

LENT: IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

TODAY:

In the Shadow of the Cross:
King Herod the Fox vs. the Mother Hen

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD:

In the Shadow of the Cross: the Fig Tree

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH:

In the Shadow of the Cross: the Prodigal Son

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH:

In the Shadow of the Cross: the Anointing

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH:

In the Shadow of the Cross:
the Parade of Palms/the Passion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH:

In the Shadow of the Cross: Death

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

EASTER SUNDAY:

In the Light of the Empty Tomb

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS:

King Herod the Fox vs. the Mother Hen

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa

PRELUDE: (unknown) arranged by Carol Tornquist

“Oh, the Blood of Jesus” with “Nothing but the Blood”

BELL RINGING: ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS

THEME LITANY: (inspired by Psalm 27)

L: God is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid? P: **Though violence rise all around me, I will not be drawn into fear. One thing I will ask of God, is to live in God’s presence all my life. I believe that I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.**

L: Wait for God; be strong, let your heart take courage; wait for God. **P: Hear us, O God, when we cry out to you. Do not hide yourself in times of trouble. Teach us your way and lead us in paths of peace.**

L: Wait for God. Be strong. Let your heart take courage; wait for God!

THEME SONG: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" #448

THE WORD FOUND IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Laura Moser

GOSPEL LISTENING PRAYER:

L: Jesus, Mother Hen, gather us under your wing away from the world's anxieties. Give us your peace so that we may be peacemakers. **P: Amen.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 Pastor Paula

MESSAGE: "King Herod the Fox vs. the Mother Hen"

MESSAGE SONG: Chancel Choir
"The Hand Of God Shall Hold You" Marty Haugen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **AMEN.**

OFFERING INVITATION IN WORD:

L: Just as Jesus, the Mother Hen, provides for us, so we are given the opportunity to provide for others. Let us provide generously.

OFFERING IS TAKEN

OFFERTORY: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

John B. Dykes Arranged by Dorothy Wells

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

*BENEDICTION LITANY:

L: Leader *Women* MEN Lectern side Pulpit side

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L: Light: *Women: shining, beacon, warmth, glowing, showing, salvation.....love*

L: Rock: MEN: STRONGHOLD, FORTRESS, FOUNDATION, STRENGTH, PROTECTION, REDEEMER, SALVATION..... LOVE

L: Hen: Lectern side: mother, parents, safety, care, protection, nurture, salvation, love.

L: Jesus: Pulpit side: prophet, blessing, transformer, promise, fulfillment, Savior, salvation, love.....love.

L: We go forth in the many names of God, the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

P: We go forth in the many ways that God the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit care for us so that we can care for others. In the Name of the Faithful One, we go forth. AMEN.

*SENDING FORTH SONG:

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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***POSTLUDE:** "Majestic Postlude in G. Minor"

Garrett Parker

WELCOME

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Worship Leaders

Today-March 16th

Worship: Pastor Paula
Reader: Laura Moser
Fellowship: Mary H. Betty M.
Jane W
Organist: Laura Moser
Ushers: Florence Gifford
**Opening/
Closing** Gary Kuehl

Next Sunday, March 23rd

Pastor Paula
Sue Stott
Kenny, Penny Leonard
Laura Moser
Kenny, Penny Leonard
Sue Stott

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth Olson, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Alice Reimer, Payton Renschler, Father James

NEXT WEEK: Lenten Series "In the Shadow of the Cross" continues with the Fig Tree

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-noon-----Monday, Wednesday. Thursday
8 a.m.-10:45 a.m.—Tuesday

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday: Office Hours: 9-noon
Tuesday: Office hours: 9-10:45 a.m.
Clergy Text Study: 11 a.m.
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.. Bell Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice
Thursday: Bulletin deadline—8 a.m.
1:30 p.m. Elkader Care Center Worship
5-6:30 p.m. Grace Cafe
Friday: Pastor's Day Off
Saturday: Worship Prep

NEEDED: The Church History work group is updating the church's history especially pictures and news from 2016 to the present. ALSO, pictures and news focused on the Christian Education unit and the parsonage will be greatly welcomed. Thank you!

Celebration of Life for Marilyn Nielsen will be held on Saturday, April 5th: 9:30-11 a.m. visitation at the church followed by 11 a.m. funeral with inurnment afterwards and lunch in Herbster Hall

Graveside Service for Jenny Olson will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m. in Eastside Cemetery. A luncheon will be held afterwards at Johnson's Restaurant.