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## From the Pastor's Desk...

### Psalm 103



The Book of Psalms, also known as the Psalter, is the prayer book of the Bible. Within these 150 prayers, every situation and circumstance one can experience in life is covered.

Many of the Psalms were written by a man named David. David is a picture of Jesus in the Old Testament. When David speaks, it is really Jesus who is speaking. In this way, Jesus is known as the pre-incarnate Christ. Simply put, it is seeing Jesus before He was born of the Virgin Mary. A great way to look at the Psalms, especially the Psalms of David, is to read them as if Jesus Himself were praying them. Indeed, while He walked the earth, He did pray them.

We will be looking at some of the Psalms over the next months in these Pastor messages. Let's begin with Psalm 103. This is a Psalm of thanks in which the Psalmist thanks God for all His goodness. He thanks God for the forgiveness of sins, sound body and soul, and for all the goods God gives us every day, making us joyful and confident. He also thanks God for delivering us from our enemies and all distress. In short, the Psalmist thanks God for being a gracious, kind, and loving Father toward us, sinful creatures though we are. In this Psalm God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to His forgiveness. This all comes to pass in Christ whose Kingdom reigns over all.

Let's look at the Psalm itself...

In verse 1 notice that God's Holy Name is being emphasized. His name means salvation.

In verses 2 and 3 we are happy because of God's benefits. Included in these benefits are His present forgiveness for all sins and His present healing of all our diseases. The key word here is the word "all". No sin is excluded in His forgiveness and no disease is overlooked.

In verse 5 God promises to take care of all our earthly needs; because we are forgiven and healed we can expect all good things from God.

In verse 10 God refuses to deal with us according to our sins and He promises to NEVER punish us for them.

Verse 12 reminds us of our current standing with God. He has removed our sins, so completely, that not one of them can ever touch us. God is the only one who perfectly understands us.

In verses 13 & 14 we are reminded that God knows how frail we are and how weak we are. This thought continues through verse 16. We are frail creatures, our days are few. Our entire lives are a journey to the inevitable grave. But then a burst of hope and joy.

Verse 17 is the promise of God's mercy forever. He gives us His righteousness as if we always had His righteousness, and because of this righteousness earned by Jesus and given to us as a gift, we are called His children! God's mercy, forgiveness and righteousness give us a security that can be found nowhere else.

In verse 19 we see that God rules over all things. He has everything under His control. Nothing happens apart from His will. Nothing happens without His permission. Since we belong to Him, we are safe in His will.

The Psalm ends with God's promise of sending His angels to help us. Look at verses 20-22, God is making sure that His children have all that they need to live a life in Him that extends to all eternity.

Here is a prayer that summarizes Psalm 103. "Father of Light, we praise You because You forgive iniquity and do not reward us according to our sins. What You promised to the fathers, you have fulfilled in Your Son. As the east and the west can never come together, so remove our sins far from us that they can be accounted to us no more. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen." (Luther)

Pastor Bill Metzger  
Psalm 103:3, 10, 12

## **News from the Preschool**

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*Jean Hoger, Director*

We are in the last month of school. We cannot believe how this year has flown by. We will have our Mother's Day Tea on May 8. We sing for the moms. We enjoy a delicious snack together. During this time we watch two short videos with dear songs about moms. It's adorable because the kids are in the videos. Lastly we shower the moms with hand-made gifts.

Our preschool is invited to the Lion King Jr. Musical at Immanuel Lutheran School in Crystal Lake. Both the 3s and 4s classes can attend. They do an awesome job and our little ones think it's cool to see the bigger kids act and sing songs they know!

We have our Bike Rally and collect donations for St. Jude Children's Hospital. We've had good luck with lovely weather in the past and pray that the 3rd week of May brings us sunshine!

We are still registering for next fall and looking for more young families to come and enroll their 3 and 4 year-olds for next year. We have scholarship funds available but are working on the policy regarding the distribution of these funds. More info to come on this great opportunity!

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father who has again blessed us with great kids and wonderful parents. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Yours in Christ

## **From the Stewardship Ministry**

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THANK YOU! - To all who filled out a time and talent survey! Additional information will be forthcoming.

NEED A SURVEY? - You are in luck! Additional surveys are available!

WHERE CAN I FIND A SURVEY? - Forms are located in both the main church and the LOFT on the tables by the entry doors.

WHAT DO I DO? - Prayerfully consider what time, talent, or special interests you would like to share, fill out the form and place in the return box located on tables by the entry doors in either the main church or the LOFT. We will take it from there!

QUESTIONS? - Contact Mark Chianakas or any ministry member.

## Vacation Bible School

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Holy Cross's Vacation Bible School is Tuesday through Friday, June 19-22 from 9:00 AM to noon. The theme is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Kids ages 4-9 are welcome. Registration forms are available at the back of church, the LOFT lobby or on the Holy Cross website at [holycrosscary.org](http://holycrosscary.org). Space is limited to 50 kids.

## OWLS Hoots and Happenings

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OWLS will meet in the lower level of the LOFT on Thursday, May 3 at noon. Darlene and Joe Moslander and Elaine Knoedler will prepare a devotion, dessert and beverages. Please bring a sandwich for yourself and join us for an afternoon with friends. A discussion of emergency preparedness and first aid is being planned.

The OWLS spring craft and bake sale is scheduled for May 5/6. OWLS, please plan to help. Members, please stop by.

KITE FLY – The OWLS will meet on May 17 at 11:30 AM to carpool to the Addison's in Woodstock for a taco lunch followed by kite flying. Several kites will be available for use or you may bring your own. A skilled kite flyer will be joining us to offer assistance. A sign up sheet is posted on the OWLS bulletin board for attendance and for items to bring to complete the lunch. Taco meat, drinks and chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, alternatives could be games or bowling (which is \$1.50 at local lanes).

## Life Line Screening

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Holy Cross is pleased to offer a preventative health event with a Life Line Screening on Tuesday, June 12 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm in the LOFT lower level. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes all five tests listed above [\$149] or any other package. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).** Medicare doesn't cover these tests and Life Line doesn't file any insurance forms. Watch News & Notes for more information or call Barb Molzer with questions. Join the fight against vascular disease!!

## From the Food Pantry

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A young man from the high school is having a clothing drive on June 9 for the Cary Food Pantry. He is collecting clothes and shoes and will bring them to Savers where we will get 8 cents per pound. Last year he made \$800 for the pantry. If you have any clothes you would like to donate, please drop them in the food pantry carts at church any time during the month of May and we will make sure they get over to the drive in June. He is hoping to beat last year's record. Thank you.

## Walcamp Work Day

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Walcamp's Annual Worker Bee Weekend scheduled for Saturday, May 12. They will have many projects around camp. If there is a particular area or project around camp that someone would like to work on, let Walcamp know and they will prepare it for you. Also, if someone wishes to stay over Friday or Saturday night, let them know. Accommodations will be at no cost. The workday begins Saturday, May 19 at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. If you are a Thrivent Member, consider perhaps using your Action Team \$\$\$.

To help Walcamp properly plan, please email [siteops@walcamp.org](mailto:siteops@walcamp.org) or call Bill at 815-784-5141 x111 to let them know you are able to attend. Thank you for your consideration and support!

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00A Adult Bible study 7:00P Bible study 7:00P GIFT Class	2 6:00P Handbells 7:00P Choir	3 Noon OWLS	4	5 5:30P Worship
6 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:45A Youth/Adult Bible Studies 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	7	8 10:00A Adult Bible study 7:00P Bible study 7:00P GIFT Class	9 6:00P Handbells 7:00P Choir	10 10:00A Prayer Shawl 7:00P Ascension worship service	11	12 5:30P Worship 7:00P Taizé Service
13 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 9:45A Youth/Adult Bible Studies 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	14 6:30P Board of Elders	15 10:00A Adult Bible study 7:00P Bible study 7:00P GIFT Class	16 6:00P Handbells 7:00P Choir 7:00P Ministry Leader Meeting	17 OWLS to Addisons	18	19 5:30P Worship
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27 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	28 Memorial Day Offices closed	29 7:00P Bible study	30	31		

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