



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in our coming Lord and Savior,

Last month I wrote that we would be “looking at the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise.” However, I realized that this would skip an important piece of the Divine Service, the Introit.

Before we look at the Introit, we first need to understand its function in the Divine Service. The Introit is the first **proper** (Latin: *proprium*) which we encounter in our liturgy. A proper is a piece of the liturgy that varies according to date, either representing an observance in the Church Year, or a particular saint or event. Examples are the Introit, the readings, and responses.

The other parts of the service that do not change with the Church Year are called the **ordinary**, which are reasonably constant without regard to the date on which the Divine Service is held. These include pieces like the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Creed, etc...

As a proper, the Introit, is always unique at any given service. The purpose of the propers is to reflect the theme of the day of the Church Year. For instance, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, historically Good Shepard Sunday, the Introit is from Psalm 78:70-72 and begins with “I am the good shepherd.” This reinforces the theme of the day.

The word **Introit** (Latin: *introitus*) means entrance. If you remember from a few months ago, I mentioned that confession and absolution were not historical part of the Divine Service, but were added later as private confession fell into disuse. This is why we have an “entrance” hymn after the service as started. Originally, the pastor who was celebrating the service would literally process in from the back of the church, or Narthex, to the Sanctuary, the elevated Altar Area.

At the seminary, we jokingly referred to this as “traveling music.”

The pastor would slowly process from the back up onto the Sanctuary, where the Introit would conclude with the Gloria Patri, or doxology. We sing or say the Gloria Patri, with the words, “**Gloria be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...**” After this entrance, the congregation would begin asking for God’s mercy in the Kyrie.

Obviously, we no longer follow these historical rites. However, you may notice on Sundays during the Gloria Patri, I do bow and step up to the Sanctuary to continue our liturgy. I know that on one level, all of these practices and steps may seem unnecessary. However, I want to remind you that these pieces of our liturgy were not just thrown together in a vacuum. Many have their roots in the ancient liturgy of temple worship, and have served the Christian Church literally over a thousand years.

They offer the comfort of repetition to the troubled soul. Knowing that every week, even if you can no longer read, you will be a part of God’s church and receive His Divine Service orderly. Next month we **will** be looking at the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise.

In Him,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

March 18, 2018

Please ensure your announcements/articles arrive at the church office by the date above if you would like them in the next Messenger. The Messenger deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month unless there is a holiday. Please place all messages and articles in the office mailbox located in the choir room or email them to office@messiahseattle.org.

BORROWING ITEMS: Please ask permission from the church office before borrowing any church property, from anything from silverware, to folding chairs to tables. If you have any borrowed items from home, please return them.

NEW "CONDITIONS OF ENTRY" SIGNS: You may notice some new signs posted on exterior doors and other areas around the church. This is a new program by the Seattle Police Department to assist property owners in addressing crime occurring on their property. For more information see: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/criminal-trespassing>

LENTEN SERIES

"Behold the man!" was Pontius Pilate's short, yet most profound, sermon. Our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday is to behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. Each time together, we are meditating on and proclaiming His real, bodily suffering and death as well as His physical resurrection. He knew all that real bodies experience; He suffered, wept, bled, ate, and hoped.

As we begin Lent, we remember how the man Jesus fasted for forty days, refusing to eat—the direct opposite to our first parents, who ate the forbidden fruit in their rebellion. Eating and fasting were very physical actions for Jesus; His body needed sustenance. In the Sermon on the Mount (today's Gospel), Jesus doesn't command fasting, once a hallmark of Lent; rather, He says, "When you fast." Whether we individually fast or not, our elder Brother does give us what we need for every aspect of our lives: Himself, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins.

The further into this series it will become increasingly clear why God became man: He lived this physical life in order to be nailed to a cross. Thereby, we are truly preparing for the celebration of His real, bodily, flesh-and-blood resurrection. Without that, our faith and our preaching are all in vain. God the Son became the embodied, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like us. What could be more profound? Behold the man, who has led the way for us through death to our own physical resurrection!

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LENTEN SERIES SCHEDULE

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Our overall theme is "Behold the Man!" The accompanying devotionals for this series can be picked up from the table next to the visitors' book in the Narthex.

LENTEN DINNERS: Lenten Dinners before the Lenten service have become a tradition, and this year is no exception. We will need volunteers to make this happen, and it may be something you would be interested in helping doing. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board. Shifts are 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, and 6:30 pm until cleanup is completed with some possible needed after service. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Christianson or Sue Hewitson. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Below are the details for this year's Lenten series.

- ✠ March 6th – Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM
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“A God Who Rises”
Readings: Isaiah 65:17–25; 1 Corinthians
15:19–26; John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

*Sunday School Easter Presentation during the 9:00 am pancake
breakfast.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

Well, Snowmagdeon canceled this twice last month so we will reschedule again in March at the same spot. The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 pm at Ram Restaurant and Brewery, located at 2650 NE University Village. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - *Jean Mindemann*
Lenten Devotions will be available to read online or as a podcast beginning March 6, 2019. *People of the Passion* can also be received as an email subscription throughout the Lenten season. The audio version will be available on the daily devotion page beginning March 6, 2019. www.LHM.org

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS – *Margie Longan*

Ladies' Guild Meeting

Ladies' Guild will be meeting March 13th at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea and a sweet roll will be served. Please remember to bring your “Mites for Missions” money. All women of Messiah are cordially invited to attend!

Quilting Days

The next Project Day will be Wednesday, March 27th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lutheran World Relief will receive the finished quilt. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are cordially invited.

Olympic Zone

Lutheran Women Missionary League invites all women of Messiah to attend the Zone's annual prayer service, Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 at Lamb of God Lutheran Church at 12509 27th Ave NE, Seattle. The meeting starts at 9:30 am with a continental breakfast. This will be followed up with a Prayer Service at 10:30 am.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MITE MONEY GOES? Here are the list of charities your mites support from 2017-2019.

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center, \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Y4Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses, \$97,000

Learn more about these grants on the LWML website:
www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

STUDY ON THE TIME BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS AND THE APOCRYPHA ON THURSDAY MORNING – *Harry Edmon*

Have you ever wondered about the time between the Old and New Testament? Where does the celebration of Hanukkah come from? How did the Romans end up ruling the Holy Land at the time of Christ? How did the parties of the Pharisees and Sadducees that we hear about in the New Testament develop? And who is the guy Herod?

The Thursday morning Bible Class will be studying the Time between the Testaments and the Apocrypha starting March 7th. The study will be led by Harry Edmon. We will take a look at the history of Holy Land from the time of the Babylonian Captivity until the birth of Christ. We will also touch on the history of other areas of the world during this time. We will then examine the differences between Holy Scripture other ancient writings such as the Apocrypha. We will go through the books of the Apocrypha and discuss the content of each of the books.

The study will be based on "The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes" from CPH. However, there is no requirement that you purchase the book (it currently costs \$36.99). A study guide from CPH will be provided at no cost to assist in our discussions.

GROWING COMMUNITY AT CONCORDIA: Two preschool teachers are now mothers! Congratulations to Jessica and David Fluerish at the birth of Rose Valentina and to Laura and Drew Hensley at the birth and adoption of Silas Jaxson! Concordia is also scheduling tours and visits for interested families and students that want to join the school.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN AT CONCORDIA! Enrollment for preschool, elementary school, and middle school (6th grade age growing each year to 8th) for the 2019-2020 school year now open!

PRAYERS FOR CONCORDIA: Please pray for Concordia's acceptance in the Summit Learning Program for their middle school, that news about Concordia continues to spread and the enrollment process for preschool and elementary school, and the word of God is spread in its purest form each day!

CONCORDIA AUCTION – *Christine Malone*

Join Concordia Lutheran School for our Annual Auction "Prom!" on March 30th. Tickets cost \$50. Doors

open at 5:00 pm. Call or email for more information! clsauktion@concordiaseattle.com 206-525-7407.

AMAZONSMILE: Are you an Amazon customer? Did you know you can have a small portion of each purchase donated to Messiah Lutheran Church if you order via AmazonSmile? The merchandise and prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com—but the benefit is that .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice. You can set Messiah Lutheran Church as the beneficiary. Go to Amazon.com, and do a search for AmazonSmile to learn more about this program.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Secular Progressivism, Christian Joy, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and Conservatism. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and Aaron Wolf. Early bird registration is \$115 and includes three meals. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

HUMAN CARE

DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

In the month of January, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: we collected 75 razors, 9 shaving creams, 5 aftershaves. Thanks for helping those in need. In February, we will be collecting baby items. **In March, we will be collecting razors, shaving creams and aftershaves.** Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. Updated collection announcements will be in the Sunday collection area.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – *Dorothy Bellin*

We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex. Items may be placed on the table by the end of March. Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year

LWR sent our kits to Ethiopia and Mauritania. If you have questions about this project, please contact Dorothy Bellin.

NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS: The State of Washington has a critical need for foster parents. If you are interested, go to: www.fosteringtogether.org.

FELLOWSHIP

WE'RE GOING BOWLING! – *Jean Mindemann*

Join us on March 16th at 2:00 pm for an afternoon of bowling at Kenmore Lanes, located at 7638 NE Bothell Way. Eleven dollars will get you two games of bowling and shoes. A sign-up list is posted on the upstairs bulletin board. Carpooling can be arranged. Contact Jean Mindemann at 206-526-9523 if you have any questions.

VALLEY CAMP RETREAT – *Jean Mindemann*

Are you thinking about summer? Our annual retreat to Valley Camp in North Bend will be July 19-21st. You can use the sleeping accommodations in the lodge or bring your own tent or RV. More information to follow.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: The Ten Commandments / Book of Judges
WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

BASIC LUTHERAN TEACHINGS (formerly AIC)

WHAT: Intro to Lutheran Christian Faith
WHEN: **Spring 2019**
WHERE: Room 202/204
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: The Apocrypha
WHEN: Thursdays, **10:00 am**
WHERE: Room 202/204
TEACHER: Harry Edmon

MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Colbert 3/01

Tamara Hillmann	3/02
David Miller	3/02
Veronica Steele	3/02
Jerry Tiersma	3/03
Addie Clark	3/04
Mark Jorgensen	3/07
Justin Bourn	3/08
Tere Ulland	3/09
Lisa Lindstrom	3/10
Bart Jenson	3/12
Cyril Berndt	3/13
Ron Pearce	3/13
Don Dunavant	3/14
Lily Strege	3/14
Cameron Miller	3/15
Nikolas Linden	3/18
Marcy Doersch	3/21
Steve Miller	3/23
Andrew Linden	3/25
Stacey Meyer	3/26
Cole Daigneault	3/27
Rachel Hanson	3/27

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Dianna Altena	3/01
Bob Zimmerman	3/01
Rachel Ferguson	3/03
Nancy Bourn	3/05
Claire Daigneault	3/13
Evelyn Adams	3/14
Neil Strege	3/14
Alex Knudson	3/20
Todd Quammen	3/21
Barbara Fruhling	3/25
Rachel Hanson	3/27
Justin Bourn	3/30
Jim Hewitson	3/30
Veronica Steele	3/31

OFFICIAL ACTS

In late January, Ellen Kendall (Eyre) was granted a peaceful release. In early February, Titus Berndt transferred to Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church in Beverly Hills, Michigan. On February 17th, we welcomed the following members into our congregation during the 10:45 am service: Rachel Hanson, Seth Kendrick, Susan Maslo, Kara Siegfried, Neil Woodward and Leanne Gulden.

March 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3 TRANSFIGURATION 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	4 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	5 7:00 pm Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Midweek Service 8:00 pm Ensemble	7 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	11	12 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	13 LENTEN I 10:00 am Ladies' Guild 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service 8:00 pm Ensemble	14 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	15	16 2:00 pm Messiah Goes Bowling!
17 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	18 MESSENGER DEADLINE	19 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	20 LENTEN II 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service 8:00 pm Ensemble	21 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	22	23
24 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	25	26 7:00 pm Elders' meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	27 LENTEN III 9:30 am Quilting Day 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service 8:00 pm Ensemble	28 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	29	30 5:00 pm Concordia Auction
31 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation						

MARCH SCHEDULE

*If you would like to fill an **OPEN** or **VOLUNTEER** spot, please call the church office at 206.524.0024.*

ACOLYTES

8:00 am
3 volunteer
10 Destiny Aguayo
17 Lena Witt
24 volunteer
31 Destiny Aguayo

10:45 am
 Jack Knudson
 Addie Clark
 Will Strege
 Peter Grimm
 Jack Knudson

USHERS

8:00 am
3 Jim Mendes
10 Lee Cohrs
17 Terry King
24 Harry Edmon
31 Lee Cohrs

10:45 am
 Steve Miller
 Dave Paeth
 Curt Colbert
 Dan Lassman
 Dave Paeth

GREETERS

8:00 am Upstairs
3 Terry King
10 Sharon Christiansen
17 Jim & Sue Hewitson
24 Frieda Johnson
31 none

8:00 am Downstairs
 OPEN
 Jack & Donna Holdridge
 Larry & Nancy Bourn
 Jack & Donna Holdridge
 none

10:45 am Upstairs
 Maya Martin
 Sharon Christiansen
 Jim & Sue Hewitson
 Dorothy Bellin
 none

10:45 am Downstairs
 Dan Lassman
 Dorothy Bellin
 Ann Melvin
 Sharon Christiansen
 none

READERS

8:00 am
3 Shelley Tennant
10 Lee Cohrs
17 Harry Edmon
24 Albert Lirhus
31 Lee Cohrs

10:45 am
 Dan Lassman
 Curt Colbert
 Dave Miller
 Neil Strege
 Sue Hewitson

TRANSPORTATION

3 Sharon Christiansen
10 Joanne Warner
17 OPEN
24 Jane Krueger
31 Rich Blomquist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

3 Processional
10 Pastor Mankin
17 Jill Petro
24 Lee Cohrs
31 Pastor Mankin

ELDERS

8:00 am
3 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon
10 Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs
17 Lee Cohrs, Harry Edmon
24 Michael Boomhower, Andrew Petro
31 Harry Edmon, Michael Boomhower

10:45 am
 Neil Strege, Jim Grant
 Jim Grant, Josh Pemberton
 Josh Pemberton, David Miller
 David Miller, Neil Strege
 Jim Grant, Josh Pemberton

ALTAR GUILD

3 Shelley Tennant, Sharon Christiansen
10 Jean Mindemann, Joyce Lucas, Jack Holdridge, Donna Holdridge
17 Jean Mindemann, Dianna Altena
24 Cheryl Taylor, Cheryl Gagne, Jack Holdridge, Donna Holdridge
31 Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor, Jack Holdridge, Donna Holdridge



TRANSFIGURATION / LENTEN SERVICES

TRANSFIGURATION CRUCIFER

3 Destiny Aguayo (8:00 am)
 Will Strege (10:45 am)

ACOLYTES

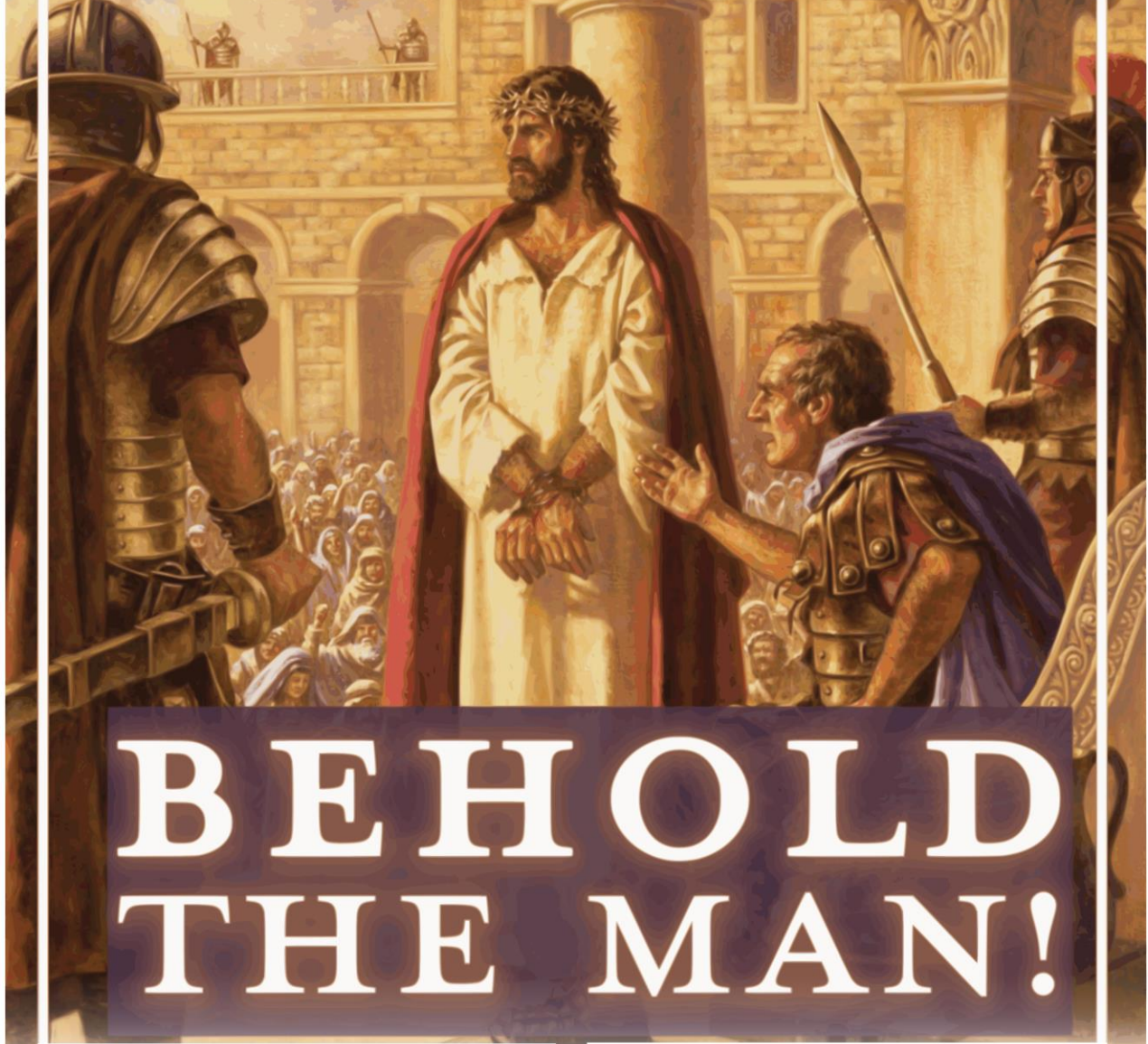
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