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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

#### Hymn

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

LSB 743

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| <p>1 <i>Jesus, priceless treasure,<br/>Fount of purest pleasure,<br/>Truest friend to me,<br/>Ah, how long in anguish<br/>Shall my spirit languish,<br/>Yearning, Lord, for Thee?<br/>Thou art mine,<br/>O Lamb divine!<br/>I will suffer naught to hide Thee;<br/>Naught I ask beside Thee.</i></p> <p>2 <i>In Thine arms I rest me;<br/>Foes who would molest me<br/>Cannot reach me here.<br/>Though the earth be shaking,<br/>Ev'ry heart be quaking,<br/>Jesus calms my fear.<br/>Lightnings flash<br/>And thunders crash;<br/>Yet, though sin and hell assail me,<br/>Jesus will not fail me.</i></p> <p>3 <i>Satan, I defy thee;<br/>Death, I now decry thee;<br/>Fear, I bid thee cease.<br/>World, thou shalt not harm me<br/>Nor thy threats alarm me<br/>While I sing of peace.<br/>God's great pow'r<br/>Guards ev'ry hour;<br/>Earth and all its depths adore Him,<br/>Silent bow before Him.</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Hence, all earthly treasure!<br/>Jesus is my pleasure,<br/>Jesus is my choice.<br/>Hence, all empty glory!<br/>Naught to me thy story<br/>Told with tempting voice.<br/>Pain or loss,<br/>Or shame or cross,<br/>Shall not from my Savior move me<br/>Since He deigns to love me.</i></p> <p>5 <i>Evil world, I leave thee;<br/>Thou canst not deceive me,<br/>Thine appeal is vain.<br/>Sin that once did blind me,<br/>Get thee far behind me,<br/>Come not forth again.<br/>Past thy hour,<br/>O pride and pow'r;<br/>Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,<br/>Leave thee now forever.</i></p> <p>6 <i>Hence, all fear and sadness!<br/>For the Lord of gladness,<br/>Jesus, enters in.<br/>Those who love the Father,<br/>Though the storms may gather,<br/>Still have peace within.<br/>Yea, whate'er<br/>I here must bear,<br/>Thou art still my purest pleasure,<br/>Jesus, priceless treasure!</i></p> |
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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

**P** 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

**P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty  
of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

**P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his  
tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**  *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

## *Sit* Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light  
<sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is  
pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.  
<sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is  
exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it  
says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sunday* **Adult Choir**

*Above All*

*Stand Verse of the Day*

*Psalm 36:9*

**C** With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 9:1–41*

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

**C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God

has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”<sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”<sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.<sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.<sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”<sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”<sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## 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.**

## Sit Hymn

### *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

*LSB 571*

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| <p>1 <i>God loved the world so that He gave<br/>His only Son the lost to save,<br/>That all who would in Him believe<br/>Should everlasting life receive.</i></p> <p>2 <i>Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,<br/>Who was made flesh and suffered death;<br/>All then who trust in Him alone<br/>Are built on this chief cornerstone.</i></p> <p>3 <i>God would not have the sinner die;<br/>His Son with saving grace is nigh;<br/>His Spirit in the Word declares<br/>How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Be of good cheer, for God's own Son<br/>Forgives all sins which you have done;<br/>And, justified by Jesus' blood,<br/>Your Baptism grants the highest good.</i></p> <p>5 <i>If you are sick, if death is near,<br/>This truth your troubled heart can cheer:<br/>Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;<br/>That is the firmest ground of faith.</i></p> <p>△ 6 <i>Glory to God the Father, Son,<br/>And Holy Spirit, Three in One!<br/>To You, O blessed Trinity,<br/>Be praise now and eternally!</i></p> |
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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

*Sit* **Offering**

Stand **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C**  *And with thy spirit.*
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C**  *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

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

**C** *♪ It is meet and right so to do.*

**P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus** *♪*

*LSB 195*

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**P** 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.

**C** *♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei** *♪*

*LSB 198*

**C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.*

## Sit Distribution Hymns

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LSB 420

- 1 *Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*
- 2 *Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*
- 3 *Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*
- 4 *Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*
- 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.*

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| <p>1 <i>Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—<br/>That saved a wretch like me!<br/>I once was lost but now am found,<br/>Was blind but now I see!</i></p> <p>2 <i>The Lord has promised good to me,<br/>His Word my hope secures;<br/>He will my shield and portion be<br/>As long as life endures.</i></p> <p>3 <i>Through many dangers, toils, and snares<br/>I have already come;</i></p> | <p><i>His grace has brought me safe thus far,<br/>His grace will lead me home.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail<br/>And mortal life shall cease,<br/>Amazing grace shall then prevail<br/>In heaven's joy and peace.</i></p> <p>5 <i>When we've been there ten thousand years,<br/>Bright shining as the sun,<br/>We've no less days to sing God's praise<br/>Than when we'd first begun.</i></p> |
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*Stand* **Nunc Dimittis** 

LSB 199

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C**  *and His mercy endureth forever.*
- A** 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 in 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.
- C**  *Amen.*
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C**  *And with thy spirit.*

**Benedicamus**

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C**  *Thanks be to God.*

**Benediction**

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.  
**C** *Amen, amen, amen.*

**1** *I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.*

*Refrain*    *In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**2** *I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain*

**3** *I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain*

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## Mission Prayer

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Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

- for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.
- for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.

## Bible Readings

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

Sunday, March 19 .....	Genesis 41:28-57; Mark 11:20-33
Monday, March 20 .....	Genesis 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday, March 21 .....	Genesis 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27
Wednesday, March 22 .....	Genesis 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44
Thursday, March 23 .....	Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23
Friday, March 24 .....	Genesis 47:1-31; Mark 13:24-37
Saturday, March 25 .....	Genesis 49:29-50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11

## **Worship Service Schedule**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. in School Gymnasium  
Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in Cafeteria (No Bible Study March 5 & 12)  
Kids Praise & Worship @ 9:50 a.m. in Pre-K Classroom  
School Chapel @ 8:25 a.m. on Wednesdays in Gymnasium  
Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Public School Confirmation Class--@7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Adult Choir Practice—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursday @ 6:03 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Handicapped Accessible Service—April 6, 10 a.m.—School Gymnasium**

## **2022 Giving Statements**

The 2022 Giving Statements are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192.

## **Blanket Making**

**Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. @the Little House  
Help is Needed!!!**

## **Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls**

The Youth Group is taking orders for coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls. The coffee cake flavors that are available are Cherry, Peach, Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned. This year we have two kinds of cinnamon rolls, Original and Jelly Roll. The Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls will be in 9 inch tins and the price is now \$7 per item.

To place an order, call a youth group member, the church office at 965-3192 or Rhonda Wilson at 559-0964. Deadline to place orders is March 19<sup>th</sup> and the orders will be available on April 7<sup>th</sup> between 3:30-5:00 p.m. Pick up will be a drive thru by St. Mark's School office. We are thankful for your continued support.

## **Lent / Easter Worship Schedule**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lent Midweek 5**

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Lent Midweek 6**

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Accessible Service @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil**

6:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, Easter**

6:15 a.m. @ Steeleville City Park (in case of weather St. Mark's School Gymnasium)

9:00 a.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

*All weekend services will be at St. Mark's School Gymnasium  
until the remodeling is completed at the church.*

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

We are in need of plastic Easter eggs and items to fill the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 9th, immediately after the 9 a.m. worship service outside of the school.

## **Easter Breakfast**

Donations and Helpers needed for Easter Breakfast. Breakfast will be served 7-8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria Easter morning. Sign-up sheets will be available at worship services in the gymnasium.

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# **ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Chapel:** Mr. Tim Moore will lead our Chapel Service in the School Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Financial Assistance:** The site is open for parents to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-2024 school year. Applying online is the fastest and most direct method of submitting your application.

- Apply online at <https://factsmgt.com/financial-management/tuition-management>
  - Step 1: Select applicant sign in.
  - Step 2: New users select create an Account OR returning users enter their existing Username and Password.
  - After completing the online application, you will need to mail or fax the supporting documentation. The school fax machine is available for use.
  - Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for your application to be processed. There is a \$35 fee for applying which will be deducted from your tuition.

If you have any question, contact the school office at 965-3838.

**End of Year Accounts Due:** Remember for your student to receive their report card all accounts must be paid in full no later than Thursday, May 11! This includes tuition, before & after school care, and hot lunch and milk fees. Check your Praxi account or call the school office for assistance. If you need to talk to Mr. Moore concerning your account, call the office to make an appointment. 618-965-3838.

### **St. Mark's Co-op Sports**

**Wed., Mar 29** – Evansville track meet @ Sparta High School (scratch 12:30 pm) 1:30 PM

### **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, 2023, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark's Lutheran Church and/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. You can also make a donation through the Thrivent Choice link. Thrivent pays the processing fees.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

### **ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF**

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*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*