



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

March, 2017

Lent Message Series: "Jesus Teaches the Best Way to Live"

Jesus is concerned about His people – you. That is why He says "your righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees." In setting this goal for His people, He is saying that it is not enough for you to set up life-rules, follow the proper orders, make the church appear squeaky clean because we've done what we're supposed to do, and think you've lived as He desires.

Here's a clear illustration of the problem: just last week, on the TD Jakes Show, I watched two women "put on a good face" toward one another all the while seething with hatred and anger towards one another. On the surface, all seemed right and proper; they were following the rules. But, sadly, beneath the façade of their superficial behavior were hearts untransformed by the love of Jesus. They clearly had the "righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees," but had not exceeded it in any way ... as Jesus teaches.

So, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus works through a series of spiritual issues designed to guide us toward the heart-transformation that characterizes the Christian community. Have you experienced a "pharisaical attitude" from another Christian? Well, here's why. This Christian friend has chosen to hold the "righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees," rather than being drawn into the spirituality of Jesus and His Cross. So, "thank you Jesus," He teaches the Real-Life He desires for His people. His teaching forms the basis for the Wednesdays of Lent.

March 1st – Anger is a powerful motivator ... for good and evil. Do you struggle with anger or know someone who does? Jesus knows anger tears apart the fabric of Christian community. Our topic focuses on *"Reconciliation: Near the Heartbeat of Christian Community"*

March 8th – Humans are creatures of desire. Sadly, this good quality can easily be twisted into lust and self-gratification, ruining lives and families. Jesus confronts our failed ways of desiring, teaching His better way. Our topic focuses on *"Cultivating Our Desires in a Godly Way"*

March 15th – Is there a more satisfying and frustrating relationship than marriage? Jesus really cares about those who are married...and those who are divorced. People matter; relationships matter, especially in the church. Our topic focuses on *"Relationships for Eternity"*

March 22nd – What we say matters! Our words can create hope and can crash lives. Words can twist and manipulate, enhance and encourage. Jesus knows words are vital for everyday relationships. Our topic focuses on *"Living on the Words We Speak"*

March 29th – "You hurt me; I hurt you" is the way of the world. We like the fairness of "an eye for an eye." Jesus says, "no," not among My people. The Jesus' way is "turn the other cheek." What does that mean? Our topic focuses on *"How to Respond When Others Hurt Me"*

April 5th – Enemies are a sad reality of life. Nations have enemies; families have enemies; I have enemies. We live in a broken world where others are out to get us. Let's learn how to respond as Jesus teaches. Our topic focuses on *"Learning to Love Like God"*

I sure hope you can be with us for these important conversations. We'll gather each Wednesday at 5:30 for soup and fixins; then gather at 6:30 for our worship together. If you can't be with us, we will be recording each conversation for you to listen to at your convenience.

Love ya!

Pastor Craig



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Happy Birthday

3-1 Jim Schlaver
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3-2 Monica Hillmer
3-3 Marty Boomgarden
3-9 Gene Carrell
3-14 Dianne Weber
3-17 Jake Weber

3-23 Grace Olinger
3-23 Katelyn Olinger
3-25 Deb Nelson
3-25 Nancy Kounovsky
3-27 Bette Rinck-Vandahl
3-28 Bonnie Baggenstoss
3-29 Wendy McConnell

Happy Anniversary

3/11 Joel & Clare Tarcha
3/14 Keith & Shirley Zuehlke

Lent & Easter 2017

- ◇ Soup Suppers: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 5:30 - 6:15 pm
- ◇ Lent Services 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Holy Week 2017

- ◇ 4/9 Palm Sunday Services : 8 & 10:30am
- ◇ 4/12 Passion of The Christ Movie: at 6:30pm
- ◇ 4/13 Maundy Thursday (Communion) 6:30pm
- ◇ 4/14 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:30pm
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Sunday Services: 6:30am (Communion) & 8am (Communion) Traditional
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Sunday Service: 10:30am Contemporary
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Breakfast served 7:30am-10am Downstairs

Concordia's Corner

Sisters In Spirit: We are having a lunch get together on 3/8 at 11:30am at the "Egg & I" . Please RSVP to the church office.

Men's Bible Breakfast is March 11th 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th. Please set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night (March 11th).

SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARY & SAVE THE DATE

Amaris Duryea will be serving as a missionary on the World Race. Please go to amarisduryea.theworldrace.org for more information and to support Amaris!

Save the date: After the late service on 4/2 Amaris will be having a fundraising pot luck sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Thank You!

Pastor Craig & Sheryl and Clare & Joel thank you for the Epiphany gifts. It is a blessing to serve such a generous, loving, and supportive congregation!

Concordia's Website

The address is: www.steamboatlutheran.org

Missed a Sunday? Do you want to hear the sermon? You can click on the sermon section and choose the audio sermon and listen to it at your computer! Also, find the latest news and events and the calendar which will keep you up-to-date on meetings and happenings!

