

# Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent † March 31, 2019**

**LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE**    *Softly and Tenderly*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

**C Amen.**

**P** In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

**P** Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

**C Amen.**

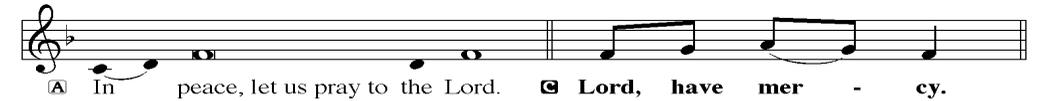
## HYMN LBW # 448    *Amazing Grace*

### GREETING

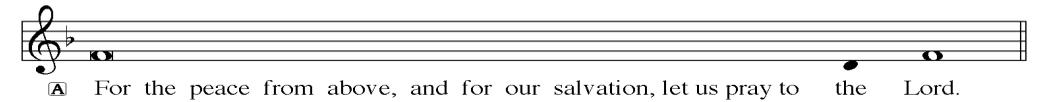
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### KYRIE



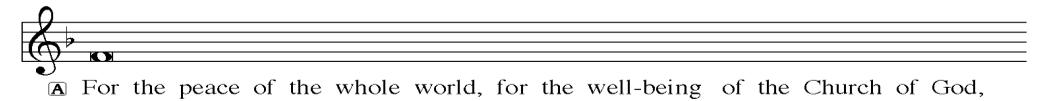
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



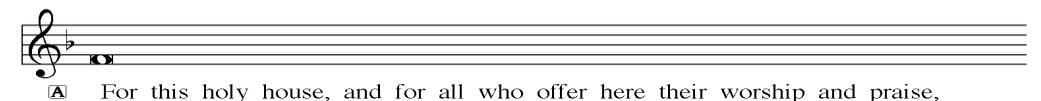
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



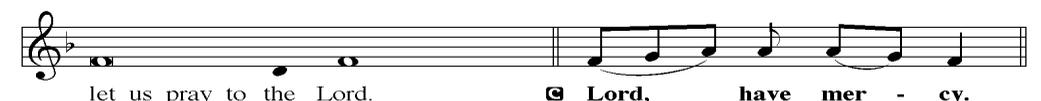
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.    **C** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they

ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven, and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt<sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in<sup>1</sup> time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve<sup>1</sup> me from trouble; you surround me with shouts<sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should go; I will guide you<sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no<sup>1</sup> understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations<sup>1</sup> of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart.

## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to

himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(please stand as you are able)*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** (please stand as you are able)



Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]  
<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

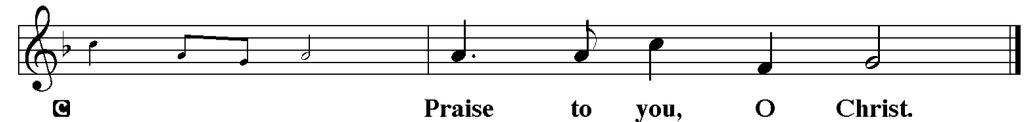
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:  
<sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

<sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed

the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But

when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Lullaby Prayer* -Seth Tonjes

### BAPTISM OF Mark Christopher Helberg

#### PRESENTATION

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**Parents and Sponsors:** I present **Mark Christopher Helberg** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he

grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**Parents and Sponsors:** I do.

### THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**Parents and Sponsors:** I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### BAPTISM

P **Mark Christopher Helberg**, Is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Mark**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C Amen**

### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P **Mark**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

## GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## PRAYER FOR PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Chris** and **Lauren**. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## WELCOME

A Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**HYMN WOV # 770** *Borning Cry*

## SERMON

**HYMN WOV # 734** *Softly and Tenderly* (you may remain seated)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Above All* -Betty Mowery

**OFFERTORY** (you may remain seated)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## PRAYERS

 (you may remain seated)

A Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**  (please stand as you are able)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the  
Glory, forever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN LBW # 499** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**POSTLUDE** *A Concluding Voluntary*

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### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

In the second verse of this hymn, we sing the phrase “Here I raise my Ebenezer.” In the book of Samuel, God gave Israel a great victory over the Philistines. Samuel took a large stone and raised it as a memorial. He called it “Ebenezer,” or stone of help. The line from this hymn reminds us of God’s help in time of trouble.

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Sonny Babcock & family in loving memory of Bonnie Babcock.

## **Baptism**

God’s blessings to Mark Christopher, son of Chris & Lauren Helberg who is being baptized this morning. Mark’s sponsors are Andrea Hoffman and Cole Schlosser.

## **Lenten Worship**

Please join us on Wednesday at 7 p.m. as we gather to worship.

## **Lenten Offerings**

Our 5 Wednesday Lenten offerings have been designated for: World Hunger, Henry County Transportation Network, PiLLars of Success, Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives, and Genacross Lutheran Home.

## **Devotionals**

*Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

**We pray for people having birthdays this week ...** Linda Hill, Tessa Knepley, Ashley Lecklider, Tom Schroeder Jr., Benjamin Godsey, Hayden Groll, Robert Lulfs, Todd Rohrs, Terri Schwab, Lana Sonnenberg, Eric Wolf, Jenelle Nutter, Tricia Roth, Zachary Van Gilder. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Tim & Mary Botjer, Mike & Pat Mohring. **and for all the military...**

## **Subs needed for Sunday School**

Please give your sincere and prayerful consideration to serving our Sunday School by volunteering to substitute teach as needed. Please contact Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754 or Joleen Brubaker at 419-966-3529 if you would be interested.

## **Caring Corner for March** — PathStone Migrant Rest Center *-priority items....*

Pillows and pillow cases

Blankets and bedding sets for twin beds

Towels (bath and kitchen)

Shower curtains

Toiletries (excluding toothpaste and toothbrushes)

Pots/pans and other cooking supplies

Dishes and silverware

Light bulbs

Bleach, dish and laundry soap (powder preferred)

Disinfectant spray cleaners

Disposable gloves

### **Coming Alive 2019**

Coming Alive forms can be picked up by the church office bulletin board or from Judy Hoffman. They must be returned by April 3. Coming Alive runs from April 22 through May 19 this year.

### **Seder Meal**

During Holy Week a Seder meal will be served on Wednesday, April 17, our "Soul Food". Seder meal is a ceremonial dinner, generally held on the first night of Passover, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special evening as we celebrate this Lord's Supper in a meaningful way.

### **Jayne Westhoven's Benefit**

Sunday, April 28, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at The Armory Arts & Events Center, 127 E. Washington St., Napoleon. 11:30 - 1:30 Baked Chicken, rolls, salad, potatoes, vegetable. 4:30 - 6:00 Brisket and Egg Rolls. Basket Raffles, 50/50 Drawings, Live Auctions at 1:00 and 4:00, Check out the Jayne Westhoven Benefit Facebook Event. Any questions please call Julie Schwiebert at 419-438-5705. Raffle tickets \$20 - 1<sup>st</sup> prize Quarter of Beef and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$100 Cash, available in the church office or see Jack.

### **Armbruster Benefit Event**

St. John's United Church of Christ, rural Holgate, is teaming with the Holgate Lions Club with support from Thrivent Financial to hold a fundraiser at the church on Sunday, April 28, Noon - 2 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, corner of SR 108 & Co. Rd. J, Chicken BBQ, bratwurst, hot dogs and choice of sides. Free-will offering. Carry-outs available. Raffles/Auctions-view items at facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate or at stjohsuccholgate.com. The event will raise funds toward the purchase of a handicapped-accessible van with hand controls for driving for church member Doug Armbruster.

### **Statistics**

3/20 (79) Offerings: \$603

3/24 (167) Offerings: \$3377 (\$120 Bldg Fd; \$11 Sun Sch)

Simply Giving 3/25: \$65 Gen Fd; \$20 Bldg Fd

### **This Week**

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Call Committee
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	PERI
	7:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:15 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study

### **Serving Today**

Officiating - Pastor Beth Westphal  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Lay Assistant - Terry Hershberger  
Sound Board - Joe Kohout  
Acolytes - Rudi Dachenhaus & Adara Hildebrandt  
Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Kelli Burkhardt, Terri Sedam, Ronnie Rohrs  
Altar Guild - Phyllis Kloos & Laura Ellis-Kruse  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or  
phyllis\_kloos@yahoo.com

### **Volunteers needed**

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

### **Activity Bags**

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as "it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it."

### **40 days to spiritual health**

Lent is the 40 day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Traditionally, it has been a time when Christians re-examine their spiritual life and try to discern the quality of their relationship with God.

There are many individual approaches to strengthening the spiritual life, including: choosing to fast, praying more often, reading the Bible and devotional literature, engaging more often in public worship, serving God more intensely in the world.

We miss the mark if we focus only on our desires. Lent ought to be a time of deeper dedication to God and seeking ways in which we can help to further God's kingdom on Earth.

### **Lent offers time for growth**

Many of us know our IQ (intelligence quotient), but what about our SQ (spiritual quotient)?

Lent is a good time to think about the quality of your spiritual life. Do you think about God often ... or rarely? Do you pray often ... or occasionally? How well do you know the Bible? The Commandments? The Beatitudes? The lives of biblical heroes and heroines?

During Lent, commit to spending more time in prayer. Also consider selecting a book of the Bible or a particular Bible character to study in-depth during this period.

Some people give up particular items or habits during Lent. If used wisely, this discipline can help you abandon things that have been interfering with your relationship with God.

Seek out devotions and books that can help strengthen your spiritual life. Examples include: *Show Me the Way* by Henri Nouwen, *A Season for the Spirit* by Martin Smith, *Six Hours One Friday* by Max Lucado, and *Lent and Easter Wisdom From Thomas Merton* edited by Jonathan Montaldo.