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**March – April
2019**

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The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

How long do things last until they stop working? The average life of a car is about 8 years (150,000 miles), but many people try to keep their cars 15 or even 20 years. People often trade in for a new phone every 1 or 2 years, but the average smartphone can work well for 4 or 5 years. Your microwave might only last 10 years, but your stove could work for 20 or more.

Eventually, everything gets old and stops working. Nothing lasts forever, right? At least that’s what people say.

God says something different. Yes, the things of this world don’t last forever. But the things that belong to God, those are eternal. Isaiah 40:7-8 says this. Right now the grass and flowers are dead or dormant. People and our work, the things we do and the things we make, don’t continue forever. But God is eternal. His word is eternal. His gifts of mercy, grace, forgiveness, and life in Jesus are also eternal.

We rejoice that we belong to a God who gives us gifts that continue forever! We don’t fear the present or the future because our God holds all time and eternity in His hand. And He promises that He rules all for our good.

This year we have the joy of celebrating our 50th anniversary as a congregation. Fifty years ago, on Feb. 16, 1969, Rev. Quintin Quade was installed as the pastor to the Deaf in Cedar Rapids. Later that year, on Dec. 28, Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf became an organized congregation.

Fifty years is a great thing to celebrate as we remember God’s blessings for this church. The bigger celebration is that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the true Word of God who gives us life. As we celebrate this year, let us celebrate all of His gifts He has given Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, and let us celebrate the Word of God, our Savior.

Pastor Eckert

Dive Into God's Word

Recently in Bible study in Cedar Rapids, we read through Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22. Both of these chapters are amazing descriptions of Jesus' death and resurrection to save us. In this study, we will look at parts of Psalm 22 and see how it connects with Jesus's suffering and death. *Answers are on page 4.*

1. Read Psalm 22:1 and Matthew 27:46. Jesus quoted this verse while He was on the cross. Why did Jesus say this?
2. Read Psalm 22:6-8. How did this happen to Jesus? (Read Matthew 27:39-43.)
3. Read Psalm 22:12-13. The bulls and lions are symbols of powerful people. Who were the powerful people who spoke against Jesus?
4. Read Psalm 22:14-15 and John 19:28. How did Jesus show these verses in Psalm 22 talked about Him?
5. Read Psalm 22:16. This is one of the most clear verses about Jesus. How did this happen to Jesus? (Read Luke 23:33 and John 20:25.)
6. Read Psalm 22:18. How did the soldiers who crucified Jesus do what this verse says? (Read John 19:23-24.)
7. Read Psalm 22:19-22. Much of this Psalm is about Jesus' suffering and death. But that is not all. In these verses, the writer calls out to God for help and says God truly saved him. These verses show that even though Jesus died, He would live again. What shows that in these verses?
8. Read Psalm 22:23-26. These verses talk about how God's people will praise Him. The end of verse 26 has a great blessing for people who trust the Lord. What is it?
9. Read Psalm 22:29-31. These verses say that all people will honor Jesus and the news about Him will go out to every generation. The last part of verse 31 is the reason we can tell people about Him. It is also something Jesus said on the cross. What is it? (Read John 19:30.)

The Suffering Servant

From www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch

Isaiah 53 is an amazing chapter in the Old Testament. About 700 years before Jesus was born, God gave Isaiah the prophet these words to write about what Jesus will do. Isaiah 53 describes how Jesus is God's servant who would suffer, die, and rise alive again to forgive us. Amazing! God wanted to make sure we knew that His plan from long ago was to save us through Jesus' death and resurrection. This is a part of Isaiah 53, verses 8-11.

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He was arrested, taken away, and judged. Who would have thought that he would be removed from the world? He was killed because of my people's rebellion. He was placed in a tomb with the wicked. He was put there with the rich when he died, although he had done nothing violent and had never spoken a lie. Yet, it was the Lord's will to crush him with suffering. When the Lord has made his life a sacrifice for our wrongdoings, he will see his descendants for many days. The will of the Lord will succeed through him. He will see and be satisfied because of his suffering. My righteous servant will forgive many people because of what he has learned through suffering. He will carry their sins as a burden.

March

- 3 Zakary Anderson
- 8 Pam Anderson
- 10 Pastor Mark Anderson
- 14 Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert
Vicki Hoover
- 24 Conor Huffman
- 26 Jeanette Kern
- 31 Seth Anderson



April

- 2 Joanne Mitchell
- 4 Kim Brenneman
- 10 Joseph Anderson
- 12 David Kern
- 14 Patty Rowray
- 16 Norma Jean Mangrich
- 28 Rachel Eckert

Answers to Dive Into God's Word, p. 2.

1. God punished Jesus for our sin. What does that mean? Jesus suffered physically. The soldiers beat Him and crucified Him and He died. Jesus also suffered emotionally/mentally and spiritually. Part of that punishment was that God the Father left Jesus alone on the cross. God the Father and the Son of God were always together, more close than we can understand. But on the cross, the Father punished Jesus for our sin by leaving Him alone to suffer. That is why Jesus said, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me (left Me all alone)?" That is what we deserve, but Jesus took that for us.
2. Many of the Jewish priests and leaders hated Jesus. When Jesus was getting judged and when He was on the cross, these people made fun of Jesus. They mocked Him and laughed at Him. They said if God really loved Jesus, then God should save Jesus from the cross. But they didn't understand that Jesus went to the cross because God loved us.
3. These are the powerful people who spoke against Jesus: the high priest Caiaphas, the Jewish Sanhedrin (the ruling council), and the Jewish priests and law teachers. The Roman governor Pontius Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and at first tried to free Jesus, but he was afraid and so he ordered the soldiers to crucify Jesus. King Herod also spoke against Jesus. He was hoping to see Jesus do some miracles, but when Jesus did none, the Herod mocked Him.
4. Jesus said, "I thirst." John even said that Jesus said that to make the Scripture come true.
5. Psalm 22:16 says, "They have pierced my hands and feet." When Jesus was crucified, the nails pierced His hands and feet. After Jesus rose alive, Thomas talked about that and said he must see where the nails went into Jesus' hands and feet or he would not believe.
6. Psalm 22:18 says, "they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." The soldiers who crucified Jesus did exactly that. They divided the different parts of Jesus' clothes. But the inner cloth was one long piece. They didn't want to tear it to divide it, so they threw lots (dice) to see who got it.
7. If you want something to happen, you ask for it to happen. If it happened and is done, then you say it was done. These verses show Jesus praying for the Father to save Him. But they also show that the Father already saved Him. Verse 21 says, "You have rescued me." That means it already happened. Also, verse 22 says, "I will tell Your name to My brothers." If Jesus is still dead, He can't do that. That shows He will live again. So Psalm 22 talks about Jesus' suffering and death, but also shows that Jesus wouldn't stay dead. He would come back to life.
8. The end of verse 26 is Jesus telling us that we will live forever. We can live forever because Jesus accepted the punishment for our sin.
9. We will praise God. We will serve Him. We will announce His good news to all generations. Now suppose Jesus didn't completely save us. What if Jesus did part of the work, but there was still more work to do? That wouldn't be very good news. Verse 31 says "He has done it." That means Jesus finished His work of saving us. He paid for all of our sins. That is what Jesus said on the cross (John 19:30). When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant the job was done. He finished that work, so now we can be free and live and belong to God.



If you are a member of Thrivent, you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can donate to Word of God or another eligible charity. Your Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2018 will expire on March 31. If you don't donate them, the dollars don't go anywhere. Go to www.thrivent.com/choice and log in to choose where to donate.

March 2019

					1	2 10:00 QC – Worship
3 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 7:00 WL – Worship	7	8	9 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Study
10 * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR – Voters’ Meeting/Potluck	11	12	13 10:00 CR – Senior Citizens	14	15 1:00 MU – Worship/Study	16 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
17 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	18	19	20 7:00 WL – Study	21	22	23 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
24/31 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	25	26	27	28	29	30 10:00 QC – Worship/Study

BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 3rd Sunday worship at 3:00 p.m.
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 - 29th St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Saturday, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Study at 11:15 a.m.
 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays worship or Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2nd Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Talk to Pastor Eckert to confirm meeting location.

April 2019

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7:00 WL – Worship			
7 * See below for worship and Bible study times.	8	9	10 10:00 CR – Senior Citizens	11	12 1:00 MU – Worship	13 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Study
14 * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR – Potluck Palm Sunday	15	16	17 7:00 WL – Study	18	19 3:00 QC – Good Friday Worship 7:00 CR – Good Friday Worship	20 10:00 QC – Worship/Study
21 * See below for worship and Bible study times. Happy Easter! Christ is risen!	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ For all Christians as we celebrate Holy Week – Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection to life. Jesus did all that because He loves you and all people, and He gives you eternal life. Thank Him for His gift!
- ✦ Congratulations to Randy and Nancy Griffin who were married on March 2! Pray that God will bless their marriage. Also pray that God will bless all families and marriages. A husband and wife the foundation of the family and a picture of Christ and the church.
- ✦ For all who ask God to give them health: Mollie Schmitz, Bob Orr, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Pat Monroe’s father, Barbara Zimmerman, Janet Weber, Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Larry Plumb, Chris Wrage, Sharon Pope, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Terry Ann Check, and Paula Slavin.
- ✦ Thank God for our 50th anniversary year, that Word of God has been here 50 years announcing the good news of salvation through Jesus. Ask God to continue to work through us and all our deaf churches, so we can (1) build up the church to be full of mature and faithful Christians, and (2) bring God’s word to the deaf who don’t yet know Jesus.
- ✦ Continue to pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



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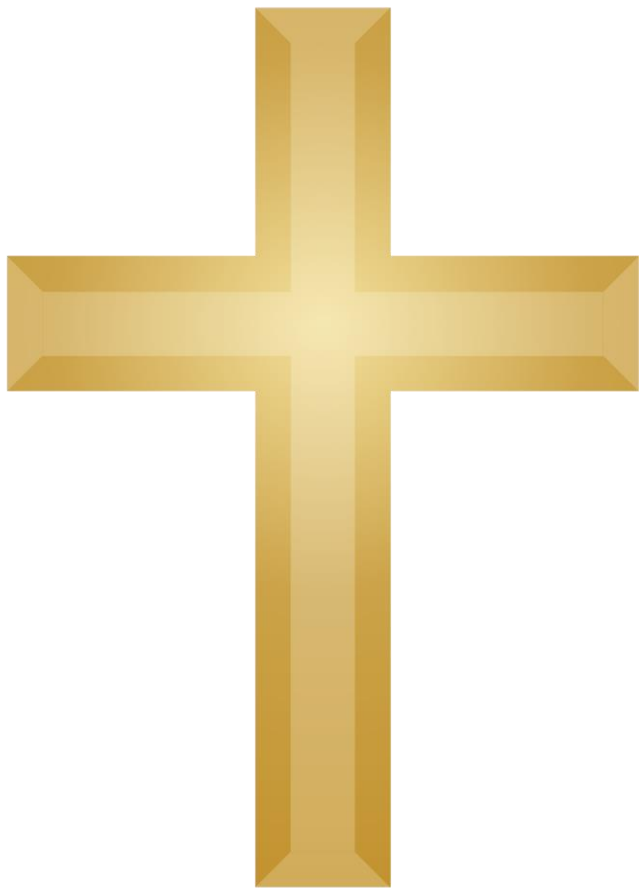


Thanks to Robert

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ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

The ILDA convention this year is in Topeka, Kansas, July 18-21. I should have included the information about it in the newsletter several months ago. My sincere apologies for overlooking that!



JULY 18TH – 21ST, 2019

2019 ILDA CONVENTION

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God Above Gold

“Therefore I love your commandments above Gold, yes above fine gold.” - Psalm 119:127



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**TOPEKA, KS
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2019 ILDA Convention

July 18 - 21, 2019

Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas

"God Above Gold"

*"Therefore I love Your commandments above gold,
yes above fine gold." -- Psalm 119:127*

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(Airport to Hotel)

Transportation (Sunday)
(Hotel to Airport)

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--ILDA Membership (If already paid for 2018-2020 leave blank) \$ 30 x ____ = \$ ____

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