

# Sharing the Story

Lent 2019

Our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday (March 6), when we are invited “to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Invitation to Lent*). Below, you will find the ways that we are fulfilling our Lenten discipline as a community. As we engage in worship, deepen our practice of prayer, and adopt new faith practices (see the Lenten calendar), we find new ways to experience and then share the story of God’s undying love for us.

## **Lenten Worship Schedule**

Wednesday Worship	Soup and Bread Supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm
Sunday Worship	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday School at 9:45 am Adult Education at 10 am

## **Wednesday Worship**

*The story of salvation through Christ is a story that begins at creation and continues to this day. Through our mid-week worship, we'll explore five Old Testament narratives of God's saving power at work in the world through creative retellings of ancient stories.*

**March 6: Ash Wednesday** - Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 pm.

### **March 13: Creation**

*Genesis 1:1–2:4a*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the beginning of life for us all. Just as the creator God forms the earth out of chaotic waters and shines light onto primeval darkness, so the resurrection of Christ pulls us from death through baptism into fruitful life with all the good earth and enlightens our life in Christ.

### **March 20: Flood**

*Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13*

In the story of the flood, God re-creates the world by sending forty days of rain to destroy all that is evil. In the resurrection of Christ, God is making all things new, and in our baptism, we are cleansed and brought to new life.

### **March 27: Deliverance at the Red Sea**

*Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

In this archetypal story, God vanquishes evil and liberates the oppressed. By the resurrection, God liberates us from slavery to sin and brings us through the waters of baptism to safety.

### **April 3: Salvation freely offered to all**

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

In this reading from Isaiah, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like water for the thirsty, God like rain on the earth.

### **April 10: Deliverance from the fiery furnace**

*Daniel 3:1-29*

For each of us there will be a time when we are engulfed by fire. Because of the resurrection of Christ, we can be confident that the Son of God will be with us, no matter what or where the furnace.

## **Sunday Worship**

*Throughout the Sundays of Lent this year, we will remember Jesus' unwavering, grace-filled love for this world as we follow him to the cross. Along with meditating on Scripture, we will practice our faith together by learning a prayer practice in worship each week.*

### **March 10: Temptation of Jesus**

*Luke 4:1-13*

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

### **March 17: Like a Hen Gathers Her Brood**

*Luke 13:31-35*

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

### **March 24: Parable of the Fig Tree**

*Luke 13:1-9*

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

### **March 31: Prodigal Son**

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

### **April 7: Mary Anoints Jesus for His Burial**

*John 12:1-8*

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

## **Adult Education (Sundays at 10am)**

*Each week presents an opportunity to build on the prayer practice focus of Sunday morning worship in ways that engage multiple senses and learning styles. The first week will offer an opportunity to practice and explore guided meditation and yoga (3/10), followed by a consideration of ways to pray based around Anne Lamott's book Help, Thanks, Wow (3/17). The remaining time will be shared developing creative prayer practices inspired by the book Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God by Sybil MacBeth. On Palm Sunday, please join an all ages Education Hour opportunity with BLC's interactive Stations of the Cross. Watch upcoming Star editions for more details!*

## **Holy Week/Easter Sunday Worship Schedule**

**Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14:** *Luke 22:14-23:56* – The passion and death of Jesus

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 am with palm procession

Sunday School at 9:45 am & Interactive Stations of the Cross for all ages

**Maundy Thursday, April 18:**

Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 19:**

Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 21: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!** *Luke 24:1-12* - The Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 am; No Sunday School or Adult Education

Pancake Breakfast hosted by the LYO at 9:30 am

*All donations go toward funding the LYO summer trip to the 2019 Group Work Camp in Erie, PA.*