

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

Sexagesima

February 4, 2018

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Hymn 396: "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink!"

Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 15ff.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 11:19 – 12:9

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:4-15

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 521: "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

The Sermon: Portion of the Standard Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Theme: The Value of the Christian's Afflictions

I. They crush our fleshly pride and humble us before the Lord;

II. They make us rely solely upon God's grace, so that we endure our crosses patiently, trusting in His strength for the ability to bear them.

The Offering "to prove the sincerity of your love." (II Corinthians 8:8)

The General Prayer and Prayer for our Communicants

Hymn 518: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Communion Liturgy – Hymnal, p. 24ff. (Note that we observe the Scriptural practice of Close Communion. Please see the back cover regarding this.)

Hymn 314: "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

(To be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament)

The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Announcements for the Week

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study**, (708) 532-4288, or at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.

VISITORS are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like to have our Pastor contact you further. And please come again!

TODAY, February 4th 2:30 p.m., **Sunday School Teachers' Training Class**

Our Pastor's Schedule this week:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. are the Pastor's regular "**Office Hours.**" Unless he is running an errand, attending a meeting elsewhere, making a pastoral call at a hospital or nursing home, or is at lunch, he will normally be "on site." However, if you need to see him in person, it always pays to call first.

In addition...

Monday, February 5th 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Aaron and Jonah)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Tuesday, February 6th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Wednesday, February 7th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Thursday, February 8th 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Aaron and Jonah)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Friday, February 9th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Saturday, February 10th **Pastoral Preparation Time** for Sunday; also for special meetings and such consultations as are of an urgent nature. Please call ahead if possible.

Next Sunday, February 11th

Quinquagesima

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for all.

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all.

— Immediately after the service, our usual **Potluck Luncheon** served by our dear ladies, followed by (at about **1:00 p.m.**) the Regular **VOTERS' MEETING** for February. All our men should be present, please.

A Blessed Week to All of You!