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“Listen to Him”

Lenten Psalm and Gospel Readings

In addition to worshipping every week, the most important thing we can do for our spiritual health is to read God’s Word daily.

“Listen to Him” is part of our congregational Lenten journey this year. It combines the daily reading of God’s Word with a discussion of those readings on Sunday morning after the morning service.

Each week’s readings will be listed in the Sunday bulletin and in Pastor Engel’s weekly email.

“‘Listen to Him’ is what God the Father told the disciples to do at the Transfiguration of Jesus,” Pastor Tim Engel explained. “We are doing what our heavenly Father commands us to do.”

“The Psalms are the prayers that Jesus prayed,” Engel continued. “The Gospels are the accounts of Jesus’ words and actions. There is no better place to hear Jesus than the Psalms and the Gospels.”

“Listen to Him” Readings for March

Feb. 27-March 4 Psalms 17-40, Mark 5-10

March 6-11 Psalms 41-64, Mark 11-16

March 13-18 Psalms 65-88, John 1-6

March 20-25 Psalms 89-109, John 7-12

March 27-April 1 Psalms 110-134, John 13-18

Daily – Doggedly – Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus’ Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Listening is an important part of my work as a Comfort Dog.

First of all, I need to listen to my handlers.

They give me commands that help me do my job and even keep me safe.

Commands that I hear often are “With me,” “Wait,” and “Sit.” (I’m a pro at those commands!)

My favorite command is “Gabriel, go eat!”

I also listen to the people I meet.

They say things like, “What a good boy!” and “He’s so sweet/handsome/cute/fluffy!” (You get the picture.)

The most important person to listen to is my Jesus.

He uses a command that I’m familiar with—Come!

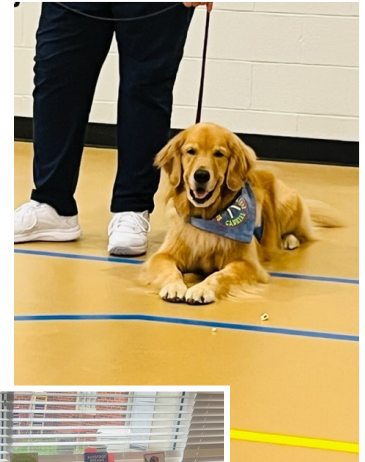
He says things like, “Come, follow Me” (Matthew 19:21), “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28), and “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

When my Jesus commands us to come, it’s always be cause He has something good for us. If we don’t listen, we will miss out on His goodness.

But when we listen to Him, He always gives us His best.

Isn’t that PAWSOME!?!?

Your friend Gabriel



Always listening!



From the Pastor



Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

*Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!*

*Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!*

*As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.*

Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt



"Listen to Him"

Lenten Psalm and Gospel Readings

Dear Friends in Christ,

In a few weeks we will enter the holy season of Lent.

The word "lent" actually comes from an old English word that meant "to lengthen" and referred to the lengthening of the days in spring as summer approached.

This Lenten season, I'm going to challenge myself and you to lengthen our time in God's Word.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, you and I are going to read through the book of Psalms and the Gospels of Mark and John during the forty days of Lent.

This might sound daunting. After all, there are one hundred fifty psalms in the Bible and thirty seven chapters in Mark and John combined.

However, over the course of Lent's forty days, that's only four psalms and one Gospel chapter a day, or about fifteen minutes of your time.

Each week there will be a reading guide in the bulletin to lead you through your week.

One more thing. On Sunday morning during Bible study, we will talk about what we've read. Think of it as a book club where you can ask questions or share thoughts about the previous week's reading.

That's my challenge to you. Two and a half hours a week during Lent to lengthen our time in God's Word. Fifteen minutes a day Monday—Saturday and one hour on Sunday.

I know that we can do it.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel