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The 2nd Sunday before Lent

WELCOME: To all of our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

Order of Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament, pg 26

Hymns: 340, 353, 312, 411

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

Psalms: Psalm 33, page 79

Second Lesson: Romans 12:16-21

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:14-29

Sermon Text: Mark 9:14-29

Sermon Theme: "With Jesus Nothing Is Impossible"

- 1. Jesus invites you to take your problems to Him**
- 2. Jesus works to give you the victory**

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano

Worship leader: Pastor Larry Retberg

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Growing in God's Word	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	No School - San Diego Basketball Tournament	
TUESDAY	Board of Elders	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Growing in God's Word	8:00/10:30 am 9:15 am

Lord's Supper - will be celebrated next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts accordingly this week.

A historical explanation for the Sundays leading up to Lent:

"The Church, therefore, has instituted a preparation for the holy time of Lent. She gives us the three weeks of Septuagesima, during which she withdraws us, as much as may be, from the noisy distractions of the world, in order that our hearts may be the more readily impressed by the solemn warning she is to give us, at the commencement of Lent, by marking our foreheads with ashes."

Septuagesima Sunday is the ninth Sunday before Lent, and it is the day on which the Septuagesima season of preparation for Lent has begun for more than 1,000 years in the traditional calendar. The Septuagesima season is made up of three Sundays: Septuagesima (which means seventieth), Sexagesima (which means sixtieth), and Quinquagesima (which means fiftieth), and it extends until Ash Wednesday..." The Liturgical Year, Dom Guéranger.

For more information on the Sundays before Lent and their meaning, the following confessional Lutheran explanation might be a helpful listen:

<http://issuesetc.org/2016/01/19/encore-looking-forward-to-sunday-morning-septuagesima-1-year-lectionary-pr-david-petersen-11916/>

First Lesson – 2 Kings 5:1-15a

New International Version (NIV 1984)

1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. 2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" 8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the

prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. 15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept now a gift from your servant."

Second Lesson – Romans 12:16-21

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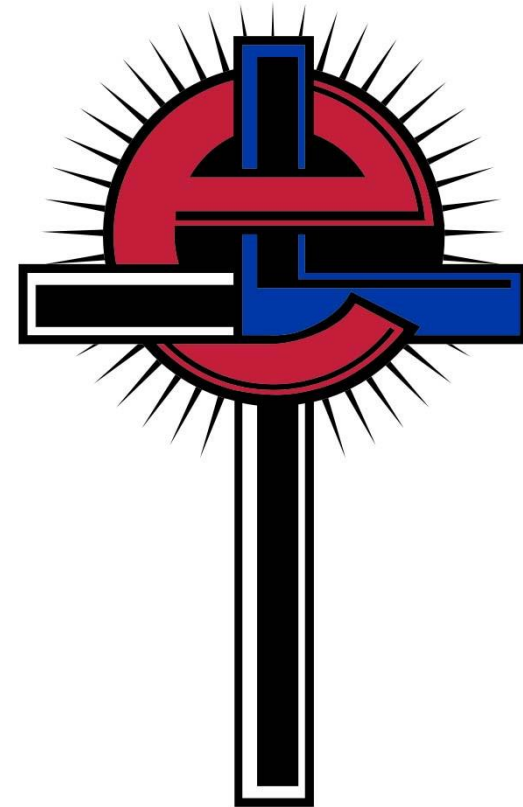
16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel – Mark 9:14-29

New International Version (NIV 1984)

14 When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. 15 As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. 16 "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. 17 A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. 18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." 19 "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." 20 So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. 21 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. 22 "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." 23 "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." 24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. 28 After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 29 He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

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is impossible"*

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - The grandmother of Simon Popovici (preschool student), Barb Widmann, (surgery), Vita Marie Tollefson, Ronnie Earl, (nephew of Linda Thompson) surgery, Dylan Denneson, (preemie nephew of Karen Sabree), Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Theodore & Colette Bodjanac, Josh and Zach Soto, Barb Wendt, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, Katie Conklin, Diane Scheel, Harold Weimer

Our shut-ins - Adeline Schwandt & Vince Wallenberg

Those who are - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

Thank you - to Pastor Retberg for leading us in worship this morning. Pastor Else is in San Diego with his family for the grade school basketball tournament. He will be returning later tonight.

Father/Daughter Dance - All girls and their dads are invited to come for an evening of food, dance and fun at the annual Emmaus Father/Daughter Dance. It is on Friday, February 5th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This free event is hosted by the Emmaus Women's Group. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up in the office, rear of church or by calling the school office by February 3rd if you would like to attend.

W.I.L.D. Day at Pilgrim Lutheran Church - Mark your calendars for the Pilgrim Lutheran Church annual W.I.L.D. (Women Inspiring, Learning, and Doing) Workshop that will be held Saturday, March 5 from 8:30am - 1:00pm in Pilgrim's Fellowship Hall at 3257 E University Drive in Mesa. This is a great opportunity to network with the ladies from other WELS congregations and hear speakers from our missionary field including John Sebald from Truth In Love Ministry and John Kramer from Mission to The Children. Morning coffee and pastries as well as lunch are included in the workshop. The cost is \$10 per person on the day of the event but if you bring a donation for Mission to The Children, the admission fee will be \$5. Items they are needed include: tooth brushes (child) and tooth paste, crayons, children's books in Spanish, Walmart gift cards to buy school supplies for school next August, and children's clothing, new only (customs does not allow used clothing to enter Mexico).

Please register for the event by calling the Pilgrim Church office at (480) 830-1723 or (480) 830-1724. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at (480) 654-3706 or maryannwe@cox.net.

Bathrooms/Baby Changing Tables - are located in the Fellowship Hall, which is the large building in front of the church. (The building closest to the parking lot) There are changing tables in both bathrooms for your convenience. The bathrooms are located on the east end of the building.

Children's Bulletins - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

Sunday School - Please join us between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am for the further study of God's Word. There is Sunday School for ages 3 through high school and also Bible Study for the adults.

Preschool - grade 3 meet in Rm1	"Offering for the Tabernacle"
4 th - 6 th grade meet in Room 1	Join younger class
7 th grade - High School age	Join Adult Class
Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall	Bible Study - 2 nd Corinthians

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 24th - 148 (69 - 8:00 am, 79 - 10:30 am)

<u>Income from week ending Jan 24, 2016</u>	<u>Month Total</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
First Fruits Offering	\$4747.25	\$18,061.66
School	\$3564.32	\$21,598
Preschool/Extended Care	\$738.87	\$13,570
Mortgage	\$395	\$5406
	\$2505	

