



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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...from the Pastor's Office

In our time together during this season of Lent we are looking at the traditional Penitential Psalms. There are 7 of them all together and we will study 6 of those.

The 7 are Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Penitence is a feeling of deep sadness because you have done something wrong or sorrow for one's sins or faults. According to Pastor John Wohlrabe, Jr. "Ash Wednesday began the penitential season of Lent: forty days (not including Sundays) of reflection and sorrow over our sin and its consequences. During this time we also meditate on what Jesus Christ suffered for us because of our sins and what His perfect obedience to the Father, even unto death on the cross, brings for us. Around the sixth century AD, seven psalms were designated as the Penitential Psalms" which I have listed already.

During this Lenten season it is very appropriate to both reflect upon what our sin cost our Lord, ending with His death on our behalf on a cross but also reflecting upon His victory over death, won both as a demonstration that every knee shall bow and tongue confess that He is Lord and so that we also can have victory over death. The Lord promises a crown of life to all those who love Him (James 1:12). As you reflect upon the meaning of Lent keep also in mind the victory of Easter.

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March at PALC

Sunday 1

9:00am Bible Study for Everyone
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
11:50am Youth Rally Curriculum Group meeting

Wednesday 4

9:00am Men's Breakfast at Perkins
9:15am Ladies' Bible study
6:00pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lenten Service
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 8

9:00am Bible Study for Everyone
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
11:40am Prayer Time in Sanctuary

Tuesday 10

6:30pm Board of Trustee Meeting

Wednesday 11

9:15am Ladies' Bible study
9:30am Men's' Bible study
6:00pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lenten Service
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 15

9:00pm Bible Study for Everyone
10:30am Worship & Communion Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday 18

9:15am Ladies' Bible study
9:30am Men's Bible study
6:00pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lenten Service
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 21

9-11am Women's' Bible study

Sunday 22

9:00am Bible Study for Everyone
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Abbreviated Communion
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
11:45am Youth Rally Planning Meeting All are Welcome to attend
12:30pm Women's book discussion group at the church

Wednesday 25

9:15am Ladies' Bible study
9:30am Men's Bible study
6:00pm Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lenten Service
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 29 PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Bible Study for Everyone
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship

March Birthdays

Floyd	Niskanen	03/02
Bill	Krumholz	03/13
Ann	Pelto	03/17
Myrna	Maikkula	03/18
Stacey	Wempen	03/19
Lyman	Bruno	03/27
Beverly	Fiori	03/28
Lulu	Puumala	03/30

March Anniversary

Rodger & Aila Foltz 03/20

The next meeting of the **Women's book discussion group** is **March 22nd, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.** at the church.

The book being discussed is name of the book is *Unveiling Grace: The Story of How We Found our Way out of the Mormon Church* by Lynn Wilder.

New Member Received



**We welcome Ruth Ann Williams as a member of
Plymouth Apostolic Lutheran Church.**

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An article submitted by Janis Saari written by Dr. Al Saari, April 2003

The Bible abounds in spiritual mysteries. Most of these stem from the fact that we are unable to understand because God's ways are far beyond human capability to know. How does water connected with the Word of God wash away sin? How does bread and wine become Body and Blood of Jesus Christ shed for remission of sins? How does the Holy Spirit cause Faith in one person but not another? These are so because God has told us so! We need to be as Martin Luther and tip our hats to those things we do not understand and go on simply trusting in the Promises God has given to us.

Another mystery we seldom consider regards God's dwelling place on Earth.

When God led Israel from Egypt, He instructed Moses to supervise the building of a meeting place for Him, a Tabernacle, a tent. When built, The Cloud covered the Tabernacle and filled it with God's Glory (Exod 40:34-35). This large tent was the center of Worship and Sacrifice for Israel and continued for several hundred years, until Solomon built the Temple of stone and wood in Jerusalem.

Were I planning the birth of God on Earth, He would have been born in the Temple, or perhaps a palace. The guardians of God's Temple in Jerusalem in the time of Jesus were corrupt. They were in league with and allowed dishonest transactions of sacrificial animals. Jesus reacted with righteous anger by cleansing the Temple as recorded by Luke (19:45-16). And it is clear from History that palaces were occupied by gross ungodliness. Thus God did it differently. His Son was born in a cave/stable to a humble, unknown virgin teen aged girl.

The birth of Jesus gave the human body a greatly enhanced standing. A human body now housed God giving the body a sacred dimension. This astounding revelation was made clear by St. Paul who taught that the New Testament Temple is not of brick, wood or

stone but the human body. Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. 1Cor. 3:16-17 (NIV) God chose to dwell in Jesus' body, now He chooses to reside in ours.

God has promised a bodily resurrection, just like Jesus arose on the 3rd day. This resurrection body of Jesus was a true body in that He spoke (Jn 20:15-17), was visible (Jn 20:19-20), touchable (Lk 24:39), and could eat (Lk 24:41-43). He also had a remarkable property or two that I find difficult to understand such as appearing in a locked house (Jn 20:19).

Paul writes extensively about this in 1 Cor 15. He explains that this natural perishable body encumbered by sin is buried but will be raised as a new physical body but imperishable and free of sin. This is the mystery and another item to learn about in Glory.

The idea that the human body can be the dwelling of the Holy Spirit, that is God, has very important implications. What does it say about abortion? What does it say about altering the mind with any number of chemical compounds, be they synthetic or natural? How about abusive behavior?

Faith sustains us through serious trials and uncertainties. Faith needs a trustworthy object. Jesus claimed to be God and demonstrated it often by awe-inspiring works. He is trustworthy.

Jesus offered the greatest proof of all by rising from dead. Few events from that period have been so thoroughly studied. Most of these investigations have led to the same conclusion; He did arise from the dead. That should be enough for you and for me.

Dr. Albert Saari



Spring is almost here. In the month of March we will be collecting food for the Minnesota Food Share.

Please bring nonperishable food items and place them in Narthex. They will be brought to a local food shelf at the end of the month.

