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FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

How Were People Saved Before Christ? *by Rev. Robert Lawson, Jr.*

Sometimes people think Christianity is unfair. If the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus, and Jesus wasn't born until about 2,000 years ago, then did all the people before that go to hell? Does God only care about the people who came afterwards?

The Bible's answer to this question is that Jesus also was the Savior of those who lived before He came to earth. Before that, people were saved in the same way we are: through faith in Christ.

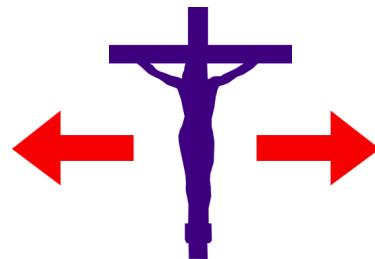
Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who came in human flesh (John 1:1-14) to take away the sin of the world (v. 29). He was active and powerful to save even before He took on human flesh, by virtue of the promise of all that He would accomplish after He took on human flesh.

In Christ, God did for man what no man from Adam onward could do for himself on account of sin. Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. Christ is the promised Seed of the woman who would bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15), thereby conquering death and hell, redeeming sinners and restoring them to God.

This promise was passed down through primeval patriarchs (Genesis 5) and renewed for Noah. Genesis 6 calls Noah a just man (the Hebrew word emphasizes that He was justified, that is, declared righteous and forgiven of his sins by faith). It was then given to Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 12:1-3). Abraham "believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). It was repeated through various prophecies, such as the Suffering Servant prophecies of Isaiah (42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12).

Christ and His salvific work was foreshadowed through the sacrificial rites that climaxed in circumcision (Genesis 17), the Passover (Exodus 12), and those of the Tabernacle (Exodus; Leviticus). These

were types and shadows that provided Old Testament people with a veiled look forward to the person and work of Christ that they could hang their faith on. They were also powerful means of grace. Through them God distributed the saving benefits of Christ's coming work and created and sustained their faith in the Promised Savior.



The letter to the Hebrews clarifies that these Old Testament rites were fulfilled in Christ (as were all the prophecies). In chapter 11, the writer lays out how the Old Testament saints lived by faith and were ultimately saved by faith; in other words, as they trusted in the mercy of God in Christ to come and received His saving benefits in the ways that were divinely provided for them. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Jesus Himself is clear that He, God in the flesh, and His saving work—His perfect life, suffering, death and resurrection—were the Old Testament's primary content (John 5:39, Luke 24:25-27, 44-47). He and His apostles taught that being a true Israelite had always been a matter of faith in Christ and not a matter of bloodline (John 8:31-50; Romans 4:1-13, 9-11;

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News & Notes

Galatians 3, 4:21–31). Old Testament examples include: Rahab, the harlot from Jericho, and Ruth, the Moabite (Joshua 2, 6:22–25; Ruth 1–4; Hebrews 11:31; Matthew 1:5). Both of these women, though born Gentiles, were reckoned as true Israelites by faith.

Jesus Christ is the center of time and eternity and of the biblical testimony. Old Testament believers were saved by a forward-looking faith centered on the prophecies of the coming Christ. They received the benefits of His atoning work on the cross before He came.

We are saved by the same faith, which now looks back in time to His already accomplished saving work. We receive here and now the benefits of Christ's work in the Word and Sacraments.

Looking forward or backward, we each trust in the same Christ.

***Rev. Robert Lawson, Jr.,** serves as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, The Dalles, Oregon, and Concordia Lutheran in Hood River, Oregon.*

4TH QUARTER 2022 CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Koch at 10:40 a.m.

Organist Deb Meyer thanked everyone (congregation, choir, etc.) for generous gifts received this year and other years. Deb and husband John were married in a small ceremony last year. They invite everyone to attend a celebration at the NEW Zoo in June. An invite will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Van Kampen opened the meeting with prayer.

Voting members present:

Dennis Barlament
Jay Brown
Brian Busse
David Diestler
Jason Diestler
Edward Groth
Charles Hartwig
Phil Heuser
Paul Koch
Daniel Lindquist

Joe Massie
Daniel Meves
Rod Meves
Rick Schnese
James Van Kampen
Pastor Van Kampen

The agenda was reviewed. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept agenda.

Minutes for the 3rd Quarter Congregation meeting were reviewed. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept minutes.

Pastor's Report – Fourth quarter average weekly attendance was 54; communion attendance was 42. There were no membership changes for the quarter. For the year, membership increased by 1 baptized and 2 communicant members. Pastor analyzed church attendance pre- and post- pandemic, 2019 to current. Church attendance has improved to almost pre-pandemic levels and communion attendance is above those levels.

Pastor plans to visit members. A visit will be 45 minutes to 1 hour. You can discuss a concern or touch base or just get to know one another better. A sign-up sheet is posted for you to sign up if you would like a visit.

Pastor was busy this week addressing a scam email that looked like it was from Pastor, sent to all members, and asked for three \$500 gift cards be sent. Pastor would not send an email like this. Review email for misspellings and incorrect grammar. Review sender's address – this was not Pastor's email address. If you have doubts, call Pastor. Pastor expects to interview candidates for the administrative position this week.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Pastor's report and pass on to voters meeting.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS A-J

Refer to written reports.

- Evangelism thanked everyone for donation of candy for Trunk or Treat and to those who helped and brought cars. Suggestion was made to review Trunk or Treat; i.e., what is purpose, what do we hope to gain, how can we improve if we continue. Evangelism Committee will announce future

meetings on this topic and invite members to attend to contribute. A bowling event is being planned for February.

- Women on a Mission is holding Bingo night on Tuesday, February 14.
- Trustees are getting a few quotes for placement of ceiling fans to provide a more moderate temperature throughout the church. This will be a capital expenditure.

Board of Elders Report and Church Council Report were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve all committee, Board of Elders and Council reports and pass on to voters meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Busse reviewed – We spent 91% of budget in 2022. Highlight of line items over budget:

Line 9 – The Lutheran Sentinel

Line 17 – High due to sod and was reimbursed by condo association.

Line 18 – Rates continue to rise and are expected to be high this winter.

Line 24 – Secretary had more hours to prepare bulletins for special services.

Line 31 – Slightly above for Trunk or Treat, Cloud services and Christmas postcard.

Fourth quarter offerings were generous and do not include amount designated for the synod. End-of-year balance of checkbook after offerings and other deposits was \$94,210.63.

Joe Massie reviewed 2023 budget of \$195,722.00, an increase of almost 8%. A little over half of the line items increased, including Pastor's compensation, supplies and services. Refer to budget for details.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Treasurer's reports and 2023 budget and pass on to the voters meeting.

Old Business - There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

1. How to secure offerings at church prior to bank deposit – different options were reviewed (locked wall mite box, locked bank bag in mite box, safe, mounted floor safe, security alarms). Trustees will review and provide update/recommendation at next congregation meeting.

2. Can/should we post bible studies – we had good discussion and after many opinions and ideas, Pastor will review with Board of Elders and present at April's Council meeting.

3. Convention delegates – Convention is June 18-22; we need 2 delegates to attend. Please consider being a delegate.

Items for the Voters' Meeting:

1. Approve Pastor's/board/committee reports.
2. No new business.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended with the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K Schnese
Secretary

DIVINE CALL

Pastor Van Kampen has received a divine call to serve as the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon. During this time of deliberation, please keep Pastor, our brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran, and our own congregation in your prayers, that the Lord would provide ministers for His harvest fields where they are needed.

EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITS

If you'd like Pastor Van Kampen to pay you a visit during this Epiphany season, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Simply put down your name and Pastor will set up an appointment with you.

LAUNDRY LOVE

CTK Women on a Mission has been collecting donations of laundry detergent and other supplies for Laundry Love, including quarters to operate washers and dryers at the laundromat. Laundry love partners with groups and local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income families and persons. Look for the Laundry Love bin in the narthex. Thus far we've received many laundry supplies and over \$80 in quarters! Thank you all for your generosity. **The last day for Laundry Love donations will be Monday, February 13.**

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Don Westphal from Bethany Lutheran College will be visiting our church on Sunday, February 19 to update us on everything happening at Bethany and to answer questions. Join us for Mr. Westphal's presentation during the Bible study hour that day.



BINGO NIGHT

CTK Women on a Mission is hosting a bingo night for the congregation on **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited! Bring your date for some fun bingo games, white elephant prizes, and tasty refreshments.



MUSICFEST 2023

Join us for Musicfest on Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1-4 p.m. at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. This annual celebration of student musical talent will continue to feature the groups, individuals, and small ensembles we all love to hear. Along with entertainment, guests can enjoy fellowship and homemade desserts. Admission is free for all. (Freewill donations will be accepted.) Join us for performances by the FVL Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, FVL Schools Cadet Band & Concert Winds (Middle School), A Cappella Choir, Men's & Women's Choir, Choraliers, individuals, and small group performances. Enjoy a day of music and socializing with friends.



HIS FINAL STEPS—LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday is only a few weeks away! This year, for the season of Lent our midweek worship theme will be "His Final Steps." We will ponder the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final journey to the cross—and, three days later, His first resurrected steps

from the tomb. Our worship schedule for Lent and Easter this year is as follows:

- Wed., Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service (with Holy Comm.)
- Wed., Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m.—1st Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 8, 6:30 p.m.—2nd Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m.—3rd Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 22, 6:30 p.m.—4th Midweek Lenten Service
- Wed., Mar. 29, 6:30 p.m.—5th Midweek Lenten Service
- Sun., April 2, 9:00 a.m.—Palm Sunday (with Holy Comm.)
- Thurs., Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Comm. Service
- Fri., April 7, 6:30 p.m.—Good Friday Tenebrae Service (with Holy Comm.)
- Sun., April 9, 8:00 a.m.—Easter Festival Service (with Holy Comm.)



February Birthdays!

5 Emily Brodhagen
8 Olivia Kirchner
15 Sandra VanderHeyden
24 Allen Johnson





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ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY:
Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 1/2/22 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 - Midweek Lenten Services
- 4/2 - Palm Sunday
- 4/6 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/7 - Good Friday
- 4/9 - Easter Sunday
- 4/16 - 1st Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 4/30 - Oral Examination Day
- 5/14 - Confirmation Day (Mothers' Day)
- 6/18 - Fathers' Day, Synod Sunday
- 6/18-22 - Annual Convention of the ELS
- 7/16 - 2nd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 7/24-26 - Vacation Bible School
- 7/27-31 - ELS LYA Youth Rally
- 9/10 - Rally for Christian Education (First Day of Sun. School & Bible Class)
- 10/4-6 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/15 - 3rd Quarter Cong. & Voters Meetings
- 10/31 - Reformation Day, Trunk or Treat
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 - Midweek Advent Services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Festival Service
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve Service

February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 2	6 3:15 Conf. Class 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm.	7 9:00 Bible Class	1 1:00 ELS ERC Meeting (via Zoom) 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	2 6:30 Board of Elders	3	4
12 9:00 Divine Service 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 3	13 3:15 Conf. Class 6:30 Divine Service	14 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service 6:30 Worship Committee Valentine's Day	15 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 6:00 Bingo Night (hosted by CTK WOM)	16	17	18
19 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 4	20 9:00 ELS Circuit 6 Pastors Winkel 3:15 Conf. Class Washington's Birthday	21 9:00 Bible Class	22 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (Comm.) Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 9:00 Divine Service 10:20 Education Hour USHERS: Group 1	27 3:15 Conf. Class	28 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows Service				

Our 2023 Lenten Journey to the cross
and empty tomb of Jesus begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 22,
at **6:30 p.m.**

***Come and join us as we follow
Jesus and trace...***

HIS FINAL STEPS

Join us for worship & Bible study!

Worship on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.,

Monday Night at 6:30 p.m.

***Bible Study on Sunday at 10:20 a.m.,
and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.***