

This Week in the Life of the Church

Thursday 3/6

9am Women's Craft Group

Sunday 3/9

9:40am Prayer with the Pastor
10am Traditional Service
4:45pm Kids Club (K-4th Grade)
6pm Contemporary Service
7pm Couples Small Group

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **1** As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. **2** For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. **3** We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. **4** Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; **5** in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; **6** in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; **7** in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; **8** through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; **9** known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; **10** sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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First Holy Communion: Pastor Jude will be offering First Holy Communion for any young person desiring to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 18 during the 10am and 6pm services. The education portion for First Holy Communion will be offered Sunday, May 4th after the 10am and 6pm services. Students only have to attend one education piece and one worship service of their choice. To register your child for First Holy Communion at ECC please email Katie at Elramakidschurch@gmail.com

PSALM 51: 1-17


1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. **5** Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. **6** Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. **7** Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. **8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. **10** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **11** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. **14** Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. **15** Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. **16** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. **17** My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.



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"For he knows how we are
formed, he remembers that
we are dust"
Psalm 103:14



March 5, 2025
2 PM Service

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Leader: Let all the earth tremble,
People: For the day of the Lord is coming.
Leader: Let us call upon the Name of the Lord.
**People: Our God is slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love. Blessed be the Name of the
Lord.**
*Hymn "Open Mine Eyes That I May See" 311
Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17
Psalter: Psalm 51: 1-17
New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

The Proclamation

Song of Preparation "Gloria Patri"
Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Message "A Blessed Lent"
Rev. Jude Urso

The Response of the People

*Hymn "Just As I Am" 509
Receiving Joys, Concerns & Testimonies
*Imposition of Ashes
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
*Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" 611
*Holy Communion
Closing Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction
*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"
*Postlude
*If you are able, please stand

MATTHEW 6:1-6

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. **2** "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **3** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **5** "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand— **2** a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come. **12** "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." **13** Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. **14** Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. **15** Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. **16** Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. **17** Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

March 5, 2025
7 PM Service

Welcome and Call to observe a Holy Lent
*Praise & Worship
"Here I Am to Worship"
"Goodness of God"
"You Are A Holy God"
Scripture Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Message "A Blessed Lent "
Rev. Jude Urso
*Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross"
*Imposition of Ashes
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
*Holy Communion
Blessing and Sending Forth
*Praise & Worship
"Jesus Messiah"
*If you are able, please stand

MATTHEW 6:6-21

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **17** But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, **18** so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **19** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.