



The Season of Lent 2020

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An invitation to Holy Season.....

*Lent is the period of forty days leading up to Holy Week,
when Christians mark the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Through the centuries, Lent has been celebrated as a time of simplicity, reflection, prayer, fasting, and service to others. The point of Lent is to help us understand ways that we block God's love in our hearts, minds, and lives. Some people give up (or cut down on... Facebook, chocolate, carbon footprint, plastic bags) something to gain freedom over their lives and contribute to society; others add (time for silence, time with family, financial offerings to control malaria) to receive Christ's abundance.

We at Ascension hope that this holy season will be a fruitful one for you and your family.
We have planned activities that will make it creative and meaningful.

Lent: Dramatic Encounters: Faith in God's Wide and Healing Grace: February 26 - April 12
God's love reaches to the margins and marginalized...



Ash Wednesday (February 26)

The 40 days of Lent encourage us to "come clean" about ourselves and the world, speaking truthfully and inviting God into the troubled places of our lives and world. Why have Christians through the ages placed ashes on their foreheads to symbolize coming clean?

How does our faith grow through this practice?



Lent 1, March 1

Temptations of Jesus: A life and death conversation between Jesus and the Devil (Matthew 4:1-11)

What are temptations? How does faith grow through response to temptations?



Lent 2, March 8

Meeting at night, Jesus encourages a Jewish leader, Nicodemus, to be "born again" through the spirit, which "blows where it wills" (John 3:1-17)

Faith equals trust. How does trust in Jesus grow?

Are we too vulnerable to let the spirit blow through our lives?

**** Special Education Event: Pr. Nancy and Bob Furst**

"Exciting and Inspiring Ways to Study the Bible"

11:15 am

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Lent 3, March 15

Jesus invites a woman drawing water at a well to ask him for "living water"
(John 4:5-42)

What is prayer? How are questioning and yearning part of prayer? What is living water?



Lent 4, March 22

Jesus heals a man born blind and argues with religious leaders
(John 9:1-41)

How can we "see" through Jesus' eyes? Can disagreement with others lead to deepened faith?



Lent 5, March 29

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead by calling his name
(John 11:1-45)

The shortest verse in the Gospels is "Jesus wept." (John 11:35)
How do we weep for ourselves and our world? Is God present in the midst of grief and loss?



Palm Sunday, April 5,

The crowd celebrates Jesus as the humble Messiah
(John 12:12-15, Matthew 21:1-9)

What is true power? It seems that when people on the margins are overlooked, God uses them to proclaim truth. The children will lead the congregation into the church with palms. Several lectors will read the Gospel Lesson.



Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm

Service at the church including Holy Communion, scripture, hand washing ritual and stripping of the altar.



Good Friday, April 10, 7:00 pm

(Psalm 22: 1 - 2)

This Tenebrae service (Tenebrae means darkness) ends in a darkened church; through nine scripture readings and sermon, the church recalls Jesus' death.



Easter Sunday, April 12

(Luke 24:1 - 12)

Celebrate God's triumph over evil and darkness so as to break down the barriers between us...
Pancake Breakfast to celebrate our life together from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Services to celebrate the Resurrection at 8 am and 10 am! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!