

Divine Service  
for the  
**Fifth Sunday  
in  
Lent**

10:00 a.m.  
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## Saint John's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD and SAVIOR,  
JESUS CHRIST!**

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

† HYMN of INVOCATION NO. **685**: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

† CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

✠ INTROIT

P: Precious in the sight | of the Lord  
is the death | of his saints.

I love the Lord, because | he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**C: Because he inclined his | ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name | of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”**

P: For you have delivered my | soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

**C: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P: Precious in the sight | of the Lord  
is the death | of his saints.

† KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

***(Be Seated)***

† OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

† GRADUAL:                    **O come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,  
    the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
    who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the  
    shame,  
    and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

† EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***(Please Stand)***

† HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord,

come and see.” Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☩ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

☩ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

☩ CHILDREN'S SERMON

† SERMON HYMN NO. **552**: "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And  
 2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And  
 3 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You  
 4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And



end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and  
 mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their  
 an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and  
 bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We  
 broth - er lay With - in a rock - sealed tomb. When,  
 trust My Word Shall live, al - though they die!" You  
 like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But



know our years on earth are few, That death is  
 Lord, You met them as they mourned, You wept com -  
 walked the path to Laz - 'rus' tomb, You called him  
 You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a -



al - ways near. Come now to us, O  
 pas - sion's tear; But Mar - tha, sore with  
 forth by name, And liv - ing, lov - ing  
 way its sting. Re - store to life our



Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!  
 sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"  
 once a - gain, From death to life he came!  
 mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

† SERMON

† CHOIR ANTHEM: "How Beautiful" Twila Paris

**(Please Stand)**

† OFFERTORY

**C** 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

† PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, bless The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Robert Beinke, our district president; Rev. Christopher Chandler, our circuit visitor; Rev. David Riley and Rev. Jeffrey Windoloski, our pastors whom You have sent to prophesy Your Word to us, that Your Spirit's breath would enter us and we may live forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, soften the hearts of Your people in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of hosts, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O great Redeemer, we hope in You, for with You there is steadfast love and redemption. We cry to You on behalf of those suffering affliction. Assure them that their iniquities have been washed away in Christ and their sins forgiven in His blood. Grant them healing and relief from their burdens, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Mighty God, You have shown us Your great mercy through the death of Your Son. May all who partake of His Supper come with repentant and humble hearts to taste the body and blood of Christ, which was given and shed for our life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Father, Your Son is the resurrection and the life, in whom all the dead will rise and through whom Your elect will live eternally in Your presence. Give comfort to all who mourn, that they might not grieve as those who have no hope but as those whose hope is the crucified and risen One. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, God almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***Service of the Sacrament***

P: The Lord be with you.



**☐** And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



**☐** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**☐** It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:



† AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**(Be Seated)**

Regarding the Reception of the Lord's Supper

*At Saint John's we believe, teach, and confess according to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions that in the Lord's Supper we receive not merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Holy Supper is not only a gift of Christ, but also a confession of the faith and doctrine confessed at this altar. Because Holy Scripture warns that those who eat and drink unworthily do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and because communing together is also an expression of unity in doctrine and confession, we joyfully invite to the Lord's Table all confirmed members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) who are in good standing with their home congregation, who have been instructed and who publicly confess this faith. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we are thankful for your presence today and warmly invite you to come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor approaches. Following the service and in the coming week, our pastors would be glad to speak with you about the Lord's Supper and to share more about what we believe, teach, and confess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*

† DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **741**: "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall  
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;  
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the  
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven  
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?  
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

**5 Glorified, I shall anew**

**With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
 In this body I shall view  
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
 In this flesh I then shall see  
 Jesus Christ eternally.**

**6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
 For His members Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
 Dying, they will never perish;  
 For the very grave is stirred  
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.**

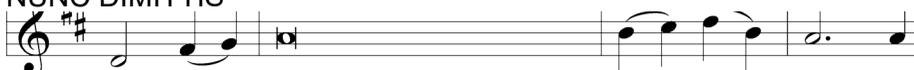
**7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
 And at death no longer tremble;**

He, the Lord, who came to save  
Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet,  
Treading death beneath their feet.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts  
From all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts  
While you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

(Please Stand)

† NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



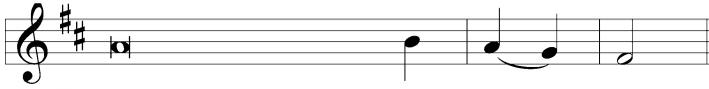
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

✠ THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

✠ SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

✠ BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

† CLOSING HYMN NO 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame-ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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**5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
 That from pain I might be free;  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
 Thence I gain security;  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
 Me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

- 6    **Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**
- 7    **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

† **POSTLUDE**

**THIS WEEK:**

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WEDNESDAY	Choir Practice	4:45 p.m.
	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Pastor Riley's Bible Study	10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
	Hand Chimes	4:45 p.m.
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30 AM Bible Study - Led by Herb Greenspan <i>(In the Lounge)</i>	
	9:00 AM Bible Study - Led by Pastor Windoloski <i>(In last room on the left - the WINGS room)</i>	
	Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

**2026 Lenten Series: "Truly, This Is the Son of God!"**

When we look at the Passion of our Lord, we find numerous characters who are hostile to the Word in human flesh and others who are friendly. All of these reactions to Jesus of Nazareth leave historical impressions that this man was not just a man or even a superman, but none other than the divine Son of God. On this year's Lenten journey, we will hear and see the witnesses of their lives. They will lead us back to the cross and the Man crucified there. The cross and the empty tomb spoke to them at that time and continued to speak to us today. Here is the evidence of the lives touched by the Word. We hear and see the evidence. May the Holy Spirit Who works faith in our hearts each day through the inspired Word strengthen us in the sure and certain knowledge of faith to believe and confess, with the Centurion at the cross, that Jesus of Nazareth truly is the Son of God.

Wednesday, March 25: "The Centurion" Matthew 27:45-54

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The congregational meeting will be held on March 15 after the church service in the fellowship hall. Reports are available in the church foyer. There will be an election of officers that will take place. The Church Council Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month. If you would like to run for an office position or have any questions, please speak to Jane McClure.

The positions available are

President - To serve as the chief executive of the congregation and exercise general administrative responsibility for the entire organization of the congregation and be responsible for ensuring that all elected or appointed officers, boards and committees' function and carry out their duties and responsibilities.

Vice President – To serve as the second-level executive of the congregation and work with all elected and appointed officers, boards and committees to assist them in carrying out their assigned duties and responsibilities

Treasurer –To oversee the financial affairs of the congregation.

Secretary - To keep accurate minutes of the congregation's meetings and voters' assemblies, or other meetings as needed.

Financial Secretary – receive, record, and deposits all congregational monies. The financial secretary provides weekly reports to the treasurer and monthly reports to the council.

Trustees (3) – To be responsible for all real and personal property of the congregation.

Auditors (2) - Audit the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer at least once a year and make a report to the congregation. (Not required to attend church council meetings).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Passion Sunday with the Procession of Palms**

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Thursday** Divine Service with the Stripping of the Altar 6:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** Tenebrae Vespers 6:00 p.m.

**The Vigil of Easter** 6:00 p.m.

### **The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service (Park Square Green) 6:00 a.m.

Divine Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m.