



That which is born of
the flesh is flesh, and
that which is born of
the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:6, ESV

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

ORGAN (ZION) EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

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1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

Rev. Carlin Ours, Pastor; Mark Brown, Choir Director; Jana Thomas, Organist

March 12, 2017
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WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

† (Congregation will please stand.) (Congregation responses are in bold.)

GATHERING

† Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

C: Amen

† The Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have

been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C:** **Amen**

Note: Hymns are from the "Red" (ELW) Hymnal unless specified.

† **Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

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Children's Sermon (3 yr. to 5th grade) dismissed to attend Children's Church.

† **Apostolic 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 with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

† **Kyrie.....**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

† **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OFFERING

† **Offertory Hymn: “Create in Me”**

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WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12: 1–9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

2My help comes | from the Lord, the maker of heav- | en and earth.

3He will not let your | foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

4Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

5The Lord himself watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand,

6So that the sun shall not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

7The Lord shall preserve you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

8The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4: 1–8, 13–17

1What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? **2**For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3**For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” **4**Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. **5**And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, **6**just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: **7**“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; **8**blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

13For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14**For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15**For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. **16**That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, **17**as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls

into existence the things that do not exist.

† **P: GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**



† **P:** The Holy Gospel
according to **ST. JOHN 3RD CHAPTER**
† **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

† **GOSPEL: JOHN 3: 1–17**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have

eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Ours

† Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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THANKSGIVING

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*("catholic" (lower-case c) denotes universal or Christian church).

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: ...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C:** Amen

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.

SENDING

† **Benediction**

† **Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”** # 638

† **Dismissal/Doxology** # 884

† **Postlude**

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95:1-9, Romans 5:1-8,
John 4:5-26 [27-30, 39-42]**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ORGAN

TODAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

- 8:00 am Council Meeting
- 9:00 am Chat-N-Chew
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hall Reserved/Miller

Monday, March 13, 2017

- 7:00 pm Exercise Class

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

- 7:00 pm Group II at Cindy Miller's
- 7:00 pm Group III at Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

- 6:00/6:30 pm Meal/Lenten Bible Study

Thursday, March 16, 2017

- 9:00–10:00 Organ Food Pantry/Clothing Closet
- Senior Bus Trip

Next Sunday, March 19, 2017 (3rd Sunday)

- 9:00 am Chat-N-Chew
- 9:15 am Children's Choir Practice
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service

The **LOOSE OFFERING** collected on the 3RD Sunday goes to Rowan Helping Ministries.

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST of members:

Larry Brown	Teen Wilhelm-WS	Colleen Fesperman
Fred Basinger	Leo Miller	John Sifford
Paul & Kay Lambe	Ashley Sapp	Chris Miller
Hubert & Vera Goodman	Scott Shoe	
Tom Hartman (Active/Army, son of Randy & Nancy Goodman)		

Friends:

Ed Hirst	Mike Sifford
Roger Harwood (Church piano turner)	Michael Cox

THE LECTURN PEDISTAL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving honor of Carolyn Bost in celebration of her 65th birthday by her children & grandchildren. "Happy Birthday Carolyn!"

THE LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. and Bible Study with Pastor Jarrod Lanning from Trinity Lutheran Church is at 6:30 p.m.

ORGAN COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUPS bus trip is Thursday, March 16 to the Town Creek Indians Mound in Mt. Gilead.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS for first graders and UP is Sunday, April 2 immediately after OKFC meeting. Pastor encourages anyone who has not had communion instructions to be at this meeting.

ORGAN'S EASTER EGG HUNT is April 15 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. There will be GAMES, FOOD and a visit from the EASTER BUNNY! Place your CANDY donations in the box in the narthex.

Lutheran Reformation Series Session 2 of 5: 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker is Pastor Carl Haynes, topic is "The Two Kingdoms".

THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at Organ Fellowship Hall has been rescheduled for May 21, 2017 from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. A second blood drive will be held in November.

A NEW AC (AIR CONDITION) FUND has been started for 2 units that need to be replaced. They will be replaced with new ac/heat pump units. Mark your donations "AC" fund.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES' DONATION FOR MARCH
is canned FRUIT OR JUICE.

Place the items in the bins in the breezeway.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 2017

Head Usher: Clarence Miller

Date	Ushers	Tellers	Greeters
12 DLT	Pete & Salena Poston Jim & Denene Brown	Clarence Miller Niki Castor Heather Coleman	David & Jerri Peeler
19	Pete & Salena Poston Jim & Denene Brown	Clarence Miller Niki Castor Heather Coleman	David & Jerri Peeler
26	Pete & Salena Poston Jim & Denene Brown	Clarence Miller Niki Castor Heather Coleman	David & Jerri Peeler

Date	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lector
5 Com. Lent	Braden & Bryson Shive	Jordan Cress	Jim Lober
12	Camrie & Celia Sifford	Jacob Poston	Bill Shive
19	Hunter Hill Zeke Brown	Nick Lyerly	Trudy Overcash
26	Riley McCullough Mallory Bentley	Kellin Ours	Jimmie Morgan

MARCH 5, 2017 TELLER REPORT

Needed for weekly 2017 BUDGET: (\$5,784.45)

General Fund	\$6,699.00
Building & Repair	\$75.00
Chat-N-Chew donations	\$17.00

Direct Deposit/General Fund		\$220.00
Loose offering for Organ Outreach		\$12.00
Betty Brown Memorials		\$45.00
Sunday School Attendance	88	\$64.00
10:30 Worship Service	195	