
PALM SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.—MARCH 28, 2021

THE PLOT THICKENS

AS WE GATHER


Sunday, “the eighth day of the week,” is celebrated by Christians as the first day of the eternal life into which they were baptized. Today, the beginning of the great and Holy Week of Lent, we begin with the note of great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem. This will be the last time He comes to the holy city. For we then follow Him to the judgment hall, the cross of suffering, and the fearful tomb of death. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

HYMN


Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref-6

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 *Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*

6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

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GREETING

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

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

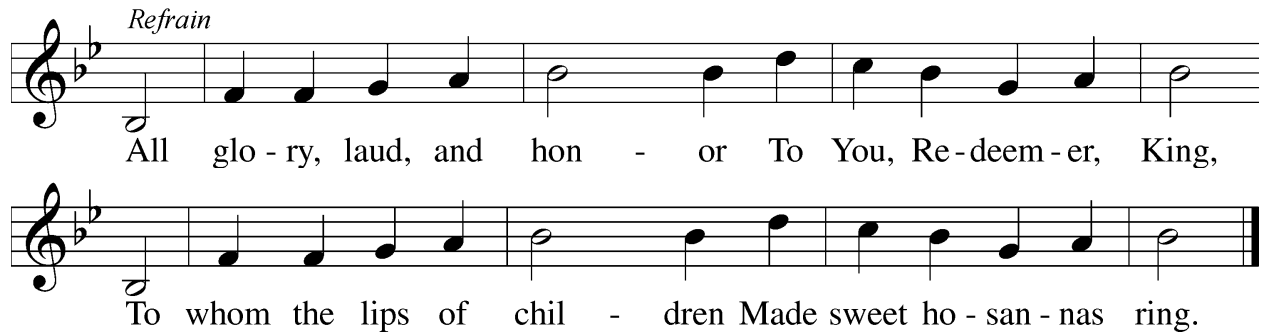
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace

C in the name of the Lord.

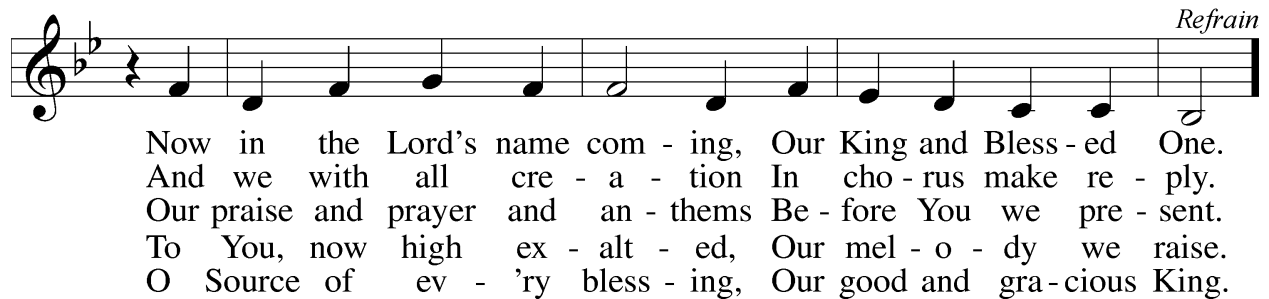
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C Hosanna in the highest.

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–12

- ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Philippians 2:8b

C He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 15

P The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Holy Evangelist St. Mark.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

Lamb of God

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

TRENTON INGLES

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

1 Chronicles 16:11

TYLER INGLES

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

ADDYSON MCCLAIN

Not that I am speaking of being in need,
for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.
In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret
of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.
I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13

HANNAH MIDDENDORF

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

ISABELLA MIDDENDORF

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

KATHRINE PIERCE

Be strong and courageous.
Do not fear or be in dread of them,
for it is the LORD your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

CANON RUBY

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, however, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith with thanksgiving. Give wisdom and grace to all pastors that they give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give Your grace, forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for peace and justice, and for the defense and liberty of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or who are in sorrow or need, [*especially...*]. Deliver all who endure persecution for faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. [*Silence for remembrance.*] Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

By His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, He reached the goal of His substitutionary death, that by the offering of His own body and blood on the cross, all who believe in Him may share His triumph over sin and death.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

- C** Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest

in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

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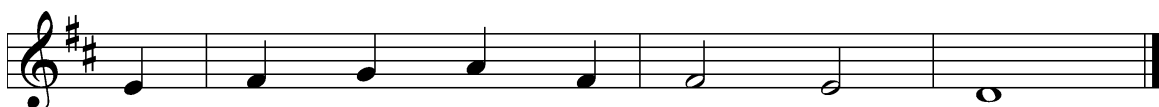
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 *They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes
From thence might free.*
- 6 *In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.*
- 7 *Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days
Could gladly spend!*

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by His body and blood. Go with us now, and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this great and Holy Week and to our eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
 pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Special Prayers

Lois Schnepel, Pastor Al Janneke

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Debra Guebert	Ann Vallett	Ali Gerlach
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Vicki (Biermann) Hodge	Denise Young	Jamie Fletcher	Ruth Koch
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Arnold Mueller (father of Alice Wydeck)		Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)	

Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Eileen Clements
Wayne Mueller	Leonard & Darlene Dierks	Delbert & Carolyn Koen	Jean Schroeder

Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus	Tim Eichenseer
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Mission Prayer

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray: with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Palm Sunday, 3/28	Exodus 8:1-32; Hebrews 1:1-14
Monday, 3/29	Exodus 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18
Tuesday, 3/30	Exodus 9:29-10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19
Wednesday, 3/31	Exodus 10:21-11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16
Thursday, 4/1	Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14
Friday, 4/2	Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Hebrews 6:1-20
Saturday, 4/3	Exodus 13:17-14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

Hymnals & Communion Cards

We have many copies of the old hymnals (Lutheran Worship [blue] & The Lutheran Hymnal [red]) available to anyone that would like to take one home. They are located in the fellowship hall on the bookshelf located there. Please note that we are not giving away the new hymnals (Lutheran Service Book [maroon]).

We also have the old Communion Cards that we have not used to record communion attendance since the late 1990's. If you would like to look them and find your family's cards, they are also located in the fellowship hall.

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—April 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. **

Maundy Thursday (April 1) — 10:00 a.m. (Handicap Accessible) & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 2) — 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services (April 3 & 4)

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 6:30 a.m. (In city park), 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Grief Share—April 28, 7:00 p.m.

2020 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.

Wish List—Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **New Flooring for 2 Classrooms at School**—The Board of Trustees is trying to make updates at the school each year that will keep the school in top shape. This summer they are looking to replace the carpet in the Kindergarten and 1st Grade rooms. If you would like to help fund these projects, place your donations marked for “New Flooring” in the offering basket.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2021, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark’s Lutheran Church or School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

Chicken Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with our Chicken Dinner. Without your help we could not have been such a success and served the 410 diners that enjoyed our meal. Also, thank you to all who came out to support our church and school. We are thankful for all our friends and supporters in our community. With your help we will have approximately \$3,300 in profit from this dinner.

Confirmation Class of 2021

Trenton Ingles

Tyler Ingles

Addyson McClaine

Hannah Middendorf

Isabella Middendorf

Kathrine Pierce

Canon Ruby

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

St. Mark's faculty, staff, and students would like to wish God's Blessings to the Confirmands this weekend as they acknowledge their Christian faith and renew their baptismal vows. We welcome you as members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on this important day in your life!

There will be no school Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Monday, April 5th, 2021 for Easter break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

St. Mark's Sports

Wed., April 7 – Boys OVC track meet at Red Bud 10:00 am (be there by 9:30 am)
Spectators will be excluded from the fenced in area of the track.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Spring Online Auction: Bidding for our online auction will start April 30. You can start “window shopping” the auction now at coslhs.betterworld.org. If you are interested in helping or donating an item, please contact the office. Item donations should be brought to school before April 15. We will not be actively soliciting donations from small businesses this year.

Band Instructor Wanted: Position available for part-time band instructor at *COS* starting in August 2021. Contact us for more details.

Registration for 2021-2022 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2021-2022 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31. The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service.

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