

HOLY 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. ¹⁶"For 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."

Return Service Requested.

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March 5, 2023

**+Second Sunday
in Lent +**

Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

No matter our circumstances, "[our] help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NRSV). We gather to worship our loving Creator. Welcome.

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter. Keep us hopeful, Lord.

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What's Happening

1. In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Confirmation - Thursday Nights 6 - 7pm
4. Recorded services: Web, YouTube, Facebook
5. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
6. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 11:30, Friday - drop in for mail.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Mike @ 952-388-3858.

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

Sunday - God's Word: Sustenance and Sword @ 10:38am

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study @ 7am

Wednesday (Starting in April) - Women's Bible Study @ 10am

Thursday - Bible Study @ 9:30am

Friday - Harrison Bay @ 1pm & 2pm

Acolyte: Eli Klein-Wyman

Altar Duty for March: Darryl & Shelley Frederickson

Counters: Terry P & Jan P

Reader: Allen Schmidt

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 16

Ash Wednesday Offering: \$270

Sunday 2/26/23 Attendance: 54

Sunday 2/26/23 Offering: \$3,305

Vanco 2/26/2023: \$170

Order of Service

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Opening Hymn: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Ringing of the Bells and Prayer

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Holy Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Sanctus

The Words of Our Lord

Service of the Sacrament

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Hymn: 971 There is a Redeemer

Hymn: 819 Sing Praise to God, The Highest Good

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Treats in the Fellowship Hall

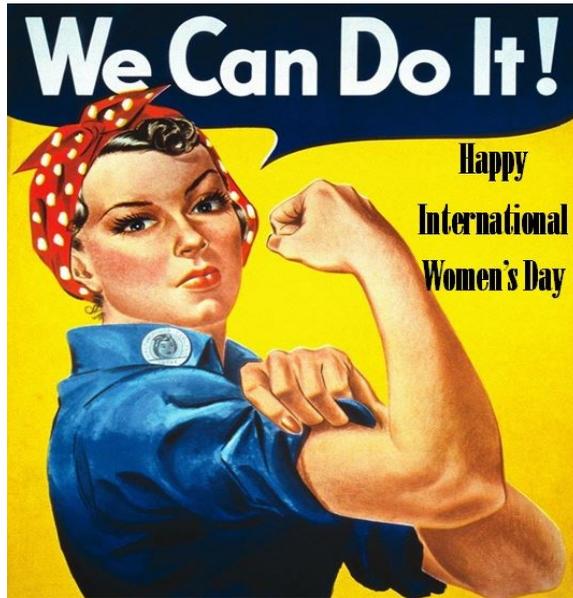
Events Happening This Week

March 8 - Lenten Service at 10AM

March 8 - International Women's Day

Board of Directors Secretary Election

Lindsey Eccles has been elected as the Board of Directors Secretary!



Spring into Action to Kick Hunger!

WeCAN is putting together a friendly competition in conjunction with Minnesota FoodShare Month. Community members, businesses, churches, families, co-workers, or anyone else who comprises their team, are invited to register for an opportunity to win one of 2 gift cards to Lulu's Pizzeria. Register now by sending your team name, contact person, email address, phone number and a team photo or logo (if you have one) to officemanager@wecanmn.org



Food Collection

Stuff the Bus!

Westonka Food Shelf is partnering with our local schools in support of the MN Foodshare March campaign and to raise awareness about food insecurity in our community. Please consider bringing in a food and or monetary donation to support Shirley Hills. Rylan, Brayden and Grayson will be delivering the food / monetary donations to their school in honor of Mount Olive on Friday March 10th.

Easter Choir?

Are you interested in singing a song (once well loved by our former choir) on Easter Sunday? We're looking for people of all ages to try and pull together a choral group to sing on Easter Sunday.

Many of you know the song *You Are The Christ* was very well loved by the choir and the congregation alike, and for those of you that were once part of the MOLC choir, the song and your respective parts will come back to you in a hurry. If you're interested in singing, but don't know the song, we'd love to have you learn it and will help you do so!

If you're interested in helping to make the Easter service a bit more festive through a special choral appearance, please talk to Jan Preble. If there is enough interest, we will have 4-5 rehearsals on Sunday mornings right after worship. Rehearsals would run just 30-60 minutes. Sunday rehearsals would be planned in an effort to minimize anyone from having to schedule another day/another appointment into already busy lives and schedules! Please consider lending your voice to this effort.

Easter Garden

Once again we'll be asking for members and friends of the congregation to provide an array of potted and/or cut flowers for our beautiful annual Easter garden. You will be able to give your Easter flowers in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish. You will be able to take your flowers back home with you after the Easter service. More information will be forthcoming, but start thinking about tulips,

lilies, hydrangeas, and ALL kinds of beautiful blooms you may want to contribute for the Easter service. Stay tuned!

Contact information

Please be sure to let Lindsey know of any contact information that may have changed for you. There will be an updated directory printed this spring. Please email changes to admin@mountolivecms.org or call Lindsey at 952-472-2756. Please leave a detailed message if no answer.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your dollars starting in January 2023 for your earnings from 2022. You are able to designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your choice. Call 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by March 31st, 2023.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9 ¹The 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.

EPISTLE Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just 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; ⁸blessed 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. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That 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, ¹⁷as 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.