

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Service
March 6, 2024**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
Liturgist: Dale Fiste**

**Indicates when you should stand, if you are able.*

Prelude

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn # 803 “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”**

***Service of Light and Thanksgiving**

Pages 2-4 (Holden Booklet)

***Psalmody**

Pages 4-8

Hymn # 666

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Sermon

“Series:”The Jesus I Never Knew”

Part 4 - “Message: A Sermon Of Offense”

(text: Matt. 5:17-22, 38-42, Matt. 7:12-14, Matt. 15:18-20)

Pastor Matthew Shields

***Confession of Faith**

P: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

C: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from the power of the devil. And he so preserves me that, without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live unto him. Amen.

Offering

***The Annunciation and Magnificat**

Pages 8-9 (Holden Booklet)

***Litany and Prayers**

Pages 10-11

***Lord’s Prayer**

Page 11

***Final Blessing**

Page 12

***Closing Hymn # 570**

“Now The Day Is Over”

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lenten Prayer

Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sermon text: Matthew 5:17-22, 38-42

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Matthew 7:12-14

¹² "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 15:18-20

¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

Fish Fry
Friday, March 22nd
5-7pm
First Lutheran of Ohio
Adults \$12 Kids 8-12 \$5
Kids under 8 \$2 (hot dogs offered)
Carry outs available
Call ahead 815-376-7431

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Quilters
Meet 1:00pm
Thursday, March 14th
They will not meet on
March 28th

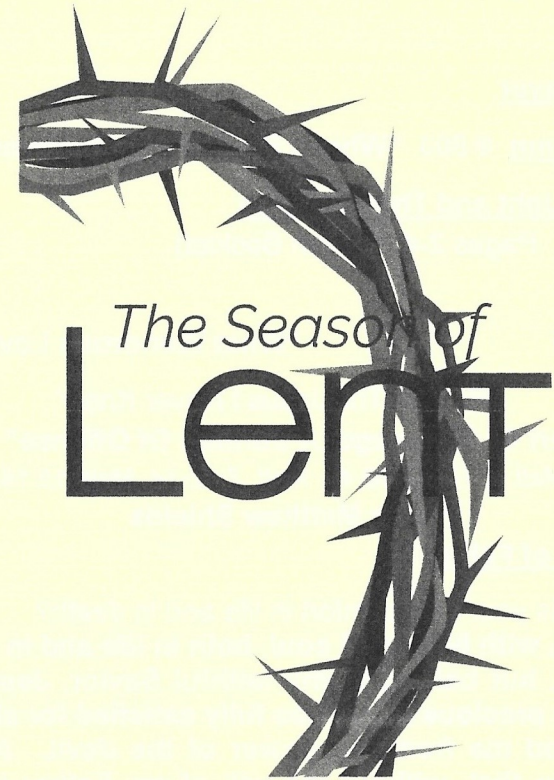
Harold "Bud" Wedding
Passed away Sunday,
3/3/24
Services for Bud will be
Saturday, 3/9
At St. John's "On The Hill"
Visitation 10-11:30am
Service 11:30am
Pastor Shields officiating

OWLS Fellowship
Maundy Thursday
1:30pm Worship
Cookie Fellowship to follow

Our Daily Bread
Devotionals
Our original order was not
delivered. A call was made
and they should arrive soon.

Mary Hull passed away
Saturday, 3/2/24
Services are pending.

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