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March 11, 2018



**Good Morning and Welcome to our visitors:** We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. If you have any questions please ask a member, or one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.  
Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

**Willing Hands This Morning:**

Organist: *Jim Behmer* Altar Care: *Kelley Buch*  
Ushers: *Brian Brian Becht and Bill Meyer* Tellers: *Jim Moldenhauer & Jean Tartaglia*  
Kitchen Helpers: *Kelley Buch*

**Suggestions Before Worship:** The Fourth Sunday of Lent is historically known as *Laetare*, or *Rejoice*, Sunday. Even in the middle of Lent, we have reason to rejoice. Our God sees our sinful condition and knows what to do. He does not let sinful man suffer and die in sin. Instead, he sends his Son to be the Savior of all sinners. On this Sunday, we look at the love of God and we rejoice for forgiveness he has given to us.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 375 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me;  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!

**Invocation**

*The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

**Responsive Reading of Psalm 38**

*This Psalm centers our hearts and minds on the power of our God to save us.*

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger  
C: or discipline me in your wrath.

P: For your arrows have pierced me,  
C: and your hand has come down upon me.

P: My guilt has overwhelmed me  
C: **like a burden too heavy to bear.**

P: All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;  
C: **my sighing is not hidden from you.**

P: I wait for you, O LORD;  
C: **you will answer, O Lord my God.**

P: Come quickly to help me,  
C: **O Lord my Savior.**

### Confession of Sins

*We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
I have shown a lack of faith when I have doubted your promises and have worried even though you have shown me your love.  
I have trusted in myself and not in you, I have pushed myself ahead when I should have cared less about myself and more about others.  
I have thoughtlessly sinned and have chosen to sin even when I know it is wrong  
I have sinned in thought, word and action. I have also sinned by not doing the things that you ask me to do.  
For all the evil and sin that are part of me and my life, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Please forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*We have a moment of silence for private confession of our specific sins to God.*

### Absolution of Sins

*The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. See John 20:21-23.*

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We can see the love of God in our Savior, Jesus. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Song of Thanksgiving:

*The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness, we thank him for his blessings to us and to many others.*

*We sing together the verses 1 & 2 of hymn 376.*

**1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### The Word

*Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We use God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.*

### First Lesson: Number 21:4-9

*God is perfect in his justice and mercy. God has every right to punish us for our sins here on earth and forever in hell, however, God provides a way out for those who believe in him.*

<sup>4</sup>They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.]

### Songs and Prayers for Children

*These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.*

### We Are in God’s House Today

1. We are in God’s House Today; He is glad to hear us pray  
Let us listen, let us sing, Gladly make His praises ring.

2. We are in God’s house today; He is glad to hear us pray  
Let us listen to His Word, Gladly do what we have heard.

P: Let us fold our hands, bow our heads and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together.

**C: Jesus we pray, Be with us today. Fill us with love and help us obey  
Love us, O Lord, forgive our sins too, And give us faith to believe in you. Amen.**

### I Want to Live for Jesus

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| 1. I want to live for Jesus<br>And please him every day.<br>He died in pain and sorrow<br>To take my sins away. | 2. I want to work for Jesus<br>There’s much that I can do<br>To cheer my friends and neighbors<br>And serve my Savior, too. |
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### The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-10

*This is one of a number of passages that clearly shows us that our salvation is a gracious gift of our God. It is through him and his grace alone that faith is worked in our hearts. It is through the Holy Spirit alone that we are able to confess that Jesus is our Savior. Thanks be to God!!*

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Please rise for the Gospel, the words and works of our Savior, Jesus.*

### The Gospel: John 3: 14-21

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to you Oh, Christ!**

**Sermon Hymn: 714            The Lamb V 1-5**

**Sermon Text: John 3: 14-21**

**Sermon Theme: What is the Message of the Bible? Jesus Tells us Himself.**

## 714

## The Lamb



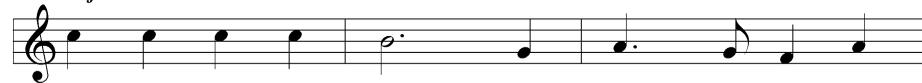
1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their  
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and  
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God  
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let  
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On  
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He  
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
 our be - half the law to fill.  
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

**Refrain**

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

*As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.*

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*After the sermon is completed, please rise to sing verse 5 in response to our sermon.*

**Apostles' Creed**

*The Apostles Creed has been used for hundreds of years as a brief, but concise statement of belief. It is called the Apostles' Creed because it is a summary of all the Apostles preached about Jesus.*

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

*Please be seated*

**We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord**

*One of the ways that we thank our Lord is by giving offerings of thanks to support the work of spreading the Gospel here at Summerlin Lutheran and in the world.*

*If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers.*

- If you're a guest –Welcome. Please share your contact information so that we can stay connected.
- If you are a member, please sign your name and share with any guests who might be sitting near you.

*Please rise for prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

**P:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** We confess that without your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**C: 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.**

### The Blessing of the Lord

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



### Closing Hymn: 528 Christ is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cornerstone; On him alone we build.  
With his true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On his great love Our hopes we place  
Of present grace And joys above.

2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring!  
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song,  
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

3 Here, gracious God, do now And evermore draw near;  
Accept each faithful vow And all your children hear,  
And more and more On those who pray  
Each holy day Your blessing pour.

4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest  
To endless rest Are called away!



We pray that your worship was blessed this morning. Please come again!



Today	3/11	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
Monday	3/12	<b>Pastor At Circuit Meeting</b>	
Tuesday	3/13	6:00 PM	Elders Meet
		7:00 PM	Council Meets
Wednesday	3/14	6:00 PM	Lenten Meal
		7:00 PM	Lenten Service
Saturday	3/17	10-11:30 AM	Easter Invitation Hand-Out
			Meet at church at 9:30 AM
Sunday	3/18	9:00 AM	Worship & Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study



*If you don't have these dates on your calendar, it's a good time to add them.*

<i>March 17 &amp; 24</i>	<i>Easter Invitations</i>	<i>Meet at church @</i>	<i>9:30AM</i>
<i>March 29</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday w/ Member Communion</i>		<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>March 30</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>		<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Easter Breakfast Set-Up and Prep</i>		<i>10 AM</i>
<i>April 1</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>9 AM</i>
		<i>Service</i>	<i>10 AM</i>

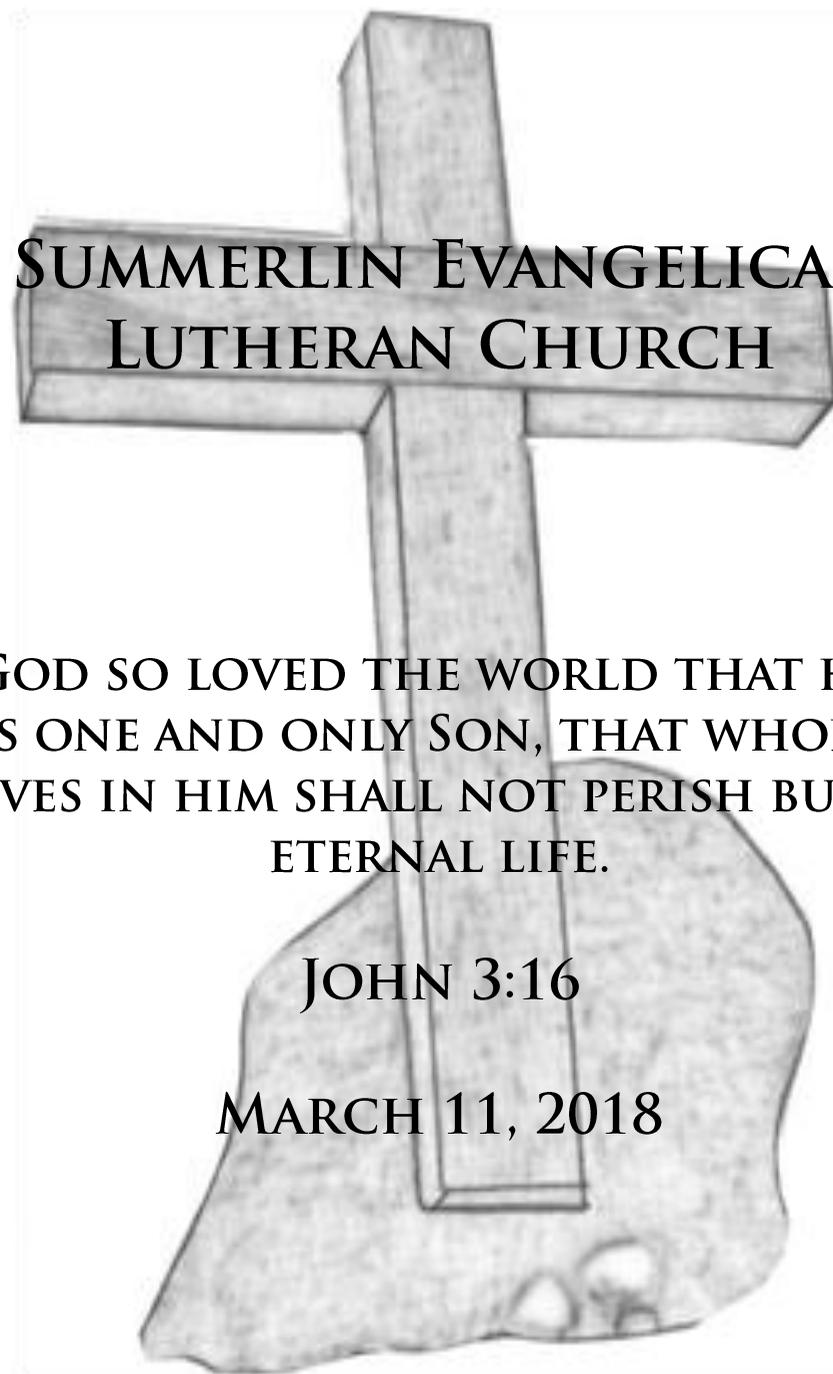


**We Pray For Those Who Carry Heavy Loads:**

- Lisa Zaccaria—cancer treatments
- Jack Dove – strength for his family during his brother's illness
- Lou Howard -- relief from back pain



***If there is one Bible Study you should come to this year, it is today following church @ 10:15 am.***



**SUMMERLIN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE  
HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE  
ETERNAL LIFE.**

**JOHN 3:16**

**MARCH 11, 2018**



Easter Morning Potluck Breakfast  
April 1: 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday Service  
April 1: 10:00 AM

Please make your favorite egg hotdish, quiche, or egg breakfast  
bake and bring to church to pass.

These will be the main dish for our breakfast.

We still have plenty of room for more sign-ups!!

We would also like to make some pancakes or scrambled eggs,  
but only if someone volunteers to cook for us.

Please sign up on the Service Board as you leave, or speak with  
Cheryl Meyer.

*Welcome*

**Good morning.** Whether you are family and friends, or first-time guests and visitors it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. God's blessings to you until we see you again.



Updating of our **Congregational Database** has begun. If you have not update your information please look for a *WHO ARE YOU?* sheet on the table by the entrance.



**Congregational Picture Board.** We are starting our R-Z month. Please see Kelley Buch in the fellowship hall to snap those pictures after church. If you have not had your picture yet, now's the time.

#### Lenten Schedule



**JESUS CHRIST**  
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

**March 14:** Pastor Matt Vogt  
(Water of Life Lutheran - WELS)  
Hebrews 10: 19-25. Jesus Makes us Priests

**March 21:** Pastor Pastor Tim Otto  
(Mt. Olive Lutheran - WELS)  
Hebrews 1:1-3. Jesus is our GREAT High Priest



#### Willing Hands to Serve the Lord:

Next Week's Worship:

Ushers: Tom Johnson and Cliff Talgo

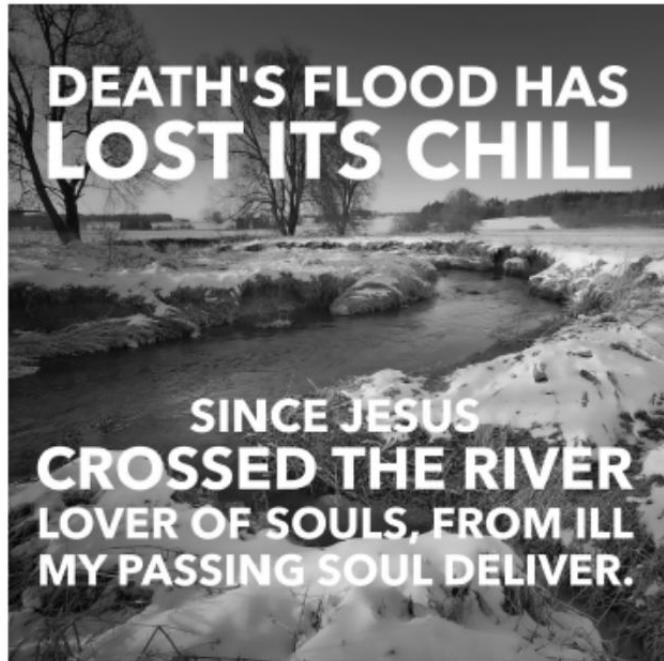
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Kitchen helpers:



Our Thanks to the Lord: Last week 25 people came to worship their Savior during our Lenten Service and 64 people came to worship their Savior on Sunday. God's people brought offerings of \$. An additional was \$designated for HELP. This brings our HELP to May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!



Please join us as California Lutheran High School presents  
**"Death's Flood Has Lost Its Chill"**  
A Sacred Concert  
to celebrate the life death and resurrection of  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**March 25, 2018**  
**4:00 pm**

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*Gospel Sharing – Keep on Truckin'*

**LWMS Spring Rally 2018**

**April 21st 9:00—2:15 pm**

**Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church**

**3734 S. Centinela Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066**

**(310) 397— 1201**

**Pastor David M. Warskow – Speaker**

**... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in it's blessings. I Cor. 9: 22—23**

**Registration begins at 8:15 am \* \$5 fee \* ends at 2:15**