Apt. 123, Arvada, CO 80004

Mrs. Wanda Renzelman 760 Marble Street Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Larry Rotvold Crossroads Assisted Living, 451 Malley Drive, Apt. 153, Northglenn, CO 80233

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sall, 12810 Hudson Street Apt. 322 Thornton, CO 80241

Mrs. Ruby Stolz 10300 Sheridan Suite 103 Westminster, CO 80020

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sylvester 2425 W. Miller Court Lakewood, CO 80227

Mrs. Julie Vogel 12322 Clayton Court Thornton, CO 80241



## *“The Lutheran Hour”* Sermon Schedule for March 2016

LHM produces and airs radio and TV programming around the world in more than 80 languages. “*The Lutheran Hour*” began in 1930 and is the world’s longest-running, continually broadcast Gospel radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1 million people every week on 1400+ North American radio stations! Please tune to **850 KOA (AM)** at **6:00 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings **OR** go on-line to **www.lutheranhour.org** (24/7) to hear and/or download the current or any of the previous sermons.

- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>**    **“Reconciled Reconcilers”** (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)  
Through forgiveness, God gives us another way to deal with people who have hurt us.  
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>**   **“It’s Worth the Sacrifice”** (Philippians 3:8-14)  
God calls us to be the right people in wrong place, for the sake of others.  
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>**   **“Strive for What You Already Have”** (Philippians 2:5-11)  
Christianity is about putting to work what God has already given us, in Christ  
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Gregory Seltz**)
- Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>**   **“An Unbeliever’s Sermon”** (Luke 24:5-6)  
Pastor Ken Klaus asked several non-believing friends to help him write his Easter Sermon,  
Hear what they said! (Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)

Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown\_IIIrmd@comcast.net with any questions you may have about “*The Lutheran Hour*” or any of the excellent **Outreach Resources** available from **LHM**.

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### ***Love’s Greatest Sacrifice - 2016 Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries***

The Gospel writer Luke provides the vantage point of *Love’s Greatest Sacrifice*. Using chapters 22 and 23 to follow the final events of Jesus’ life, author Rev. Wayne Palmer portrays the intensity of Christ’s heavenward mission, showing both the anguish and compassion of the Savior’s march to the cross.

Add depth, perspective and outreach to your Easter season with these daily devotions now available at:

**www.lhm.org/lent**

Please note these daily devotions in an **audio version** and/or **e-mail subscription** began on **Ash Wed.** last month. (Please contact Mike Brown with any questions or a need for assistance – **Thank you**)



***HAPPY EASTER – HE IS RISEN!!***



## *Our Stewardship Message*

(March 2016)



Lent is a season of repentance. Repentance is turning away from sin, while we turn toward God for the forgiveness of sins. During Lent, we hear the Word of God and consider our lives in light of it. We confess our failures, and receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, and then commit ourselves to do better.

What does God say about giving to the Church? The Bible tells us. Our giving should be first fruits giving. (*Genesis 4:4; Proverbs 3:9*) Our giving should be regular, on the first day of week, which has the Divine Service in mind. (*1 Cor. 6:1-2*) Our giving should be proportional: according to our income (*1 Cor. 16:1-2*), according to what we have been given (*2 Cor. 8:12; Luke 12:48*), our giving should be given with a spirit of eagerness and enthusiasm (*2 Cor. 9:2*), generosity and liberality (*2 Cor. 8:20*), and cheerfully without compulsion. (*2 Cor. 9:7*) Our giving should be directed to those who teach us (*Galatians 6:6-7*) because a laborer is worthy of his hire, and we all know the going rate of such laborers in our communities. (*Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18*)

Now consider your own giving in light of the Bible's teaching. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? Are you giving with eagerness and enthusiasm? Are you giving to your local congregation, sharing all good things with the one who teaches you? If your answer to any of these is "No," then repent. Turn away from your sin and toward God for forgiveness. Confess your failure. Receive absolution. And commit to do better. We know that the Spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. We believe, and we pray that God, through Word and Sacrament, would help our unbelief, our lack of trust in His ability to provide.

And this is precisely what God promises. This is what St. Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God". (*2 Cor. 9:6-15*)

St. Paul tells us that the Lord of all will both supply and increase what you need to give to the church for its work in and for the world. He tells us that this work that God is doing in us will enrich and bless us in every way and through this it will produce thanksgiving to God. Everyone benefits. We will be blessed in our giving, and it will produce thanksgiving to God in those who receive it.

Giving to the church is not a burden, just like all of God's teaching. (*1 John 5:2-4*) They are not a burden because of He who gives it: the God who loves us and gave His only Son to die so that we may live. He loved us in that He sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons. . . . So we are no longer slaves, but sons, and if a son, then an heir through God. (*Galatians 4:4-5, 7*) We are heirs. We receive the full rights of sons, a status that Christ our Lord achieved for us by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

So we strive to do what He asks because we are His children. And when we don't, we repent. We confess our sins. We receive absolution. We desire to do better, praying that God would work in us both to will and to do according to His good pleasure. (*Philippians 2:13*)

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***We are "Consecrated Stewards" to the Glory of God! Allelujah!!!***



## ***In Christ, for the Church and the World***

*“In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.”* (LCMS Mission Statement – 2010)

### ***Dear Family in Christ:***

Greetings in Christ and ***Happy Easter – He is Risen!*** As I reviewed various resources for an appropriate topic to share with you this month, I kept coming back to the following article written by the President of our synod. In light of who we are as God’s people and our ***Witness*** in the world, I trust this message will strengthen all of us as we boldly take a stand for God’s Word in a world of increasing darkness and despair.

### **How Shall We Regard the Bible?**

(Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, President/LCMS – *The Lutheran Witness*, Feb. 2016, Vol.135, No.2)

HOW SHALL CHRISTIANS understand the Bible? The common narratives of Western culture are evaporating, especially knowledge of the Bible. Someone told me recently she was ordering a cake and wanted it decorated with a depiction of Noah’s Ark. The clerk had no idea what she was talking about.

Christians may still have a modicum of familiarity with the Bible, but today we ought to be very clear about what the Bible is and teaches so we are not swept away by the cesspool of biblical ignorance. (i.e. pop culture, pop religion, pop psychology)

Agnosticism is more popular than ever. It’s the faddish pseudo-religion that asserts in absolute terms (ironically) that we can’t make any absolute assertions about “God” or religion. Behind the masquerade of a religiously uncommitted “high ground” – claiming all religion is the same, etc. – lurks a chasm of ignorance about what the Bible and genuine Christianity teach.

The best place for us to get hold of what the Bible is and how to understand it is found in Jesus Himself. How does Jesus regard the Bible?

**1.** The Bible is about Jesus. Jesus cajoled His contemporaries who read the Bible but missed the point. “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me”. (**John 5:39**) On the road to Emmaus, Jesus said, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures those things concerning Himself”. (**Luke 24:26-27**)

**2.** The Old Testament contains many prophecies about Christ: “Everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled”. Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations”. (**Luke 24:44-47**)

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3. The New Testament, especially the Gospels, is the accurate record of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and teaching, written by the power of the Holy Spirit. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things"

4. Jesus regards what is written in the Old Testament as true. "Have you never read what David did . . .?" (**Mark 2:25**) Jesus regards Adam, Eve, Jonah, Moses, etc., as actual people and events. (**Matt. 19:4; 19:8**)

5. Jesus believes that the writers of the Old Testament were inspired by the Holy Spirit. "David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord." (**Mark 12:36**) His apostles had the same belief. (**Acts 4:25**)

6. Jesus regards the Bible as the Word of God and authoritative. "For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished". (**Matt.5:18**)

7. Jesus believes that the commandments of the Old Testament are God's own. "You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." (**Mark 7:8**)

8. Jesus regards the Scriptures as the Word of God that cannot be contravened, questioned or trumped by human authority or reason. "Scripture cannot be broken." (**John 10:35**)

9. Jesus understands the Bible according to Law and Gospel (i.e., God's commands and gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation), which point to Him as Savior. He piles on the Law when someone thinks the point of the Bible is works righteousness (**Matt. 19:16**) but also tells His disciples that His reason for existence is not "to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many." (**Matt. 20:28**) Anyone who comes to Jesus empty-handed, begging for mercy, always goes away forgiven, healed, comforted! (**Mark 1:40; 2:1; 5:21; 7:24**) See Jesus' story of the Pharisee and the tax collector (**Luke 18:9**) and then that of the rich young ruler (**Luke 18:18**) Jesus told the first "to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and treated others with contempt. (**Luke 18:9**) They'd missed the whole point of the Bible and Jesus!

A criticism of our teaching on the inerrancy and authority of the Bible is that we first must convince people of the Bible's authority and only then can the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ be shared and believed. Actually, it's the opposite. The message of damnable sin and complete forgiveness in the cross and resurrection of Jesus creates faith in Jesus. Such faith recognizes the voice of the Good Shepherd in the Scriptures: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (**John 10:27**) As sheep precious to the Savior, we recognize the Bible to be what Jesus did: the very Word of God. "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son." (**Heb. 1:1**)

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*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7)

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY!***