

STOCKHOLM LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

GATHERING

Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship")

** MISSION SUNDAY **

GATHERING MUSIC Carol Barnaal

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GATHERING SONG "We All Are One In Mission" # 576

MISSION LITANY (from Matthew 5:14-16)

P: You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world--

C: like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see.

P: Don't hide your light under a basket!

C: Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.

P: In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see,

C: so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

WORD OF GOD

FIRST BIBLE READING Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

PSALM READING Psalm 51:1-17

(The Psalms begin on page 339 in the red hymnal)

SECOND BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Rev. Doug Cox

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

SONG "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" # 325

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OFFERING -- WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

OFFERING SONG "I Love to Tell" (v. 1, 3) # 661

PRAYER SONG "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" (2x) # 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (2x)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(P: Lord, in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**)

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BLESSING

P: The hand of God protect you, the holy angels go with you and the blessing of Almighty God be with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "This Little Light of Mine" # 677

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SENDING MUSIC Carol Barnaal

Welcome to all who gather here for Worship this morning!

We give a special welcome to you if you are a guest with us today—Please worship with us again soon! If you are in search of a new church home, please contact Pastor Mark.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Karen Anderson, Mary Anderson, Bruce Carlson, Mike Huro, Peggy Mahlstedt, Helen Mattson, Kerry Schmiesing, Mel Terning, and those serving in the armed forces as we pray for peace.

MISSION SUNDAY Thank you to Pastor Doug Cox of Global Health Ministries (GHM) who is speaking to us today, and will be available after worship for a time of question and answers.

EASTER FLOWERS If you wish to purchase flowers for our Easter Sunday celebrations, please find the form from your Stockholm Story, and give the completed form and payment directly to Lisa Grack, or mail it to her at 71871 209th St. Dassel, MN 55325.

LENT HAS BEGUN Please take time in the coming weeks to connect with your God a bit more, and perhaps rediscover some of the meaning, or deeper meaning, that may have slipped from your life and your relationship with God.

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LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET "You are the Way": Devotions for Lent is now available. It is written by several good authors with the same format we have enjoyed in recent years. The main themes are the seven "I am" statements of Jesus from the book of John. Each week there is a brief reading, a quotation to ponder, a brief reflection, and a prayer. You are encouraged to take one of these (there are 25 copies), and if you so desire to pay for the resource, the cost is \$2.25, and \$6.00 for a large print version (only two available).

LENT SERVICES February 21 we begin our Wednesday meals and worship services. The meal will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The Lent theme is "Our Crosses", and the theme for February 21 is: "Why the cross-lovely cross?"

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be February 25 during worship, when we will welcome new members, and enjoy a reception after worship. If you know anyone who would like to join Stockholm's family of wonderful people, please ask them and / or tell an Evangelism Committee member, or inform Pastor Mark.