



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Ash Wednesday Service Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes Tonight at 7:00 p.m.



Thoughts from Lori

Last night was the best Shrove Tuesday/Taco Tuesday ever! Almost 30 of us (maybe 28, 29?) gathered to celebrate Mardi Gras with what has become a St. Paul's tradition: TACOS and all the trimmings! Thanks to the cooks and set-up crew and especially the clean-up crew (you know who you are).



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And now, Lent begins. I hope you will have been able to attend an Ash Wednesday service here or near your workplace. In any case, this is the call of Lent:

[You are invited] in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. BCP, page 265

Peace and blessings,

Lori †



The Coffee & Conversation Bible Study

Our study of Luke/Acts continues with a discussion on chapters 4-6 this Sunday. Haven't read it yet? Don't worry, come anyway. The coffee is good, the fellowship is great, and you'll get the drift.



Mobile Food Truck

On Saturday, March 12, the Northern Illinois Food Pantry will again have a Mobile Food Truck here at St. Paul's. Volunteers are needed for sorting, traffic control, hospitality and more.

Please contact the church office or Deb Lang at (dllobjn@comcast.net) if you can lend a hand!



Upcoming Events

Vestry - Wednesday, February 17, 7:15 pm
Endowment Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm

Women's Wednesday - March 2, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - March 5, 8:00 a.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, March 12

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11. Moses leads the people to the Promised Land.

The Gradual: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16. "He who dwells in the shear of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty."

The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13. Paul insists that there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13. This tells of the temptation of Jesus by the devil.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 150. "Forty Days and Forty Nights." This is one of the three Lenten poems by George Hunt Smyttan published in the "Penny Post VI" (1856). The original version had nine stanzas and our hymnal includes the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of the nine, though greatly altered over the years. The tune called "Heinlein" in the 1940 Hymnal is "Aus der Tiefe rufe ich" in our new 1982 Hymnal, the actual melody attributed to Martin Herbst (1654-1681) and later harmonized by William Monk (1823-1889).

Sequence Hymn: No. 635. "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee." This hymn is new to the Episcopal 1982 Hymnal (though almost four

centuries old). It was written and composed by Georg Neumark (16 March 1621 - 8 July 1681), a German poet and composer of hymns. In 1640 he began law studies, but fearing the tumult of war, he took a position as tutor instead. This particular hymn was written for himself as much as anyone else as he feared war so much, "God will give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days."

Presentation Hymn: No. 706. "In Your Mercy, Lord." Born in Aldersgate, London in 1789, the son of a bookseller, Josiah Conder (1789-1855) helped in his father's store and self-educated himself there. When he was six, a severe case of smallpox blinded him in his right eye. The hymn may reflect his own conversion process as it describes vividly what happens when a person moves from being self-centered to Christ-centered. The words were adapted for this hymnal by the Rev. Dr. Charles Philip Price (1920-1999), the late Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Seminary. The tune, "Halton Holgate," was composed by William Boyce (1711-1779), one of the most significant English composers of the 18th century.

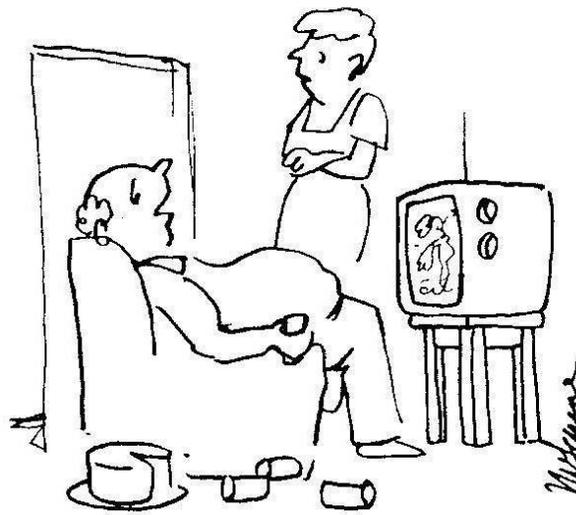
Communion Hymn: "Let the broken ones be healed." This short song will be used for our communion hymn during Lent. It was written by the Rev. Michael Hudson in his "Songs for the Cycle," (c) 2004.

Recessional Hymn: No. 149. "Eternal Lord of Love." This hymn was written by Thomas Henry Cain, born in 1931, and is based upon the image of the church as a people on a journey towards the God of glory. The tune is the Old 124th composed or adapted by Louis Bourgeois for the Geneva Psalter of 1551. The present harmonization is by Dr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

February 14th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Judy Robel
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



**"I can't think of a thing to give up
for Lent this year!"**

**Church
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*"The church will host an evening of fine dining,
superb entertainment, and gracious hostility."*