



The View



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Behold the Man

from the Pastor...

One of the oldest confessions in the Christian faith is the one made by St. Paul in his first letter to the church in Corinth: “No one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” As simple as the phrase, “Jesus is Lord,” may seem to the untrained ear, to say it and mean it from the heart is a profound statement that can only be made by true faith. It professes the divinity, majesty, authority, honor, compassion, and love of the Son of God. Even more than that, it not only declares him the rightful Lord of creation, it is our declaration of voluntary, humble submission and fidelity to a God who loved us so much that he sacrificed all to save his people.

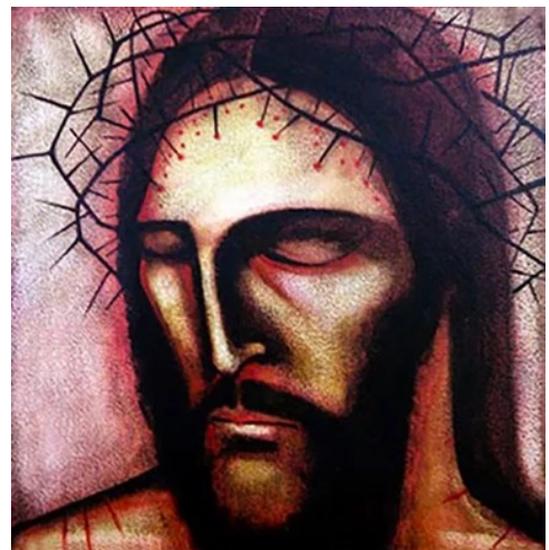
In the Nicene Creed we confess: “[I believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.” He is the beloved Son with whom the Father is well pleased, and because of this He is also the very image of the Father. We know the Father because we have seen the Son. He is begotten of the same nature as the Father, which is love.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:7-10)

With great enthusiasm we express our steadfast faith in the Eternal Son. He is God incarnate, the One descended from on high to redeem man from sin and death. He is the ultimate ransom, the only one who’s shed blood is worthy to rescue all humanity—past, present, future. He is and always has been our Redeemer. The Son is God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, but in the incarnation, he is also true man. He is man born from woman, flesh from flesh, very man of very man—although uncreated from eternity, he is also formed in and born from womb. It is the mystery of mysteries and miracle of miracles that the Eternal Son, who is equal to the Father, humbled himself to be born in the likeness of man.

This Lent we will observe and reflect upon the two natures of Christ (Divine and man); both of which are equally important and necessary for our salvation. As addressed above, the divinity of the Son has existed from eternity, but the man, Jesus, comes at the appointed time to set sin’s captives free.

Parading a beaten and bloody Jesus before an agitated mob, mockingly arrayed as the most pitiful display of kingship with a purple robe sticking to the open wounds on his back and a crown of thorns piercing the tender flesh of his brow, Pontius Pilate unwittingly confesses the incredible truth of the incarnation: “Behold the man.” Here is the Suffering Servant. Here is the King of Kings, who is Servant of all. Here is the God-man: the Eternal Son in the frail, mortal flesh of a man.



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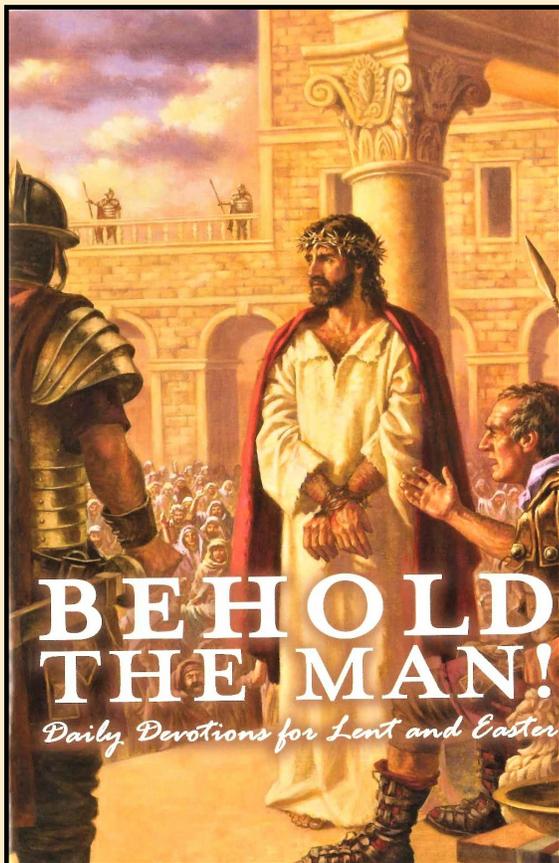
At times we want to rush through Lent and get to the jubilation of Easter. Squeamishly we cover our eyes to shield ourselves from the grotesque brutality this man endured, asking: “Is it over yet?” We already know the outcome and long to see our Lord risen in victory. But to do so would be to minimize the humanity of our Savior. Yes, Jesus is God, but Jesus is also man.

He had a body. He had a nose and ears. He had knees, toes, and bones. He had unique fingerprints just like you. He hungered, thirsted, prayed, and bled. He had a mother, who loved him as only a mother could and who he loved back as only a son could. And as true man, he felt every blow that struck him, every lash of the whip, every nail as it was driven through soft flesh, every agonizing breath as the weight of his own hanging body suffocated him on the cross, every insult that tore at his heart, every feeling of abandonment as his love poured out was rejected. He felt it all. And he willingly endured it out of love for you.

Jesus the man is our true brother. Unlike Cain, who loved only himself and hated his brother, Jesus loves and keeps his brother. He suffers and dies for his brother. In him, God became one with us so that He could make us one with Him. Behold the man who suffered, died, and rose again for you. Behold the man who took your place under the law, who lived a life unblemished by sin in your place, who—although innocent—uncomplainingly received the sentence of death for your guilt, who—by death—defeated death that you may have life through him. Behold the man.

BEHOLD THE MAN!

FORTY DAYS OF DEVOTIONS



These forty days of devotions guide you through the entire Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each devotion focuses on a human aspect of our Savior, the Word made flesh—Jesus, the God-man who died for our sins.

**PICK UP YOUR COPY
OF THIS FREE
LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
FROM THE TABLE
IN THE NARTHEX**

BOARD OF MISSIONS

In November 2018 at the Annual Voters Meeting the congregation decided to create a new board on the Church Council and the **Board of Missions** was formed. The purpose of the new board is to plan, promote, and coordinate the efforts of our congregation to share the Gospel around the world. We are to call the attention of the congregation to the missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and solicit support. The Board of Missions directs an annual budget toward worthy missions which promote the spread of the Gospel all around the world.

The Board of Missions meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am in the church library. We need you. Please join us.

We see incredible results of how the Gospel can change an entire culture. We see the change in the physical, moral, and *spiritual*, well-being of the people in the village of Laotchikit. Since 2010 they and their children have heard the Good News preached at church and taught in their Christian school. How exciting it is that people living outside Laotchikit want the same message of hope and eternal life, taught and preached in their own villages. How exciting to see the Gospel spread from village to village as preaching stations and churches and Christian schools are established throughout the Central Plateau of Haiti. It's like watching a miracle unfold. What an awesome God we serve!

Can't come because you work or can't make it here? We want you involved. Send your email address and we will keep you posted on current mission projects and Board of Missions meeting notes.

Now we want to take the same precious, eternal life-saving Gospel to every corner of the world. YOUR help is needed. If Haiti is too hot, how about serving in Alaska? If Alaska is too far, how about serving during a natural disaster crisis on the coast? If you don't want to leave your room, why not dedicate 20 minutes a week to pray for the work of mission around the world? How about the jungles of Africa or the frozen tundra of Russia?

There are many, many mission fields. Jesus laid out the game plan in Matthew 28:19-20 when he said,

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Wow! This is a powerful mission statement. What great comfort to know God is with us even unto the end of the world. And even if you never leave Henderson County, North Carolina, you do have a mission field. God places so many people in our lives to love, to serve, to witness to. All we have to do is 'Go' and do it.

Blessings beyond measure,

Wendy White
Board of Missions



If you would like to learn about mission opportunities in Alaska, please join the Board of Missions meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 11 AM in the church library.

HAITI MISSION

UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity, donations so far total

\$5,692.52

toward our goal of \$10, 209.00 to supply much needed bedding to the children's shelters in Laotchikit.

Item	# Needed	Price per item	Cost
Bunk Bed Bedframes	18	\$ 227.00	\$ 4,086.00
Mattress	36	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,600.00
Bed Bug Mattress Cover	36	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,260.00
Sheet	36	\$ 23.00	\$ 828.00
Pillow	36	\$ 6.00	\$ 216.00
Pillow Case	36	\$ 1.50	\$ 54.00
Subtotal			\$ 10,044.00
Transportation			\$ 165.00
Total Project			\$ 10,209.00

Please help us furnish the Children's Shelters in Laotchikit with proper bedding.

Please see the giving tree in the Narthex to donate.

Please consider donating funds to purchase one of these needed items for the shelters. All donations are given through the church offering. On your envelop or in the memo line of your check, designate what item you want your donation to purchase. Thank you!



COMMUNITY CONCERNS & OUTREACH



MISSION OF THE MONTH for MARCH 2019 FEED THE KIDS COALITION



What We Do Has Impact

The hunger crisis in Henderson County is bigger than most people realize. Last year, 92% of the Club members were eligible for the National School Lunch Program, which determines eligibility based on family household income. That compares to 55% of students countywide who are eligible during the 2013 – 2014 school year. Many do not have a hot meal from Friday lunch until Monday morning breakfast. In fact, 49.1 million Americans – including nearly 17 million children – lack the means to regularly put enough nutritious food on the table.



What is the impact of alleviating childhood hunger?

In the United States, more than one out of five children lives in a household with food insecurity, which means they do not always know where they will find their next meal. Insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. The immature immune systems of young children, make them especially vulnerable to nutritional deprivation and as a result, the ability to learn, grow and fight infections is adversely affected.



THANK YOU MT. PISGAH!

The total donation to the January Mission of the Month
Hendersonville Rescue Mission was **\$605.00!**



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on Aging**

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Council on Aging can use volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels, the Sammy Williams center for Active Living, thrift shops and office administration. A nonprofit organization such as the Council on Aging is only as strong as its volunteers make it. We've been relying on folks like you — people who want to help make a difference, who have some extra time available, who might know others who've benefitted from Council on Aging services — ever since we were incorporated in 1969. As an independent non-government agency, the Council on Aging is a nonprofit that relies on the kindness of strangers ... strangers who quickly become friends.

SERVING IN MARCH

MARCH USHERS

	8:00 AM	10:45AM
3/3	Lydia Cassidy Bill Kruse	Steve Kirchoefer, Laura Reinhold, Harold Zell
3/10	Paul Mincer Tony Selius	Maureen Duemig, Jerri Creech, Bill Jaeger
3/17	Rick Sanborn Rudy Eidam	David Hawthorne, Steve Leyrer, Leah Ryel, Harold Zell
3/24	Jen Stickney Mike Ebanks	Steve Kirchoefer, Kathy Kirchoefer, Ben Kirchoefer, Dan Kirchoefer
3/31	Bill Kruse Rudy Eidam	TBD

MARCH LECTORS

	8:00 AM	10:45AM
3/3	Rick Sanborn	David Elton White
3/10	Jerry Kaufman	Kathy Kirchoefer
3/17	Linda Licht	Maxine Tatreau
3/24	Ed Bertram	Jim Wing
3/31	Vickie Amato	Lois Swhweinler

PARISH LIFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN HELPING
WILL BE HELD, WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH**

Anyone who would like to help out with meals for Parish Life, there will be a meeting on **Wednesday, March 6th following the early Ash Wednesday Lenten service at about 2:00 pm.** If you cannot attend the meeting, but have ideas or would like to help out, call **Debby at 891-2416.**

Coordinating Care Help Needed

We have many homebound church members as well as many caregivers in the congregation who could use support. If you are interested in helping by calling, visiting, sending cards, providing occasional transportation or a meal, please look for the "Coordinating Care" table on Easter Sunday. You will be put in touch with the appropriate church committee (Elders, Community Concerns, or Parish Life).



Parish Life will be hosting a

Shrove Sunday Dinner

on Sunday, March 3, 2019 after the late service

This dinner is scheduled for Sunday March 3, 2019 after the late service. The menu is pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes), sausage, bacon and fresh fruit. There will also be quiche available for those who don't like pancakes. Maximum is \$15 per family.



Come enjoy good food and fellowship
along with the MPLC talent show
featuring our own gifted & amazing members!



THE LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild will meet on **Monday, March 11th at 1:00**. We will be taking a tour of the Hendersonville Rescue Mission. If you are interested in car pooling to the mission **please meet at the church at 12:30**. All ladies are welcome to attend.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!



The Ladies Guild will be holding a church rummage sale on **Saturday, June 1 from 8 am to 2 pm**. All proceeds will go toward missions. Bring your donated items to the fellowship hall any time after May 4. Please note that we will not be accepting clothes, furniture, old television sets, computer monitors or outdated electronics. Thank you!



Look for the LWML Mite Box
the **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month!





Daylight Savings time begins on MARCH 10th



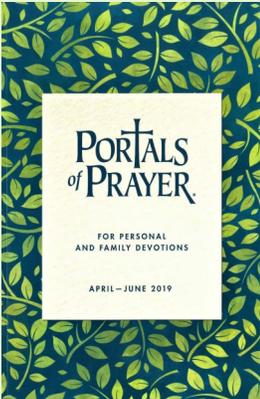
Commemorate a special date or celebration

Altar flowers are needed for: **April 21**

Altar arrangements of cut flowers are needed for the **open** dates indicated above. Please call the Church Office (692-7027) or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board near the Ladies' Room. If you choose to use a Florist other than **Etowah Florist** or **Forget-Me-Not**, please let the Church Office know to make arrangements for a Saturday delivery.



FREE Tax Return Preparation for Elderly Taxpayers, February 1st - April 17th, 2019 at Hendersonville Church of Christ, ANNEX 1975 Haywood Road / Hwy. 191. No appointments necessary – first come first serve. Tuesdays – Fridays 9AM-3PM, Mondays in the evening 4PM-8PM, Saturdays 9AM-1PM. Certified AARP Volunteers. **Phone # 698-6213.**



APRIL—JUNE

Portals of Prayer

are available
now
in the
Narthex

Lutheran Witness & Portals of Prayer Contributions

Please consider a contribution to offset the cost of the *Lutheran Witness & Portals of Prayer* publications provided to the congregation. The current price for a yearly subscription for LW is \$12.95. Quarterly Portals of Prayer are \$2.50 ea for the digest size and \$1.25 ea for the pocket size.

2019 LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- † **March 6-Ash Wednesday Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **March 13-Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **March 20-Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **March 27 -Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **April 3-Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **April 10-Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM & 7:00pm**
- † **April 14: Palm Sunday - Regular Worship Services**
- † **April 18: Maundy Thursday Services 6:00pm**
- † **April 19: Good Friday Service 6:00pm**
- † **April 21: Easter Sunday - Regular Worship Services**

PLEASE NOTE

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

WILL NOT BE HELD DURING LENT

THANK YOU!

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Communion 8am Bible Classes 9:15am Communion 10:45am Choir rehearsal SHROVE SUNDAY DINNER & Talent Show	4 Elders Meeting 7PM	5	6 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM ASH WEDNESDAY 1:00PM 7:00PM	7 Men's Bible Study 8 am Quilter's Ministry 9am	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Ends 1st Sunday in Lent Worship 8am Bible Classes 9:15am Worship 10:45am Choir rehearsal	11 Ladies Guild 1PM <i>(meet at church by 12:30)</i>	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM 7:00PM	14 Men's Bible Study 8 am ECM Board meets 4:30pm	15	16
17 2nd Sunday in Lent Communion 8am Bible Classes 9:15am Communion 10:45am Choir rehearsal 	18	19	20 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM 7:00PM	21 Men's Bible Study 8 am Quilter's Ministry 9am Pastor's Circuit 9:30AM Church Council 7:00pm	22	23
24 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship 8am Bible Classes 9:15am Worship 10:45am Choir rehearsal	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 10:00AM Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00PM 7:00PM	28 Men's Bible Study 8 am	29	31
31 4th Sunday in Lent Communion 8am Bible Classes 9:15am Communion 10:45am Choir rehearsal						



3 Sharon Gertken	14 Tara Lumley
3 Lyn Heiple	19 Lindsay Middleton
9 Bob Biddle	20 Harold Zell
9 Zoe Christensen	24 Mariana Luecke
11 Armin Lohr	28 Lois Schweinler
13 Carole Steverson	

Weekly Bible Studies

Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study in the Library
 with Pastor McLain
(No evening Bible Study during Lent)

Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.
 Men's Bible Study at Denny's
 Restaurant (with breakfast).

Sunday @ 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study
 Pastor McLain



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