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Worship Anew in February

Year 2023 | Series A

February 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-9; Matthew 5:13-20
“Beyond Our Imagination!” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9
Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

In a world of self-created “gods,” the Good News of Jesus Christ stands apart as something immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. We are privileged to remember and revisit the Good News of a Savior whose sacrificial love and activity in our lives is Beyond Our Imagination!

February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Psalm 125; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-30
“The Choice” - Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 30:1-20
Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

There is a choice confronting all of humanity. This is the choice Moses set before the Israelites when he told them to choose between “life and good, death and evil.” On our own we could not choose correctly. But thank God, He leads us to make the right choice.

February 19, 2023 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
“Listen to Him” - Sermon Text: Matthew 17:5
Rev. Thomas Eggold

The Transfiguration of Jesus was not only an encouragement to Peter, James, and John as they faced the horrible reality of the cross, but it is, in the present, an encouragement to us as we bear our own.

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent
Psalm 32:1-7; Genesis 3:1-21; Matthew 4:1-11
“Two Temptations” - Sermon Text: Genesis 3:1b
Rev. Shayne Jonker

Today is a tale of two temptations: of Adam and of Christ, the first Adam and the second Adam really. The first fell, and with his fall came sin and death for all. The second stood firm, and with His stand comes righteousness and justification for all.

Newness of Life

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

Ash Wednesday will be on February 22. Not only does this signify the start to the season of Lent, our penitential reflection on our Savior's journey to the cross, it is also a solemn reminder of our condemnation and eventual death because of sin. As the ashes are placed upon our forehead, we hear our pastors' voice speaking God's words in Genesis 3:19, "...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In reflection on the passage in Romans 6:1-11, we see the season of Lent as, not only a time of meditation on the suffering of Christ for our sins, but also our Baptism and what it means to be a child of God. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we see a clear distinction with our own death and resurrection in Holy Baptism.

One such child of God is the sainted Rev. Jim Elsner who entered eternity with our Lord on Wednesday, January 11. While shepherding the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Stroh (Hudson), Indiana, he was a regular pastor on our weekly television program from 2008 to 2018. He also helped develop and appeared on Moments of Comfort, our online weekly devotional broadcast since it began back in 2019. With over 45 years of devoted and faithful service to our Lord, he has touched countless lives with the love and joy we have in Christ Jesus. When I think of Pastor Jim, the words from Matthew 5:16 come to mind, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

To commemorate Pastor Elsner's life and ministry, we will be re-airing many of his comforting messages online throughout February and March. Pastor Elsner had a unique way of sharing God's redeeming mercy and grace. As we mourn the sad loss of a faithful servant and friend, what a blessing that God made Pastor Jim His child through his own Baptism. He responded to God's grace by bringing so many to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

I give thanks and praise to God for Pastor Elsner's support of this ministry over many years. People help with the work of Worship Anew in many and various ways. You too are an instrumental part of making sure our mission is carried out. As we follow Christ's journey to the cross, may you always be reminded that, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:11).

Matthew F. Leighty
Executive Director

HOPE-FULL LIVING

A Look Inside

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Being an Ambassador for Christ

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

2 Corinthians 5:20

Have you ever filled up a glass with water and didn't stop? The water spills out all over the counter. I have used that illustration when giving a children's message. I then let the children know that God loves us so much that he fills us up with that love and wants us to share it with those around us. We are asked to let his message and love spill over to those we know and those we don't know. We are to be "God's Ambassadors." An "Ambassador" is one who represents someone else. Whether we realize it or not, we are representing Jesus every day. It will be either positive or negative. What will it be for you? Let the love of Christ spill over and be a positive Ambassador for Christ with your life.

Mike Lutz
Shelby Twp., MI

Lord, show me opportunities where I can be your ambassador each day. Amen.

Reflect: Make a list of ways you might be an Ambassador for Christ.

Read: 1 John 1:1-4 and James 2:14-26

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And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Worship Anew Increases its Gospel Reach

Worship Anew is expanding the reach of its weekly program. You can now find Worship Anew on WKBD-TV in Detroit (also known as CW50) on Sunday mornings at 8:00am.

Worship Anew is guided by a mission to engage and equip aging adults with resources to live a full and abundant life in Jesus Christ. Our weekly 30-minute program includes scripture readings, a pastor's message, prayers, and favorite church hymns. Worship Anew is on many local broadcast stations across the country and on two national markets.

To learn more about how and where you can watch Worship Anew, go to WorshipAnew.org/watch.

Worship Anew's National Markets

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(DirecTV 307)

Sunday, 5:30a ET / 2:30a PT

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(AFN Television)

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Moments of Comfort

In Times of Trouble

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Psalm 37:39

Rev. Jim Elsner is one of the first people I met when I started as the content manager here at Worship Anew. I was struck by his joy for his life in Christ and his passion for sharing the Gospel with those who are struggling. That passion is at the heart of Moments of Comfort.

Moments of Comfort is a weekly video devotional of Worship Anew which ministers to the hurting and suffering we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

This ministry was developed by Rev. Elsner and our production team in 2019. In honor of Jim and his love for those who are touched by this ministry, we will be posting Moments of Comfort videos featuring Rev. Elsner. These will run through February and March.

We thank God for Rev. Jim Elsner and all he did to share God's Light in the darkness.

You can find all of our current and past videos at www.WorshipAnew.org/MOC.

Thomas Moll
Content Manager at Worship Anew

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