### What is Lent?

Lent is a season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter Morning. It is modeled after the 40 day period Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan (Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-12), which in turn was the fulfillment of many other 40 day events in Scripture (the Flood, Israel's 40 years in the wilderness, Moses' time on Mt. Sinai, the repentance of Nineveh, etc). In this period of testing, Jesus showed himself to be the Faithful Son of God who would go on to suffer for our sins and defeat the Serpent once and for all.

As with the rest of the Christian Year, Lent is an attempt to see the life of Christ lived out in the lives of His people. As with the other seasons, the assigned Gospel readings for each Sunday set the tone. These include: Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, His call for costly discipleship, His cleansing of the Temple, and His predictions of his suffering and death.

Therefore, the season of Lent is a season of giving thanks for Our Suffering Servant. It is a season for lamenting and confessing our sin which necessitated his atoning sacrifice. During Lent we will be encouraging one another to follow Jesus through the disciplines of repentance, prayer, and works of mercy—living not by bread alone "but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).



March 31st, 2019 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Prelude

Announcements

#### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship	Psalm 150:1-2, 6			
+Congregational Singing	#9 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens"			
†Responsive Scriptures				
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.				
Amen.				

- The Lord be with you!
  - And also with you!

The Lord has redeemed his people.

O come, let us worship Him.

## **†**Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Amen.

†Greeting

+Congregational Singing

"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days'

## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession Silent Confession Psalm 103:8-12

## Corporate Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your Way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness	
+Congregational Singing	

"Be Unto Your Name"

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 32
Epistle Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
+Gospel Reading	Luke 15:1-3, 11-13, 17-24
†Profession of Faith	Te Deum
Sermon	Pastor Chad Anderson
"They B	egan to Celebrate"

Offertory	
†Doxology	#625 (a cappella)
†Prayer of Dedication	
+Congregational Singing	#562 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
Pastoral Prayer	David Holl

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction†Congregational Response#628 IV "Threefold Amen"Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Amelia Rodgers, Evelyn LeFeber

# CHURCH LIFE

Monday, April 1st					
Session Meeting	5:00 PM				
Wednesday, April 3rd					
Anderson & Freitag Growth Groups	6:30 PM				
Thursday, April 4th					
Holl Growth Group	6:30 PM				
Saturday, April 6th					
Women's Seminar	9:00 AM				

- [rescheduled] Membership Class Trinity 101: For anyone interested in knowing more about Trinity or looking to become a member, we will hold our membership class Sunday, April 7th. We will discuss Trinity's story, history, beliefs and practices. Lunch and childcare will be provided, so if you are interested, please contact one of the pastors.
- Worried about forgetting your tithe? You now have the option of giving your tithe electronically. You can text: "give" to (402) 704-4960 -or- visit: <a href="mailto:tpckearney.org/give">tpckearney.org/give</a>. Both of these methods employ a secure service called Tithely, which allows you to either give on the spot or set up a recurring gift.
- Ladies, there are {quite!} a number of openings on the WIC council {Women in the Church}. PLEASE prayerfully consider serving in one of these areas: WIC President, WIC Vice President/Secretary, Nursery, Kitchen, Church Fellowship, Servant Support, Christian Growth, Missions/Outreach, or VBS. For information about each role, please contact Julie LeFeber. She'd be glad to talk with you more and answer your questions!
- We would love to have some more volunteers for Nursery! Our goal is to have volunteers in nursery no more than every 6-8 weeks. Ideally, once every 2 months. Please let Anne Lano (308) 224-6587 know if you are willing. Thanks!
- Needed: Part-time custodial work at the church. Three hours per week. Flexible schedule. Requires knowledge of basic cleaning tasks. If interested contact Pastor Chad.

#### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

Mar	31	Lily	Lano	2013	FINANCIAL REPORT		
Apr	2	Jerry	Lutkemeier			Last Week	Year to Date
	3	Bev	Fullerton		Budgeted Need	\$3,461.15	\$41,533.80
	5	Rachel	Hajda		Density 1	# <b>2</b> 00 <b>5</b> 20	¢20.010.41
	8	Jude	Lanka	2014	Received	\$2,985.39	\$38,912.41
	8	Jacob	Sykes	2003			

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.

For the Salyer Family: Christ's peace as they mourn the death of Joshua Salyer.For Health: Georgia Cleland

- ♦For God's protection and peace for our new and expecting mothers and their babies: Rachel Goodbrake (Ahren Paul born 10/29), Clara Williams (Myra Maud born 9/14).
- For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, and Ben Elliott.

*If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: <u>tpc@tpckearney.org</u>*