

GIVING IT UP FOR LENT



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Regular Worship Service – Sunday 9:00 am
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***We welcome all of you to this “First Day of the Week”
Celebration of Our Lord’s Resurrection***

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WORSHIP. THANK YOU!”***

Northern Lancaster Cluster of Lutheran Churches
Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church
80 Gockley Road, Stevens, PA 17578
Theme: “Giving It Up For Lent”

Midweek Lenten Service

April 20, 2011

†SERVICE OF WORD FOR LENT†

Pre-Service Voluntary:

“We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” – D. Buxtehude

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: Variation on “Ebenezer” - A. D. Miller

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

A brief silence is observed.

***INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

P: May your justice shine like the sun;

C: **and may the poor be lifted up.**

***OPENING HYMN #327:**

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

Sing unison – last stanza

***THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let the incense of our repentant prayers ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C: Amen.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

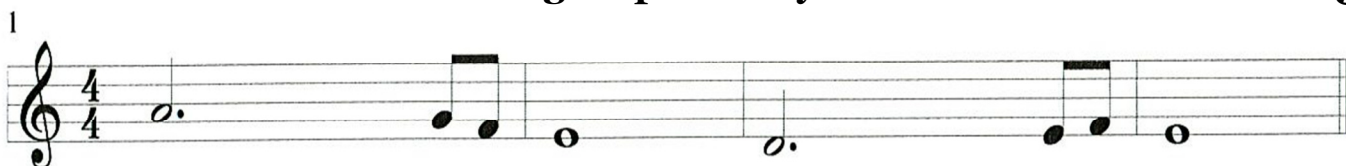
Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Congregation is seated.)

THE PSALMODY - sing responsively

PSALM 23



The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

**²He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | stores my soul,
and guides me along right pathways | for His name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 12:1–3

P: A reading from Hebrews the 12th chapter.

In the way of the cross, Jesus has blazed the trail for our salvation. With faithful perseverance, we follow in his footsteps.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE RESPONSORY:

- G. F. Handel

“Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs” from “Messiah”

Chancel Choir

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON: "Give up Thanks"

Reverend Paul Smeltz

***LENTEN HYMN ELW 574:** "*Here I Am, Lord*"

Choir Sings Stanzas, Congregation Sings Refrains

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Congregation is seated.)

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Variation on “*Here I Am Lord*”

Tune of Lenten Hymn

- J. Linker/C. Tobias

*** OFFERING HYMN: “*Create in Me...*”**

Hymn #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each portion of the prayers ends with:

C: hear our prayer.

Response at the end of the prayers of intercession:

C: Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows.

May his passion bring you healing and peace.

C Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #840: “Now Thank We All Our God”**

Sing unison – last stanza

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Marche Triomphale” on “Nun Danket Alle Gott”

(abbreviated) -Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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We thank Pastor Paul Smeltz of Muddy Creek, Denver for leading tonight’s service focusing on “Give up Thanks” at Mellingers Lutheran Church, Schoeneck.

PLEASE JOIN US for a time of fellowship following the service. Refreshments are provided by Mellingers Lutheran Church Members and Social Ministry Committee.

***TODAY WE WELCOME** our Sisters and Brothers in Christ. May each of us worship with openness and love between God and our fellow worshippers. Everyone present is a child of God, and all are welcomed here in his house of worship.*

NORTH LANCASTER LUTHERAN CLUSTER LENT SERVICES 2011

This year's theme is "Give it up for Lent!" The offering from the services will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Refreshments will follow the service and a nursery will be provided.

Included in the Cluster series is Ascension Day Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening **June 2nd** at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds. Preaching on that evening will be Pastor Robert Kramer of St. John Center, East Earl.



TONIGHT'S MUSIC



The Pre-Service Voluntary was composed by German church musician and organist Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). J. S. Bach, who was about a generation behind him, learned much from him and was greatly influenced by his music. “We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” turns our attention to tonight’s theme “Give Up Thanks.”

The robust prelude introduces the Welsh tune of the Opening Hymn. This hymn’s Danish text was written in 1825, at least a half century before its tune “Ebenezer” (named for Ebenezer Chapel in Wales) was composed. The original tune is not known, at least not to me. It’s all about the forward march of the pilgrim band as one body lead by the cross. Expectant song, light through darkness, ransom, rejoicing, awakening, and rending of the tomb are among its subjects. It serves us well as we come to the end of our Lenten journey.

Psalm 23, the best-known psalm in the Psalter, seems to turn our attention away from the usual Lenten themes. However, as we consider the acts of God portrayed in its petitions, the spiritual growth we aspire to in Lent becomes evident.

From G. F. Handel’s oratorio “Messiah” the Chancel Choir sings “Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs” in response to the Epistle Reading. The Clavinova’s harpsichord* provides the accompaniment.

Our Lenten Hymn is based on Isaiah chapter 6 verse 8. It’s a conversation between God and the prophet Isaiah. The choir sings stanzas (words of God) and the congregation sings refrains (our “Isaiah” response). The Organ Offertory is an arrangement of the tune.

The Closing Hymn is one of the most well-known of all German hymns. With its focus on “thankfulness” it provides a suitable closing for tonight’s “Give Up Thanks” theme. And the “Trinitarian” emphasis in stanza 3 properly concludes our Lenten

Cluster series of worship services. The Postlude is a shortened version of Sigfrid Karg-Elert's well-known organ piece that was influenced by the hymn's tune.

*The Clavinova electronic keyboard plays back live the music played into it and saved to a file.

Peace be with you!

and

Happy Easter! *Carl*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 21: Maundy Thursday

Communion in the fellowship hall at 7:00 pm at which time members share Communion with one another after which we go upstairs to the nave and chancel and commemorate the betrayal of Christ.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: Good Friday

†Noon-3 pm **reflection, prayer and Scripture readings** held largely in silence

†**Service of the Shadows at 7:00 pm** remembers the death of Our Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

On Saturday April 23, 2011 @ 9:30 AM all are welcome to assist with the **set up and preparation for the Easter Dawn breakfast.**

We will be holding our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** here on the grounds of Mellingers on Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Our egg hunt is for the entire community, so bring your neighbors, friends & your grandchildren. Again this year we will extend a special invitation to Swamp Lutheran Church to have their children join us for the egg hunt. Last year over 70 children attended the hunt so many eggs are needed to make this event a success. If you wish

to donate eggs for the children, please bring them to the church on the 23rd. If you are unable to make it that day but still wish to donate, please see Shari Weaver or Diane Adair and we will make other arrangements. We are accepting both decorated hard-boiled eggs and candy-filled (wrapped candy only please) plastic eggs. Thank you for supporting the hunt!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24: EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Dawn Service 6:00 AM and ending by approximately 6:30 AM

Breakfast will be served from 6:30 AM till 7:30 AM

Breakfast will include the following: Scrambled eggs, potatoes, ham pancakes, toast, fruit cup, assorted breakfast pastries, juice, and coffee/tea.

A freewill offering will be collected to be donated to a needy fund. Thrivent will provide matching funds to increase the overall donation.

Anyone interested in helping with the breakfast or donating items of food should see Dave Henry.

Holy Communion is at 9:00 am.

Easter Flowers may be picked up after the Sunday Service.



***A Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 7:00-10:00 am in the Social Hall with proceeds benefiting the Habitat for Humanity Build occurring in September/October. Prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 4-12 and children 3 & under are free. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, toast, breakfast pastries, juice and coffee. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex at a later date for food donations for this event.*