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Messenger of Peace

Join Us for all the Lenten Worship Services

Bethlehem services Wednesdays at 12:15 and 6:30PM at Peace, Selah.

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)

On Ash Wednesday, we will see how, in spite of Jesus' repeated predictions about His upcoming Passion, the disciples with "Misjudging Eyes" fail to recognize that soon He will not be with them, and they cannot see the anonymous woman's anointing of Jesus as preparation for His burial. But Jesus sees her actions as a beautiful deed that will be proclaimed throughout the world wherever the Gospel is heard.

At our midweek service after the First Sunday of Lent, we will look through Judas's "Betraying Eyes" and learn why he did this awful deed. Yet the behind-the-scenes-reality is that Jesus was "handed over" (another way of translating the verb for "betray") by God the Father Himself, so that Jesus could die for the sin of the world.

"Sleepy Eyes" is the theme for the second week of Lent. In Gethsemane, Jesus' inner circle of Peter, James, and John cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Jesus for even an hour, while Jesus comes to see that His Father's will is that He drink the cup of God's wrath when He comes to the "hour" of His suffering.

In the third week of Lent, we stare into the "Denying Eyes" of Peter and the other apostles. They could not see how they could ever fall away from Jesus, but after Jesus is betrayed by Judas, ten of them flee, and Peter—when he is spotted by a servant girl and sees that his own neck is on the line—sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his own eyes weeping in remorse. We sinners likewise deny our Lord in many ways, but Jesus denied Himself to take up the cross for our salvation.

"Murderous Eyes" is the theme of week 4 in Lent. The chief priests and scribes saw Jesus as an obstacle to be rid of by murdering Him through the Roman judicial system. Yet during the Passover festival, they would unwittingly bring about the Father's sacrifice of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

In the fifth week of Lent, we look through the "Worldly Eyes" of Pilate, the Jewish leaders, and the Roman soldiers. Pilate can only view matters in a worldly, pragmatic way, wishing to placate the worldly Jewish leaders and crowd, so he consents to handing Jesus over for crucifixion. He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God's way is suffering and the cross.

The soldiers see the opposite of a worldly king, but their ironic hailing of Him as “King of the Jews” proclaims who He really is. The world looks for power and glory; God’s way is suffering and the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, there is “More Than Meets the Eye” to the Lord’s Supper. We will look into the Old Testament background of the Last Supper and rejoice in the mystery that Jesus, in and with, bread and wine, gives us His body and blood in order to deliver to us the benefits of His Passion.

On Good Friday, we look through “God’s Eyes” to see what is happening during the Passion: the once-for-all atonement for the sin of the whole world and the justification of all sinners on Easter.

Finally, Easter Sunday gazes upon “Angel Eyes.” The angel in the tomb knows the whole story of Jesus’ resurrection. When he sees the women, he proclaims the Gospel to them, shows them where Jesus’ body had formerly lain, and tells them that they can see Jesus themselves in Galilee. Likewise, the “angels” or messengers of the Church in the apostolic ministry tell God’s people where they can find Jesus and His salvation in the Means of Grace.

Eyes on Jesus will continuously focus our eyes on Jesus Christ and Him crucified, buried, and risen for our justification. This is a vision that will never disappoint, for by trusting in Jesus, He promises that we will gaze upon His beautiful face now by faith and forever in heaven!

Welcome to Pastor Toby Joeckyel

Peace Lutheran Church wishes to welcome Pastor Joeckyel and his family to the congregation. We welcome this opportunity to pray earnestly and unceasingly for you and for your family. We are thankful for the Lord’s provision for leadership and fellowship. During this season of change, it is proper to reflect on God’s word and the relationships we are commended, even commanded to foster and protect.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:12-17)

Lenten Soup Dinners

Pass the Word

**Every Wednesday in March at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM
Service afterwards.**

There will be a joint service on March 6th, 2022 at
10:00 A.M. Bethlehem

Thank You...

- The Hert family expresses their sincere appreciation and thank-you for your prayers and support for our family. Steve is doing well and walking everyday!

Stephen Ministry Meeting...

This months meeting is on Tues, March 8th at 6:30pm at **Bethlehem**. All Stephen Ministry trained care givers and all interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry (one on one care giving) Stephen Ministry Meeting

Church Directory...

We have updated the Church Directory. They are located in the Fellowship Hall.



A Note On Yakima Quilts of Valor

The Yakima Quilts of Valor group will be honoring Veterans with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor along with several Vietnam Era Veterans with a commemorative Vietnam Pin on Sunday, April 24th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church.

Haiti Mission News...

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Life appears to be moving along in Haiti. There are a variety of activities in church, school, agriculture, maintenance of property that are being pursued. We appreciate your prayers and support as you walk along with us and these confessing Christians.

There is a youth gathering through the Lutheran Church in Haiti in the central plateau region. This area of the country is mountainous (Haiti means "land of high mountains"). This gathering is scheduled for February 25 through March 2. Rev. Paul has over 50 youth who would like to go. This is an opportunity for the youth for La Maison Des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO--the House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) and school to fellowship with other Haitians of the same confession of faith. Rev. Paul will be working with the youth and resources that Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission is providing, to make this work for most of them. We are pleased to see efforts to have MADO's youth develop relationships with other Lutherans in Haiti.

The ministry has also been diligent in the use of resources to do the needed periodic maintenance of facilities. The security walls around the girls' home were established in 2007, and over the last month, they have received repairs and upgrades. Rev. Paul was able to obtain some bagged cement at a decent price recently. We are very pleased to witness respectful care of their property; sometimes the pressure of everything going on prevents people from caring for facilities. Praise God for their good stewardship.

God's peace,

Rev. Saw Wiseman

MEMORY VERSE

He is the image of
the invisible God,
the firstborn of
all creation.

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