

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: Steadfast in the Word, Bethlehem Lutheran Church shares Christ and serves people with friendship in His love in all God's world.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance, fellow sojourners!

THE SEASON OF LENT will begin on Wednesday, March 6TH. All over the world, Christians will be using this season to focus their attention on the meaning of their relationship to the Christ of Calvary.

OFTEN TIMES during the Lenten weeks we hear of people who sacrifice something for the six week duration. The following Bible Study may help us to learn of 10 things we should give up. Lent should be a time of RENEWAL as well as REPENTANCE.

WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

- ANGER.....Ephesians 4:26
- WORRY.....St. Matthew 6:25-34
- DESPAIR..... St. John 14:1-7
- DOUBTSt. John 20:26-29
- FEAR.....Psalm 121
- LONELINESSSt. John 14:18
- SORROW.....Isaiah 55:12-13
- UNCERTAINTY Colossians 2:20-3:4
- WEARINESS.....St. Matthew 11:28
- PRIDE.....Proverbs 11:2

HOW DO YOU FEEL about giving up something for Lent? Are there things in your life that need to be given up as you trust God for His help and guidance? Let's pray for help to begin giving up old ways and becoming a new CREATION in Christ:

"Dear Father, at this holy season of Lent, please forgive me for the bad habits of my human nature ... for my anger, worry, despair, doubt, fear, loneliness, sorrow, uncertainty, weariness, and pride. I know You have showed me in the Bible that there is a more positive way for Christians to live. And that is the way I would like to live. Help me now, as I pledge to cast aside my weakness, by the power of your Spirit, and to walk in Your Son's footsteps as a loving, growing Christian. In the name of Your Son, my Savior. Amen."

OUR LORD'S DIRECTION to us is that weekly Worship, weekly group Bible Study, faithful Communion attendance, Prayer, and Fellowship, are His gifts to us. We use them, especially during this Lententide, that our Redeemer's "embrace of grace" may increase our dedication to Him and His Body, the Church! **REMEMBER . . .**

**LOOK AT THE CROSS
LOVE THE SAVIOR!**

look forward to Lent as a time of spiritual discipline and growth.

Lent is the season of the church year devoted to the special consideration of our Savior's Passion and the events which brought about His crucifixion and death. Originally the forty hours between the death and the resurrection of our Savior were observed as a period of fasting and mourning. Later the hours were lengthened to days and their number set at forty days in length.

The forty days of Lent correspond to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. The date of Lent is determined by the date of Easter. In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea said that "Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the 14TH day of the Paschal moon".

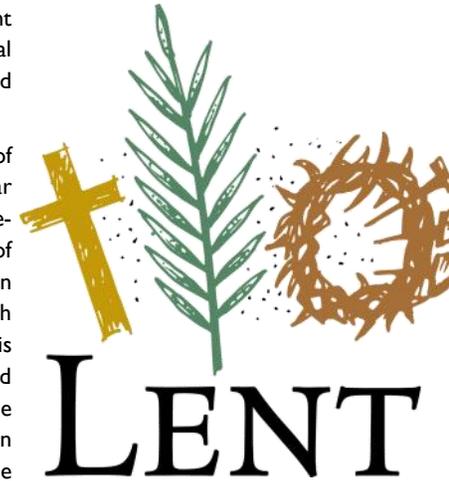
The wearing of sackcloth and ashes is a custom going back to the Old Testament. Many Christians observe the custom on Ash Wednesday, using ashes of the previous year's Palm Sunday palms.

The latest that Lent can begin is March 10TH. That will happen again in 2038. The earliest Lent can begin is February 5TH. That happened last in 1913 and will not occur again until sometime in the after 2078.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and is observed by many as a day of feasting and merry-making. The French call it "Mardi Gras", the Germans call it "Fasching".

Lent has a compelling fascination. Christians have observed Lent for centuries. Its fascination even extends to theater and pop music. We really shouldn't be surprised. Some illustrations may help to explain this fascination. We are entranced by the medical diagnostician or psychologist or scientist who analyzes and puts his finger on the solution to a problem. We are amazed at the pastor or counselor who reveals how we really think and feel.

Lent is the story of how God deals with the fundamental problem



Lent

Of course, things aren't right everywhere. But now something can be done about it. Forgiveness can heal and bring

together all that sin has separated.

The dominant purpose of the Lenten Season is to direct the heart and the minds of the worshipers to Christ, who was lifted up so that he might draw all men unto Himself. In these special days we will have an opportunity to see more fully the saving value of Christ's suffering, a more profound knowledge of sin and a sincere and earnest denial of self to Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

*Make plans to get the most out of Easter
by getting the most out of Lent!!*

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I look forward to seeing you each Sunday morning ... worshiping and studying with you ... lifting up and exalting our great God with you! Come with a smile on your face, a bounce in your step, your Bible in hand, and that friend you personally and intentionally invited. Also, bring a joyful, eager attitude to be touched by the Risen Christ, together with a hungry heart for spiritual vitality and victorious living that comes each time we encounter God's renewing presence in Word & Sacrament!

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(Peace [Shalom] be with you)

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Ash Wednesday & Midweek Worship

This Ash Wednesday, March 6TH, will be "A DAY OF REPENTANCE." A special worship opportunity will be held each Wednesday following. This service of Holy Communion will begin at 7:00 p.m. For those who wish to participate, the "Imposition of Ashes" (using the ashes of Palm Sunday palms) will be a part of this service.

Why "Ash" Wednesday? Ashes are a part of Ash Wednesday. They are a part of life. Everything ends up dust and ashes. We need to remember how

quickly and inevitably we will also end up that way. Then we will not put our trust in things that crumble. Then we will not think too highly of ourselves. Ashes help us to focus on the meaning of Lent at its beginning.

We begin Lent with Ash Wednesday, but we close it with Easter. In the beginning God made man out of the dust of the earth. In Christ He makes us New creatures, resurrects us from our dust and ashes. We have hope because we trust Him Who thought so highly of us that He sent His Son to save us. Christ came to share His life with all people. That's our purpose, too. We can bring beauty out of ashes, life out of earth ... IN CHRIST JESUS!



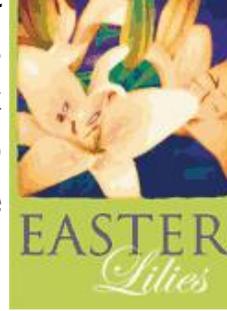
2019 Lenten Theme: "Blessings in the Blood of Jesus" ... using texts from Hebrews, the most Old Testament book in the New Testament

1. Ash Wednesday (3/6) - **"The Blood That Cleanses"** Hebrews 9:6-14
2. Midweek #2 (3/13) - **"The Blood That Pardons"** Hebrews 9:15-22
3. Midweek #3 (3/20) - **"The Blood That Gives Access"** Hebrews 10:19-22
4. Midweek #4 (3/27) - **"The Blood That Speaks"** Hebrews 12:22-24
5. Midweek #5 (4/3) - **"Shared Blood"** Hebrews 2:10-18
6. Midweek #6 (4/10) - **"The Blood That Sanctifies"** Hebrews 13:9-16

Plan to worship each Wednesday as we journey toward Good Friday and Easter!

DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON reach out to a friend and invite him/her to join you in worship at our church. Our midweek services are also times to reach out and invite. As we near the Easter season many

We will decorate our chancel with lilies at Easter. We are ordering 20. Cost is \$12 each. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex where you can indicate how you will help to purchase these beautiful flowers as we celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection.



Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10 - set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed SATURDAY EVENING and sleep fast! (unless you go to bed an hour earlier!)



FROM JAMES TAYLOR: Thank you, church family, for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my bereavement from the loss of my brother, Kenneth Taylor.

FROM THE HUGHES': Thank you for all the prayers for our Sister in law, Jackie Enders. She is home and doing well.

On Wednesday, February 27th, Bethlehem presented a check to Lois Durant from Palestine Meals on Wheels. The total amount from the Chili Friday proceeds was \$4203. Again a big THANKYOU to all who participated in our annual fundraiser!



Don & Teresa Gibson, formerly from Gonzales Louisiana, are now living in Rusk. They have 4 children: La Dony Griffin in Tennessee, Nathanael Gibson in Virginia, Talitha in Spring, Texas and Tesia Moran in Louisiana. They have a total of 7 grandchildren. Don is a retired/disabled locomotive engineer and Teresa is a former LWML president. Don enjoys cattle, hunting, fishing and plays the ukulele and guitar

Christopher and Sarah McDonald and their 2 children, Rayne and Jamilynn transferred from St. John Lutheran Church in Athens. Christopher likes to work on cars and computers, while Sarah's interests includes photography and cooking. She has also served as Church Council President and Financial Secretary. Their daughter, Rayne, enjoys cooking, reading and kicking the soccer ball around. Jamilynn is 4 and likes to do what any typical 4 year old does.

Brian and Dr. Stephanie West transferred from Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler. They have 2 daughters, Katie and Lindsey. Brian is a pilot, rescue diver, plays soccer and has taught German. Stephanie is a family doctor in Athens. She enjoys sports, travel and language.



A woman in the [United Kingdom](#) claims she has undergone what is known as “fetal repair” surgery after learning about her baby's diagnosis of spina bifida, a birth defect that affects the spine.

Bethan Simpson, of Maldon, Essex, was informed that her unborn daughter Eloise has spina bifida in December. At that time, Simpson said she was given three options: “continuing pregnancy, ending [the] pregnancy or a new option called fetal surgery - fixing her before she is born,” she wrote on [Facebook](#).



The 26-year-old mom-to-be chose the third option — making her “one of the few” women in the U.K. to undergo the procedure to correct the defect, [according to the BBC](#). Simpson claimed on Facebook she is the fourth woman in the country to undergo the surgery.

Spina bifida “occurs when the spine and spinal cord don't form properly,” [according to the Mayo Clinic](#). “It falls under the broader category of neural tube defects. The neural tube is the embryonic structure that eventually develops into the baby's brain and spinal cord and the tissues that enclose them,” the Mayo Clinic explains.

But when a portion of the neural tube doesn't develop or close properly, it causes “defects in the spinal cord and in the bones of the spine.” There are various types of the condition and its severity varies. In the U.S., specifically, spina bifida occurs between an estimated 1,500 and 2,000 babies out of the roughly 4 million births each year, according to the [National Organization for Rare Disorders](#).

For Simpson, after she and Eloise were approved for the pioneering surgery — a process Simpson described as a “roller coaster” — doctors spent roughly four hours correcting the baby's defect. They opened Simpson's womb to expose Eloise's bottom. From there, they “sewed up” the small gap in the baby's lower spine and also repositioned her spinal cord, the [BBC](#) reported.

“We were a success. Her lesion was small and she smashed surgery like you wouldn't believe,” Simpson, who was 24 weeks along at the time of the surgery, later wrote on Facebook.

“I'm fragile and sore but as long as she is doing fine that's all we care about,” she continued, adding, “They took her out of my womb and popped her straight back in to stay there as long as she can.”

Dominic Thompson, a neurosurgeon who led the surgery, told the outlet the procedure is “not a cure,” but noted that previous trials have indicated “the outlook can be a lot better with surgery early on.”

In fact, according to the [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#), “fetal surgery for spina bifida greatly reduces the need to divert fluid from the brain, improves mobility and improves the chances that a child will be able to walk independently.”

Simpson considers her daughter, who is due in April, to be “extra special.” “I feel our baby kick me day in and day out. That's never changed. She's extra special. She's part of history and our daughter has shown just how much she deserves this life,” she wrote.

Care Kits”

Purchase one or more of the following NEW items; no other items except those listed below. Look for the box located in the Narthex to place your donations. *Don't wait until the last minute!*

Monetary donations may be placed into an envelope and given to Jo Ann Tugwell or Donna Hughes. The deadline will be around April 10, after which we will meet to put together the kits for delivery to the Texas collection point.

1 light-weight towel (approx. 52” x 27”), dark color recommended

2 or 3 bars of soap (8 to 9 oz.), any brand, in original wrapping

1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging

1 sturdy comb, remove packaging

1 metal nail clipper, attached file optional, remove packaging

(Note: toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.)



- ◆ Our LWML society is donating funds for Youth's Higher Things & the National Youth Gathering.
- ◆ Adventure Day - If you have a suggestion, please contact Jo Ann Tugwell.
- ◆ When you shop for groceries at Kroger's, be sure to use your Kroger card for purchases as part of Kroger's "Community Rewards" Program which is linked to Bethlehem's LWML. We appreciate your efforts since we use these funds for our various projects. Contact Donna Hughes on how to participate.

MARK YOUR CALENDER!

- ◆ Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m., clean & organize kitchens, and LWML meeting room.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 6, LWML will provide the meal before Ash Wednesday service.

Remember to Spring Forward!

- ◆ Sunday, March 10, 2019 - LWML meeting, after church service.
- ◆ June 20-23, 2019 – LWML 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Alabama. More information is available in the 2018 fall edition of Linked by Love online: <http://www.lwmltxdist.org/linked-love>.



Our society is open to all women of Bethlehem. We usually meet after church on the second Sunday of the month. There are no dues, but we collect donations for MITES and for our general fund. The Annual Bazaar is our major fundraiser.

Why we meet together: The LWML in Texas creates opportunities for Lutheran women to become more aware of the need for outreach to people around them - they are in need of the words of hope that are valid only in

without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’ ” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.



So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we “believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

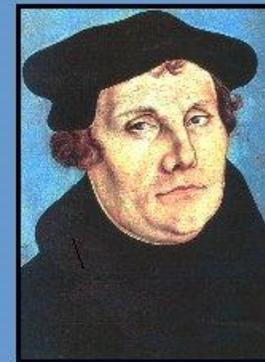
“For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (The Small Catechism, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.

God's Share First

Surely to give with the expectation that we will become rich for our own selfish purposes is blasphemous. Those who practice percentage giving and tithing witness, first, great spiritual and second, that all of life, including financial, social, personal, family, business, physical, mental - in short -

His abundance (Malachi 3:10). Jesus said that we will receive as we give (St. Luke 6:38). Bethlehem Lutheran Church urges members to serious consideration of their giving habits for the good of the kingdom and for the good of the soul.



Those who would be Christians are under obligation in the sight Of God to esteem the m worthy of double honor who minister to their souls, that they deal well

Gil called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with devotion on Psalm 99 and prayer. Minutes were read.
**Motion by James, 2nd by Albert to accept. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

VP - Burl no report

Financial Secretary - Albert reported January income \$13,689, expenses \$17,318, includes \$5,000 special for missions. (This special gift will be redesignated as non-budget expense). Loan balance \$27,688 and CEF report.

Treasurer - Albert gave account balances, budget report for January. Savings acct balances. **Motion by Jerry, 2nd by James to accept financial reports with correction. Motion carried.

Elders - James reported average attendance for January was 71, average communed 63. Added Christopher, Sarah, Rayne & Jamilynn McDonald and Don & Teresa Gibson.

Christian Education - Melanie reported Sunday School & Mid-Week going well, older students will attend Pastor's Bible Class. Ordered material for new quarter.

Evangelism - Jerry reported Adopt-A-Highway April 6th, Bible Jamboree April 27th.

Stewardship - vacant

Properties - Jim reported new glass doors have been installed, locks will be changed out. Replaced lights and toilet repair.

Social Concerns - Megan reported Chili Friday went great, about \$4,000, includes \$1,110 Silent Auction. Will set date to deliver check. Meals during Lent, LWML will provide dinner Ash Wednesday. New member lunch/reception, Easter Breakfast. **Motion by Donna, 2nd by Burl that church pay Chili Friday expenses and give Meals on Wheels all proceeds. Motion carried.

Youth - Melanie reported Super Bowl Subs proceeds \$222. Encouraging youth to be more active at Sunday School & Mid-Week. Planning to take \$2,500 check to Disciples of the Way on February 23rd, leaving 8 am, invited to their catechism class and lunch.

Pastor - Transfiguration March 3rd; Ash Wednesday March 6th. Lenten series: "Blessings in the Blood of Jesus." Sunday adult class "The 'Rite' Thing." Ordination at Fairfield on February 10th, leaves one vacancy in circuit. LCMS Convention July 20-25th in Tampa, Florida, will attend as circuit delegate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Selling Roger Harris property for \$10,000, split closing costs with buyer.

Kitchen renovations- no progress yet.

February 4th paid off CEF note of \$27,688.

Shelves in Sunday School room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recording Sunday morning Bible Class. **Motion by Albert, 2nd by Jerry that the church set up YouTube channel. Motion carried.

**Motion by Jerry, 2nd by Albert to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting ended and Pastor closed with the benediction.

HEALTH NEEDS—MEMBERS:

- Connie Eppeland - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Albert Harris - back problems
- George Nelson - recovering from a stroke

HEALTH NEEDS—FRIENDS:

- John Campbell [Tammy Pike's friend] - liver failure
- Jerry Dukes [Jackson's friend] - complications from surgery
- Sonny Guillen [Donna Hughes co-worker] - car accident, serious injuries
- Lori Owens [Ken Koehler's daughter] - pneumonia
- Eileen Rigby [Donna Hughes' friend] - car accident, serious injuries
- Gene & Patsy Worsham [Tim's parents] - ongoing health concerns

HOMEBOUND:

- Bobby Fulmer, Dorothy Jackson, Martha Kaudelka, Johnnie Weaver

COMFORT:

- Kenneth Taylor family [James Taylor's brother]
- Lewis Johnson family [Meredith (Schoppe) Johnson's father in law]

IN PRISON:

- William Schatte (LC-MS member @ Faith/Plano, incarcerated at Powledge Unit)

THOSE PREPARING FOR CHURCH WORK:

- Aaron Jackson – attending Concordia University, Seward, NE

THOSE SERVING IN OUR NATION'S ARMED FORCES:

- Members: Kyle Lawson and Kyle Shepherd ...
- Non-members: Robert Garcia [Juanita's son], James Reed [Devin Jackson's co-worker] and Jeremy Stafford [Marcy Hogan's nephew]

Please inform the Pastor and the Church Office regarding the status of submitted prayers so we may be timely and up-to-date in petitions to our gracious God.

**Please
help
us
keep
this
list
updated.
Thanks**





Sunday at: 10:30 AM on 97.5 FM KTTB Tyler, TX
Sunday at 12:30 PM on 91.5 FM KHCB Madisonville, TX

Online at www.lutheranhour.org

DATE: March 3, 2019
TITLE: "Is God Everybody's Father?"
TEXT: St. John 8
SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father."

DATE: March 10, 2019
TITLE: "Through Another's Eyes"
TEXT: St. John 9:1-41
SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Art helps us to better see the world. John's Gospel, which is both history and art, puts the world in proper focus.

DATE: March 17, 2019
TITLE: "Ba-a-ah"
TEXT: St. John 10
SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as "sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82). How does that work?

DATE: March 24, 2019
TITLE: "Death Doesn't End the Story"
TEXT: St. John 11
SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When you hear a person's story, it's hard not to like them. See what happens when you listen to the story of Jesus.

DATE: March 31, 2019
TITLE: "TBD"
TEXT: St. John 12:26-36
SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



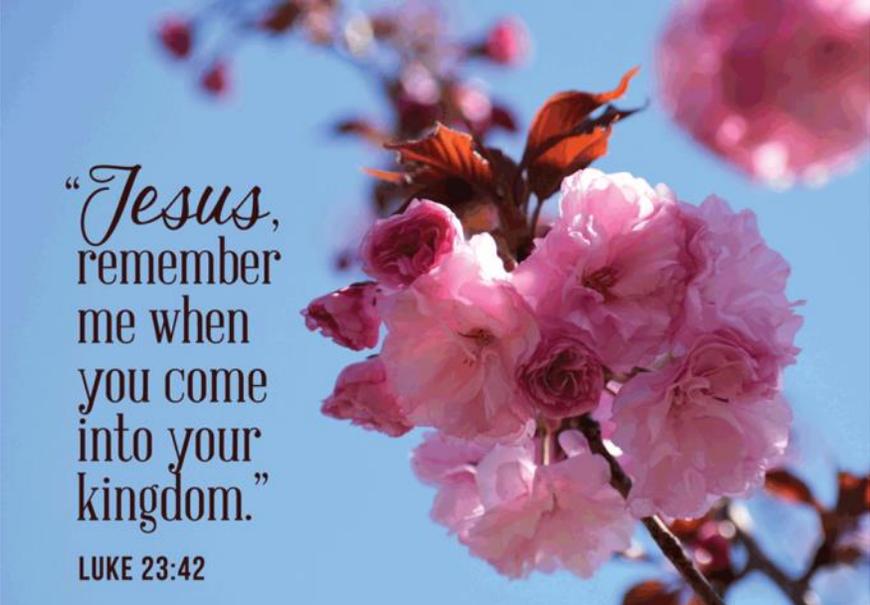
At the beginning of the third century, the Roman emperor Septimus Severus forbade conversions to Christianity. Among those disobeying that edict was Perpetua, a young noblewoman, and her maidservant Felicitas. Both were jailed at Carthage in North Africa along with three fellow Christians. During their imprisonment, Perpetua and Felicitas witnessed to their faith with such conviction that the officer in charge became a follower of Jesus. After making arrangements for the well-being of their children, Perpetua and Felicitas were executed on March 7, 203. Tradition holds that Perpetua showed mercy to her captors by falling on a sword because they could not bear to put her to death. The story of this martyrdom has been told ever since as an encouragement to persecuted Christians.

March 17 - Patrick, Missionary to Ireland

Patrick is one of the best-known of the missionary saints. Born to a Christian family in Britain around the year 389, he was captured as a teenager by raiders, taken to Ireland, and forced to serve as a herdsman. After six years he escaped and found his way to a monastery community in France. Ordained a Bishop in 432, he made his way back to Ireland, where he spent the rest of his long life spreading the Gospel and organizing Christian communities. He strongly defended the doctrine of the Holy Trinity in a time when it was not popular to do so. His literary legacy includes his autobiography, *Confessio*, and several prayers and hymns still used in the church today. Patrick died around the year 466.

March 31 - Joseph, Patriarch

Joseph was the son of the patriarch Jacob (February 5) and Rachel. The favorite son of his father, he incurred the jealousy of his older brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt and told their father he was dead (Genesis 37). In Egypt he became the chief servant in the home of Potiphar, a military official. Because Joseph refused to commit adultery with his master's wife, he was unjustly accused of attempted rape and thrown into jail (Genesis 39). Years later, he interpreted dreams for Pharaoh, who then freed him from prison and placed him in charge of the entire country. When his brothers came from Canaan to Egypt in search of food, they did not recognize him. He eventually revealed his identity to them, forgave them, and invited both them and his father to live in Egypt. He is especially remembered and honored for his moral uprightness (Genesis 39) and for his willingness to forgive his brothers. (Genesis 45 & 50).



“Jesus,
remember
me when
you come
into your
kingdom.”

LUKE 23:42

Lutherans place their faith in the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – who has made us, redeemed us, and empowers us for Christian living.

We believe Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, who came to earth as a man, suffered and died in our place to win for us forgiveness of sin, and who rose again to life, assuring us that we, too, can live with Him eternally.

We teach that we come to stand in right relationship with God not through our own goodness or righteousness, but through our faith in Jesus as Savior. Faith alone receives the full promises of God.

We believe that the two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, were instituted by Christ and offers forgiveness of sin to all who receive them in faith.

Concerning Baptism, we teach that infants should also be baptized, since they, too, are sinful and need God's grace. God can work faith in them, even though they are too young to intellectually grasp the Gospel.

We believe that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper through miraculous means, and that only Christians who are in full agreement with our all our beliefs should commune with us.

We believe that God speaks to the world through His Word in the Bible.

We believe that God loves every person and intends for all a life of dignity and meaning.

We believe that Marriage is a life-long union of one man and one woman. We reject any other “union” called “marriage” as immoral and contrary to God’s will.

We assert the vital importance of the Christian congregation as the community of believers in which the Gospel is correctly preached and the Sacraments are rightly administered.



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