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## FORGIVENESS...

Jesus said, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Repent...to want to do better; to turn away from; to desire to change. Repent. Let the law of God speak to you, convict you, and confess your sins. Repent. Lent has begun. The ashes have been smeared on our foreheads reminding us we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Lent is a penitential season. A time for reflection on our sin. The very sin Christ took upon himself in His baptism and nailed to the cross for our reconciliation with God. There it is....the fulfillment of the Gospel; forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

It's wonderful to know and believe in the Gospel, for Jesus teaches us that not only is our Father willing to forgive us, but that he has forgiven us all of our sins for the sake of Jesus. After all, Jesus did exactly what God expected of us. In our stead, Jesus suffered God's full judgment and punishment that we deserve because of our arrogant and rebellious breaking of his Law. Because of that, when we pray *The Lord's Prayer*, we may pray confidently: "Forgive us our trespasses."

Jesus made it plain that He came to forgive sinful people: "I have come to seek and to save those who are lost." Nobody needs forgiveness any more than we do. Why, then, do we hold on to our guilt and not enjoy our Father's forgiveness? Perhaps it's because we find it so difficult to forgive others. You see, God gave us the cross, not just to forgive us for our sins but to lead us to do the same for others. Jesus teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

To forgive those who have wronged us is one of the greatest Christian virtues we can possess. On the other hand, not to forgive, even those who seek no forgiveness from us, deadens our spirits and builds a wall between us and God. Jesus says, "If you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Lent. A penitential season. Come with a contrite heart. Come and confess. Come and receive the gifts God so freely gives. Life, salvation and forgiveness of all your sins....

Serving Christ with you,

*Pastor Kumm*

## Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12:00pm	Worship/Music Comm.
Monday	7:30pm	Alanon
Tuesday	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	11:30am	Senior Lunch Bunch
Wednesday	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
Thursday	1:30pm	Preschool Board
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Elders Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Soc.
Palm Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Checks
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Carol Muenster in memory of her husband Don.

There is a **Spring Clean-up Day**, April 13, 9am to 12pm at church. There will be projects outside and inside. Please come and help get the church and grounds ready for Easter.

### Our Midweek Lenten Themes

#### *The Trials Of Jesus*

Like a courtroom drama, a series of witnesses comes forward to give testimony about their experiences with the accused—Jesus Christ. Through their accounts we come to know the truth, that Jesus came to take our place in the defendant's chair.

#### Ash Wednesday, March 6

"The Voice of Satan" • Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus faces the tempter in the wilderness.

#### Week 1, March 13

"The Voice of Judas" • Luke 22:1-6, 22-48, Matthew 27:3-10

Judas betrays Jesus

#### Week 2, March 20

"The Voice of Annas" • John 18:12-24

A chief priest discusses Jesus' arrest.

#### Week 3, March 27

"The Voice of Caiaphas" • Matthew 26:57-68

The high priest faces off with the Son of God.

#### Week 4, April 3

"The Voice of Peter" • Luke 22:54-62

The rock that crumbled.

#### Week 5, April 10

"The Voice of Herod" • Luke 23:1-12

One king of the Jews testifies against another.

## The Bible Verse of the Week

*"Son, you are always with me.  
All that is mine, is yours."  
Luke 15:31*

**Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 11:30am at Jimi' D's Food and Spirits (6303 Center Street, south side of Center in strip mall) for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. No RSVP needed.

**Women's Bible Study** to begin Wednesday, April 24, 6:30pm. Please join us! We will be studying "The Letter to the Hebrews." Contact is Brenda Whealy at 402-201-1106.

### Children Youth and Family Events:

- Easter breakfast is coming. Once again the youth and CYF board are hosting the meal between services. Please be looking for a sign-up sheet for donations and help. The meal is a free-will offering that goes into an account that supports youth ministry activities.
- The board is helping to pay 50% of the cost for youth to attend summer Lutheran camps. Please keep your receipts and give them to Sandra Glissmann for reimbursement.
- The board is planning summer Bible study and mission activities for our youth, their families and the congregation this summer. One activity will be preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House on July 20. Be watching the newsletter for more activities and information.

Thank you! Questions? CYF Board: Alice Osborn, Cheryl Drebes, Sharon Irvin, Kay Storck, Pam Hafsaas, and Sandra Glissmann

## A Mission Field...

### ...In Our Backyard

University Lutheran Chapel, on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, ministers to our young people during a pivotal time in their lives. While the ministry is the key component, the Chapel serves as the gathering place for this work. A portion of our Forward in Faith - Together campaign will be directed to support the Chapel's renovation. Please lend your support. More information can be found at [www.ndlcms.org/building-together](http://www.ndlcms.org/building-together)

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. -1 Peter 4:10*

