

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

**C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**    *LBW 356*    *"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"*

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 95

*(Refrain: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C   <sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**C   <sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C   <sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker. *(Refrain)***

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**C** <sup>8</sup>“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**C** <sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger, “They shall never come to my rest.’”

**C** *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.)*

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and

character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(2 measures)*



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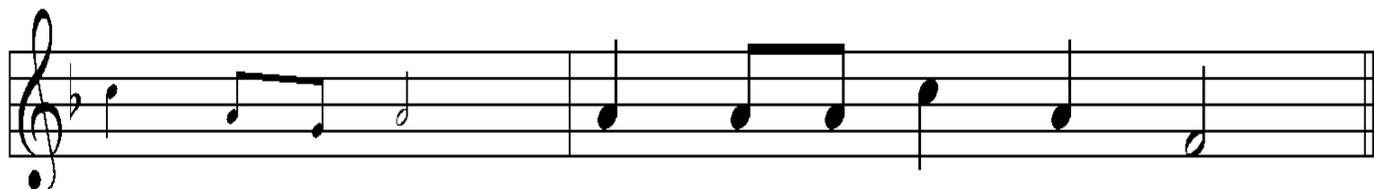


mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Gospel: John 4:5-42



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone

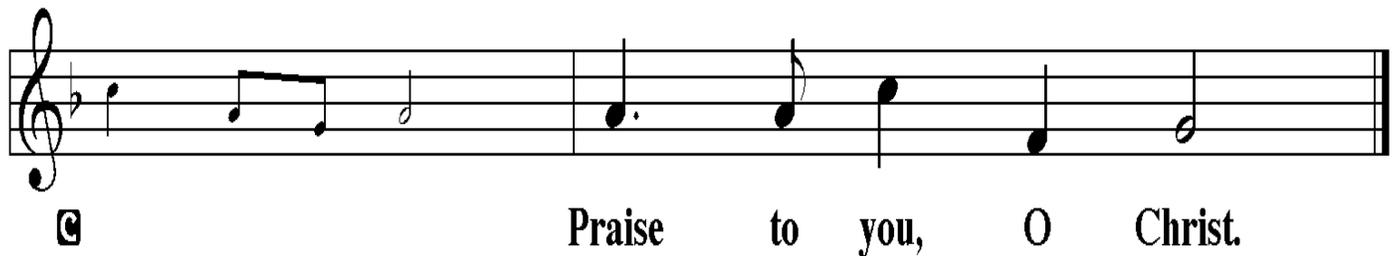
to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to

eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



## **CHILDREN SERMON**

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *LBW 358*    *“Glories of Your Name  
Are Spoken”*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

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

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. *(We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Give them your living water always. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come*

*forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

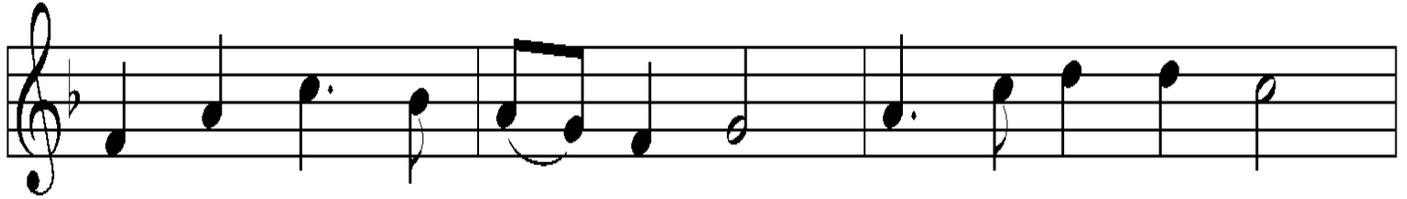
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

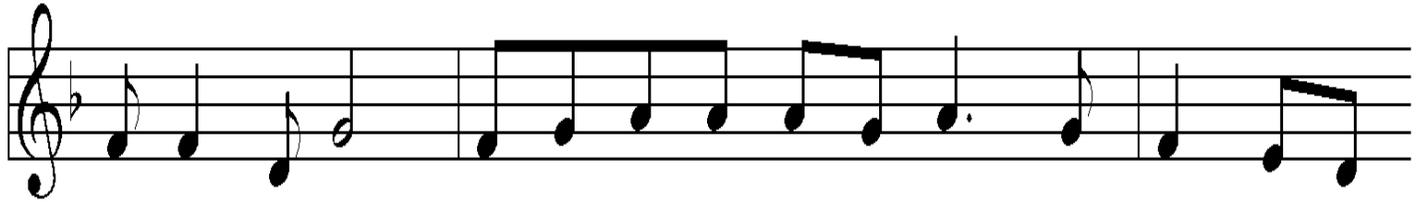
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 481 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

LBW 494 *"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

LBW 499 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts**

**open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    *LBW 343*    *“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

***Mission Statement: Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,  
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.***

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# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heritage Sunday Spotlight

*By Wayne Schnarr*

Wayne Schnarr my church remembrances :

picnic across the street by old schoolhouse , fish pond ,put a dime in the sack ,wait for the tug !

singing in all the choirs we had three

large joint reformation services" a mighty fortress" raised the roof !

sitting with either mom or dad and listening to dad sing in his rich bass voice.

Going up to the store after services to get ham salad and.Sun. ~~pay~~

luther league was the big social event of the month. 20 or 30 members. With hayrides and Christmas dances, Halloween parties at Mehne's barn .

Remember the church being almost full every sunday, men in suit and ties

Saturday morning confirmation school ,was all morning , with a break when we all went up to Niggs store for a soda and snack, we really enjoyed that. Mrs Rehrig taught the 7 th and Pastor had the 8th grade.

seems like at least once a month we had a carry in dinner !

painting the basement walls, and remodeling with new walls.  
taking down those "portable" walls in basement, ugh !

we've had the altar curtain catch fire, ministers faint, and all the pews removed for restoration.brushing and sanding the limestone in the sanctuary .

helping Melvin Meyer dismantle the church organ,thinking we both were all most committing a "sin"

mission trips to help rebuild the gulf coast ,building ramps for the home bound, plant sales ,and work sessions for Strassen Feast.

i remember as a youngster feeling safe and cared for by my Pastors , Luther League sponsors and Sunday School teachers. Still remember my favorite ones

always thought of our congregation as my church family , when i was young they nurtured me and i respected that dedication .

there weren't as many outside distractions pulling at us then , and the church was our spiritual ,social, and recreational destination.

# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Glenn & Marie Neukam  
**Comm. Asst:** Deidra Church  
**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser  
**Organist:** Barbara Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Abbie Freyberger & Dax Smith  
**Altar Guild:** Linda & Christine Popp

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 124 SS:**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sun. Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
Wed. Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by Evangelism
	6:00 PM	Handbells
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Thurs. Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun. Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Mia Vonderheide Baptism)</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	10:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As a reminder that they always have a home at St. Paul's, the Evangelism Committee has made goodie baskets for current college students who are members of St. Paul's! Members from the committee will be at a table following the next couple of services to distribute the baskets to the college students or their families to pass along during the student's spring break. Thank you to Jon and Barb Schnarr for donating their Thrivent money for this project.

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### **EASTER LILY SIGN-UP**

Lilies for the Easter service will be available for purchase on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the Lilies will be \$15.00 each. There will be a table set-up in the welcome area to place your orders. Payment is due at time of order. There will also be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to bring your own lily or Easter flower. If you have any questions or wish to order, please contact Kathy Jarboe (812) 309-9535.

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Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be March 26th.**

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A poster for Lent with a background of a sunset over water and three crosses. The text is as follows:

**LENT**  
40 Days of Preparation

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
February 22nd at 6:30 PM (Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)

**Mid-week Evening Services**  
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th  
Lenten Meals at 5:30 PM  
Service at 6:30 PM

All are Welcome!

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Women of the ELCA  
*Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.*

March 1<sup>st</sup> – LYO  
*Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and deserts*

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Worship & Music  
*Chili, cornbread, PB&J's, veggie tray and dessert*

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Evangelism  
*Pulled pork, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, chips and dessert.*

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Council  
*Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.*

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Christian Ed.  
*Taco bar and dessert.*



A logo for Wednesday Night Lenten Meals. It features a yellow diamond shape with a fork and knife inside. Below the diamond is a green banner with the word "WEDNESDAY" in red. Underneath the banner is a blue oval with the word "Night" in white script. At the bottom, the words "LENTEN MEALS" are written in red, with "will start at 5:30 PM" in red below it.

WEDNESDAY  
Night  
LENTEN MEALS  
will start at 5:30 PM

## **Christian Education**

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 AM with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 14<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved.

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## **St. Patrick's Parade**

St. Paul's will be participating in the Ireland St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center with additional details. If you have any questions, see Rhonda Nigg.

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# A SEASON OF HOPE

LENT

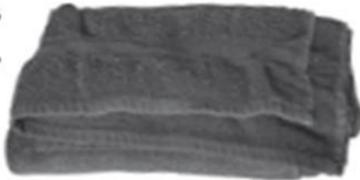
*Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.*

## HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

**WEEK 1**  
**Bars of Soap**  
(2-3 bars,  
4 to 5 oz.,  
any brand,  
in original wrapping)



**WEEK 2**  
**Bath Towels**  
(light-weight,  
maximum  
52" x 27",  
dark color  
recommended)



**WEEK 3**  
**Toothbrushes**  
(adult size,  
in original  
packaging)



**WEEK 4**  
**Combs**



**WEEK 5**  
**Nail Clippers**  
(metal, attached  
file optional)



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WORLD RELIEF**

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## **In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser

AM-1 Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Cooper Uebelhor

San Antonio, TX

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

Fort Campbell, KY

Colorado Springs, CO