

Readings and Announcements
February 21, 2021 – 1st Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, I trust in You;

Let me not be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

³ Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

⁴ Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You *are* the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,

For they *are* from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

According to Your mercy remember me,

For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸ Good and upright *is* the LORD;

Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

⁹ The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth,

To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Romans 2:1-11

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who "will render to each one according to his deeds": ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: John 18:12-14, 19-24, Mark 11:15-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John and St. Mark, the 18th and 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² Then the detachment of *troops* and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³ And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁹ The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. ²¹ Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." ²² And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

²⁴ Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

¹⁵ So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹⁶ And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷ Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

¹⁸ And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Announcements

Lectors: 10:00am – Cheryl Wulfert; 11:15am – Claudia Essbach

Worship Assistants: 10:00am – Dale Mierisch; 11:15am – Bill Thorpe

Altar Flowers: Given to the Glory of God.

Please see flower chart in the back of the church if you wish to sign up for a Sunday.

Altar Guild for February: Karin Lennon, Sarah Strahm

Crisis Control Item of the month – February: Instant Potatoes

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **26lbs. of food was collected for the month of January. Thank you for your donations!**

Scrip Deadline – Today

Please contact Rachel Orsborn if you want to order any scrip cards. Her number is #402-960-2721

Meal Train for the Zeoli's

A sign-up for a meal for the Zeoli family is in the works. An email will be sent out with further instructions. A gift card to restaurants can also be sent directly to them. Their address is Mike and Evelyn Zeoli, 5765 Phillips Bridge Rd., W-S, NC 27104

Meditations During Lent

The Thursday Evening Bible Study will pause our weekly study on the book of Daniel and focus on a book by John Piper, The Passion of Jesus Christ, fifty reasons why Jesus came to die. We will use an hour on Zoom each Thursday (7 – 8PM) and cover 2 – 3 meditations.

Even if you haven't been a participant before, please join us. Rather than giving up something for Lent, focus on why Jesus suffered and died for us. As the old hymn stated, "... Just a closer walk with thee. "

You can purchase a paperback titled Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die by John Piper on Amazon for \$7.84 or \$5.10 on Kindle. The first edition is out of print but seems to be identical. I can provide a PDF copy of the 1st edition for free. So join us on Thursdays 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25.

Please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (rhcessbach@triad.rr.com) for more information.

Bible On A Stick

Once more St. John's is participating in the Bible on a Stick program managed by Faith Comes by Healing. We have supported this ministry for many years now and last year donated \$2868 to the fund. Each \$25 donation will be towards a bible on a stick for a member of our military. The program was set back a little because of the pandemic and we are starting late this time but any funds donated and received by Faith Comes by Hearing by 31 March will be matched dollar for dollar. This is a great way to help spread the gospel and support our military deployed around the world. Each bible on a stick has the new testament and selected psalms. Click on this link for some testimonials: [MBK Service Member Testimonies \(militarybiblestick.com\)](#)

We have requested a sample bible on a stick and hope to have it in the church office soon. Any questions, contact Don Adamick

Please Sign Pew Pads

We are beginning to take attendance again. Please sign in and make note of any changes to email, phone, address, etc.

Reminder: No Wednesday evening Lenten Services this year.