

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

*Receiving and sharing God's mercy together*

Alleluia.

“Walk in love,

as Christ

loved us

and gave

himself

up for us”

Alleluia.

## **Palm Sunday Cantata**

**April 9, 2017 at 10:00 am**

Singers are needed. This is your opportunity to share the gift of your voice. Contact Rex Engle: [rexenglecol@gmail.com](mailto:rexenglecol@gmail.com) or Richard Moran: 517-938-8246, if you would like to be a part of “Who is this King?”

## **LWML Mite Boxes**

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the mite box is intended for offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national missions grants and implement the Lutheran Women Missionary League program.

Mite Boxes will be available on the volunteer desk from Feb. 19, through Lent, which begins on Wednesday, March 1st. Boxes will be collected and blessed on Easter Sunday.

## **Young Life Silent Auction**

**March 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm Legacy Golf Course, Ottawa Lake, Mi.**

Come support Young Life in SE Michigan by enjoying a great night out and getting the chance to bid on over 100 items! Vacations, Disney World Park Passes, Sports Tickets and more. You can get more details by visiting Young Life's Facebook page.

## **College Ministry Care Packages**

Donations of home baked goodies and snacks are needed for the college student's care packages. Cookies, brownies, cookie bars, trail mix are all appreciated by the students. Drop donations off in the church kitchen by February 19. The care packages will go out the following week.

**INTROIT**

*(or Psalm Prayer)*

The Lord has made known his salvation;

**He had revealed his righteousness in the light of the nations.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**the world and those who dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,

**For he comes to judge the earth,**

and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

**COLLECT**

*(or Gathering Prayer)*

**O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**I Corinthians 3:1-9**

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

**VERSE: Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice. Alleluia.**

**Matthew 5:21-37**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.



## ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

### God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Songs of Thanks/ Praise" #88
- ✝ Opening Song "Sing to the King"
- Psalm Prayer
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

### Around His Word...

- ◇ The Old Testament Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Choir "Morning Has Broken"
- ◇ Epistle I Corinthians 3:1-9
- ✝ Scripture Song "Open the Eyes of My Heart #404
- ◇ The Gospel Matthew 5:21-37
- ✝ Children's Message
- Message Hymn "Here I am, Lord" # 525
- ✝ Sermon Song "Love Like Rain"
- ◇ The Message "Calling Our Own Plays"
- ◇ The Creed

### And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering, Announcements & Offertory
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- ✝ The Sacrament "In Christ Alone"  
"As For Me—Family Prayer"  
"Sing for Joy"
- The Closing Prayer
- Closing Hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown" #217
- The Choral Blessing

✝ Indicates Praise Service element only

◇ Indicates Both Services

### What about Holy Communion?

We understand Communion to be more than just a symbol or a statement--it is a "means of grace." Like the Bible, it proclaims the fearful cost of our salvation, the depth of our Savior's love, and the perfect trust we can have because of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is an intimate moment where God himself is with us, bringing us together, and blessing us. It should never be taken lightly. So, the Bible tells us: "A person ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (I Corinthians 11:28).

If you are unsure about Holy Communion, please come forward and simply fold your arms across your chest as a signal to Pastor that you would like to receive a blessing.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Mike Ruhl

**Music Minister:** Rex Engle

**Elders:** Bill Langenderfer & Doug Morningstar

**Altar:** Connie Barth

**Acolyte:** Daniel Merrill

**Men's Praise Team:** Adam Draa, Rex Engle, Bill Fetters, Richard Moran, Dennis Pickford, Clif Weber, Ron Wyman

**Choir:** Cheryl Boner, Don & Joan Connell, Eileen Fry, Kay Helf, Karen Rose, Gordon & Nancy Stites, Chet & Jean Yarger

**Ushers:** Tom Fenstemacher, Norm Fry, Jim Nichols, Matt Sauer, Bob Gilstroff, **Brent McMordie**, Jim Previch, Mark Thomas, Mark & Brenda Luma.

**Multi Media:** Rick Baker, Sonja Merrill

**Greeters:** Betty Kipke & Rick & Angie Riley

**Lay Readers:** Dick Covell & Tami Lash

**Coffee Connection:** Team Ruth and you

**Children's Message:** Ken Pollack

**Christ Connection:** Cheryl Boner, Ken & Lynn Pollack

### IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

**Painting** The church was alive with a flurry of activity this week. On Monday and Tuesday, there were five to seven people taping, spackling, and painting. By the end of the week the sanctuary and hallway leading to the fellowship hall was painted. God has blessed our church with so many talented people. The church looks great!

**Share the Warmth** Many volunteers stepped up to help support the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter this past week. Mike & Kay Helf were a huge part of making our week a success. The volunteers have said "helping at the shelter made them feel like they were helping to make a difference in the lives of people who really need it." God truly works through us and with us.

### Thank You

The Sweet Tooth Auction was a success. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes, pies, and snacks. Because of your generosity, The Board of Christian Care raised \$1200.00 for Gifts of Love Ministry. All the money raised from the auction will be used in the community to help people in need pay for utilities, rent, and other daily needs.

## CALENDAR

<b>Sun. Feb. 12</b>	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Secret Sister Reveal	
	9:45 am	Christ Connections	
	9:45 am	Prayer Shawl Meeting	Room B
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
<b>Mon. Feb. 13</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Big Boy
<b>Tue. Feb. 14</b>	10:00am	Bible Study	
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels	Mike & Kay
<b>Wed. Feb. 14</b>	10:00am	Staff Meeting	
	11:00am	PHD Meeting	Library
<b>Thur. Feb. 15</b>	9:00 am	Bible Babes	
	11:00 am	Service Rehearsal	
	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Sm. Group	
<b>Fri. Feb. 16</b>		Office Closed	

### Birthdays

2/12	Clara Ganun, Ethan Toth
2/16	Courtney Lake, Kathy Morrison, Brody Weatherby
2/17	Kaydence Henning

### Baptism Birthdays

2/12	Lillian Atwood
2/14	Jay Allen
2/19	Dietrich Newberg
2/23	Elise McMordie

### Anniversaries

2/14	John & Lori Witt
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## TO OUR GUESTS

**Welcome!** We know that visiting a new church for the first few times can be awkward. We hope you will discover there are many wonderful people here and there are opportunities for you to find good friends and feel like you are a part of something bigger. We offer Christ Centered worship and Christ Connections Sunday School, along with a fellowship hour every Sunday at 9:30 am. Feel free to leave your contact information in the red booklets in the pew so we can better serve you in your walk with Christ.

### Helpful information

Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway and fellowship hall. Changing tables are in both women's restrooms.

There are quiet rooms at the back of the Sanctuary. You can still see and hear the service and your child can play with the toys in the little bags just outside the quiet room door.

## TIME & TREASURE

### Last Week @ LCOL

<b>Worship</b>	2/5	137
<b>Our Treasure</b>		
General Fund	\$	3,756.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	360.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00