

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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# Important Announcements

For *those who watch services on Live-Stream*  
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home:** The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services.

# † Invocabit †

The First Sunday in Lent – February 26, 2023

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Steven C. Briel

**Liturgists:** Rev's. Moss & Johnson

**Kantor:** Dr. Katie Moss

*Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.*

## 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
For endless days.

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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.

Kneel/Stand

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.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*

and show him my sal- | vation.

**He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\***

**will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.**

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\***

**my God, in | whom I trust.”**

**Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\***

**the Most High, who is my | refuge—**

**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\***

**no plague come | near your tent.**

**You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\***

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.**

**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.**


When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.


### 945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

*Cantor*




1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.  
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.


*Congregation*



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry  
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of  
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -  
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the  
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.  
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.  
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

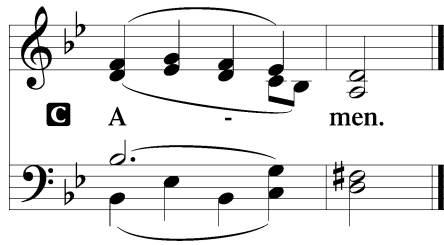


**C** And with thy spir - it.




**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
 cursed are you above all livestock  
 and above all beasts of the field;  
 on your belly you shall go,  
 and dust you shall eat  
 all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
 and between your offspring and her offspring;  
 he shall bruise your head,  
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
 in pain you shall bring forth children.  
 Your desire shall be for your husband,  
 and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
 and have eaten of the tree  
 of which I commanded you,  
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’  
 cursed is the ground because of you;  
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11–12*

**He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16*

**He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
He will cover you with his | pinions,\*  
and under his wings you will find | refuge.  
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will be with him in | trouble.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

““He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

““On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

““You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.””

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

And 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.

Sit

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1-4



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

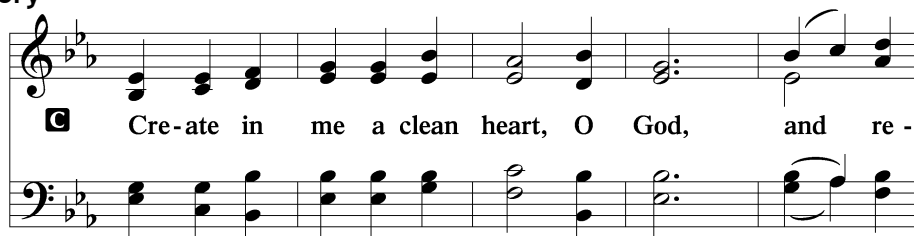
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Sermon: "Watch Out! There's a Target on Your Back" (Matthew 4:1-9)

Stand

Offertory

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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.

Sit

## Offering

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.*

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### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**— Rick Bymark, Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ilene Shepherd, Joyce O'Hern, Barb Grambart, Harlan Peterson, Tony Stadler, Ryan Fish, Shirley Bjorgan, Renaye Day, Toya Fish, and Judie Berreau. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

**Our homebound members** are Dale Avenson, John Barrett, Lorraine Conley, Leona Cook, Sue Erickson, Wes Grambart, Joyce O'Hern, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

**All those serving in our Armed Forces**— Agena Christophersen (Arizona), Emily Singfield (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Alaska), Nathan Mazurowski (South Korea), Isak Preus (North Carolina), Brian Pruhs (Oklahoma), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home).

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**— the family of Troy Miest, church member Julie Anderson & family (at the loss of her aunt/Godmother Louise Hennen), the family of James Bjorgan (father of Leah Johnson), Ray Kaiser & family (at the loss of his mother Angie Kaiser), Shirley Bjorgan & family (at the loss of her brother Anton Roggemann), Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her aunt Emily Rogers), Cory Olson & family (at the loss of his grandmother Ann Olson), Leland Baldwin & family (at the loss of his brothers, LaVerne and Roger), Maria Koozman & family (at the loss of her father Joseph Betthausen), the family of Inez Koehler, the family of John Brooks Archer, Christine Wood & Ruth Kulberg and their families (at the loss of their father Rev. Marvin Blaske), Stephanie Thompson & family (at the loss Matt's brother Justin Thompson), Melvin Haag & family (at the loss of his brother George Haag, Jr.), Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his father Melvin Ellinger), and the family of Mavis Kalk.

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— LuAn Schutte & family (at the loss of her mother Marion Holmes), church member Julie Anderson & family (at the loss of her cousin Scott Levin), Jamie Peterson & family (at the loss of her aunt Janet Johnson), Lorinda Ims & family (at the loss of her father Larry Judge), Patricia Hansen & family (at the loss of her sister Eileen Jones), the family of Lorena Remer, and Evan & Amelia Lane (at the loss of their unborn child).

**All expecting families and their unborn children**— especially Carrie & Dave Weigman, Stephanie & Noah Heidorn, Lindsay & Dave Huth, Daphne & Cory Olson, and Noelle & David Diers. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, and Pastors Matthew Moss, Matthew Johnson, and Pastor *Emeritus* Steven Briel.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for our Endowment Advisory Council and Chairman Chris Kruse, all our Families with School-Aged Children, and also for our Pre-K Teacher Erika Rossow.

### † Announcements †

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *no special feast days this week.*

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-** Join us in between services as we study the book of 2 Samuel. This great book is filled with examples of sin and forgiveness, God's power and rule in both His kingdom of grace and the kingdom of power (earthly authorities).

February 26–2 Sam. 20:1-26 – *Sheba's Revolt*

March 5– 2 Sam. 21:1-22 – *David Avenges the Gibeonites, and the Giant-Killers*

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Moss welcomes students of the Word to walk together through The Book of Psalms. We are going in order from Psalm 1 to 150 no matter how many years it takes! It will be available on Facebook Live at the St. John's Facebook page each week, every Tuesday at 9am.

*February 28-* Psalm 28–“ *Yahweh is my strength and my shield*”

**PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little *time with the texts* in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson's “Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary)”. Next Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> you will hear: *Genesis 32:22-32, Romans 5:1-5, and Matthew 15:21-28.*

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available this month by appointment only. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. “If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK...** Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: Total 264 CM 194

**2022 MISSION PROGRAMS:** St. John's currently supports the following mission programs: Synod, Soldiers of the Cross, and that of Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and Rev. P.A. Charles Richard-Wokoma. *Please note:* Any contributions to missions other than these four options at this time will be divided between these currently supported programs. May God bless you for your generosity!

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2022-January 2023):**

*Correction from last month: \$1,001K budgeted to \$970K actual revenue*

Year-to-Date budgeted operating revenue: \$1,218K

Year-to-Date actual operating revenue: \$1,151K

Year-to Date expenses are favorable \$54K under budget

**Projected full year deficit: -\$88K (-\$74K budgeted deficit)**

For more details on financials, contact Business Manager Sam Kuphal.

**ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING A PART-TIME FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR:** We are looking for someone with great organization and interpersonal skills to centralize the processing of all donations/member giving, school payments (tuition, schools fees, etc.) and all invoice/bill payments related to St. John's Lutheran Church and School. The ideal candidate has some financial experience with reporting (Excel or other reporting programs), data entry and proven experience in process improvements. This position is part-time and will be approximately 20-25 hours per week.

**LAST CALL TO APPLY – we will hold final interviews for this position the week of 2/26.** Reach out to our Business Manager Sam Kuphal with questions or to apply.

**CALL COMMITTEE:** The following candidates have been approved by the deacons for further consideration by the call committee: Sarah Carter, Amanda Dehmer, Cadie Koosman, Hannah Lange, Lisa Molitor, Laura Piel, and Christina Warnier. If anyone has any concerns or information that the call committee should be made aware of, please contact Brenna Koehler. Thank you for your continued prayers for the call committee as they work through this process.

**2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:** Admissions and Enrollment is open!

If you have a student interested in St. John's School, please complete an online application for Preschool-8th grade:

<https://sjl-mn.client.renweb.com/oa>

Classes are filling and we anticipate reaching maximum class sizes in some grades. Please invite friends and neighbors to join the St. John's Community! If you have questions or wish to schedule a tour, please contact us at [admissions@stjlutheran.org](mailto:admissions@stjlutheran.org).

**BACH CONCERT:** The Bach Society of MN returns to St. John's *THIS* Saturday, March 4 for a performance of Bach's choral motets. Join us for a pre-concert talk at 7:00pm, followed by the performance at 7:30pm. **Bach's personal Bible** will also be on display as part of the lecture and the performance! Tickets are available online (<https://www.bachsocietymn.org/hallelujah-bach-motets>), and you may use the discount code SJL for a discount regular ticket price of \$20 (student tickets are only \$5). Please contact Katie Moss with any questions.

**BACH CONCERT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY :** If you are available to help with the Bach Society performance, please see the sign-up in the narthex or contact Katie Moss. We will need ushers, hosts for the post-concert reception, and cookies or bars for the reception. Thank you for your hospitality to these performers and the community.

**HANDBELLS:** Praise God that our new handbells arrived safely on Thursday, February 2! We dedicated these instruments for use in God's house on Sunday, February 19. If you are interested in ringing in a choir this spring, or would like to learn more about handbells, please contact Katie Moss. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and support!

**REHEARSALS:** Our choirs are preparing for Lent and Holy Week; practices have begun. Please join us in the music room for choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings (6-6:50pm) or handbell rehearsal on Thursday evenings (6-7pm). Contact Katie with any interest or questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Dates for St. John's VBS this summer are June 19-23, 9am - 12pm Monday-Thursday; 9am -1pm Friday. More details to come.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (February 26–March 4) **Sunday-** Scott Kulberg, **Monday-** Paige Dolan, **Tuesday-** Maria Koosman/Noah Walton/Bella Briel, **Wednesday-** Laurie Bredenberg/Josiah Brynjulfson/Jennifer Day, **Thursday-** Hannah Davis/William Wandersee, **Friday-** Samantha Carter/Jill Christopher/Ron Eastbourne/Lois Mellum/Chrys Tarvin, **Saturday-** Christian Johnson/John Meine

**PLANNING TO STOP IN?** Please call the office first as we would appreciate notice of your arrival; this helps us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Normal office hours are 7:30am – 3:30pm, Mon - Fri, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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### What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



### How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



#### Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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