

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.

† Judica †

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 3, 2022

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Organist: 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.

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.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a

Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

[The “Glory be to the Father...” is omitted from Judica until Easter]

Kyrie

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

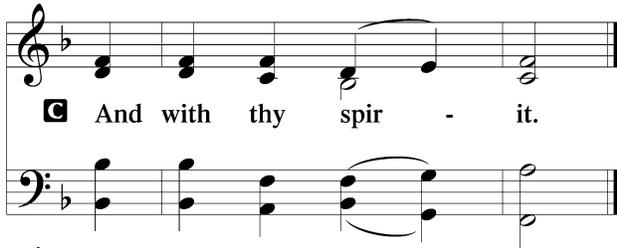
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The hymn of praise (Gloria in Excelsis) is omitted during Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

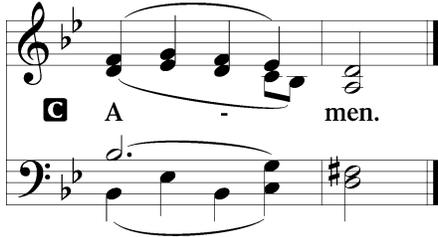


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

Collect for Lent

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 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!
[You] delivered me from my | enemies;*
you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

Stand

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—*
let Israel | now say—
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.
The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*
they made long their | furrows.”
The LORD is | righteous;*
he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the Tract. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the treble staff, with a 'C' in a square box at the beginning. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you

seen Abraham?”⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The crucifix is veiled following the reading of St. John's words, "but Jesus hid himself..."

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

The Small Catechism:

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

798 The God of Abraham Praise

sts. 1-5



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 He by Him-self has sworn; I on His oath de-pend.
5 Though na-ture's strength de-cay, And earth and hell with-stand,



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil-grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, To heav'n as-cend.
To Ca-naan's bounds I urge my way At His com-mand.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;
I all on earth for-sake, Its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him-self my God.
I shall be-hold His face; I shall His pow'r a-dore
The wa-t'ry deep I pass, With Je-sus in my view,



I bow and bless the sa-cred name For-ev-er blest.
And Him my on-ly por-tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je-sus' blood.
And sing the won-ders of His grace For-ev-er-more.
And through the howl-ing wil-der-ness My way pur-sue.

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Sermon: When You Call God a Liar (Gen. 22 & John 8)

Stand

Offertory

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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.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

Acknowledgments

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Lenten Theme for 2022- *Resistance! Christian Discipline & the Fight for our Lives*

During our Lenten Sundays and Wednesdays this year we pastors will focus our preaching and teaching efforts on how Christian Discipline – the practical daily life fruits of repentance and faith – help us resist our enemies: temptation, the devil, the sinful flesh, worldliness, despair. On Wednesday evenings we will take up Jesus’ teaching from Maundy Thursday in John 13 – 15 to see how His submission to the Father sets the tone for us Christians to resist the evil earthly powers by submitting to the power of the Gospel, the power of Christ crucified and raised from the dead. We will see that Christian Discipline and Resistance to evil is not about *exerting* our will, but laying aside our will through repentance and faith, wherein the Gospel grants us new strength, new life, new powers.

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, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Barb Grambart, Harlan Peterson, Tony Stadler, Ryan Fish, Shirley Bjorgan, Kristi Holthus, and Renaye Day. 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, Joan Dolbec, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Joyce O’Hern, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Lorena Remer, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— the family of Bruce Hansen, the family of Arleen Barrett, Ty Holthus & family (at the loss of her father Patrick Oberle), Deb Volberding & family (at the loss of her mother Carol Handberg), Karen Fussy & family (at the loss of her husband Eugene), Rick Foggia & family (at the loss of his father Vincent Foggia), Irene Rehmer & family (at the loss of her sister Marilyn), the family of Dr. Crystal Rossow, Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her grandfather Rev. Henry Behling), Sarah Klein & family (at the loss of her father Wayne Wilson), Jason Brastad & family (at the loss of his grandmother), Tom Parduhn & family (at the loss of his mother Laura), the family of Elwyn Manthei, Diane Schwecke & family (at the loss of her niece Jordyn Meskan), the family of Susan Schutte.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— the family of Audrey Hansen, Kim Heinen & family (at the loss of her mother Cheryl Tschaekofske), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her aunt Merney Ankrom), the family of Bob Abraham, the family of Troy Miest, the family of James Bjorgan, and Ray Kaiser & family (at the loss of his mother Angie Kaiser).

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Amy & Josh Peterson, Marni & Bjorn Briel, and Jennifer & Nicholas Steffen. 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 Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for all who oversee our Tech operations, and our Business Manager Sam Kuphal, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (Middle School Teacher/Bus Driver).

† Announcements †

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: *The Kingdoms of God’s Son* – this Bible study on the books of 1st and 2nd Samuel will cover the next two years of Sunday Bible Study. These Old Testament books tell a fascinating story of the Kingdom of God and kingdoms of men. We will meet Samuel, Saul, and David. We will read of war and betrayal. We will discuss relevant topics to our world today. And we will see how these Old Testament books pre-figure the coming of Christ Jesus and His eternal reign in the Kingdom of Power, the Kingdom of Grace, and the coming Kingdom of Glory when He returns on the Last Day.

April 3– 1 Samuel 26:1-25- *David Spares King Saul Again*

April 10– 1 Samuel 27:1–28:2- *David Plays Turncoat with the Philistines*

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER’S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home church member James Bjorgan on March 26th, 2022. The Funeral Service took place this past Friday at St. John’s. Please keep his family in your prayers.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY is held at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. Our new study “The Word in Song: A Bible Study on the Hymn of the Day” will be enhanced with music as we sing to the accompaniment of Mr. Duane Esterly on piano. This week’s selection is: Apr. 5– LSB 442 “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” and LSB 438 “*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*”.

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 April 10th you will hear: *John 12:12-19, Philippians 2:5-11, and Matthew 26:31 – 27:66.*

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, March 27th:** Total 251 CM 184
Lenten Midweek Wed, March 30th: Total 82

	<u>Last Week</u> 03/27/22	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/21
FINANCIAL UPDATE		
Total Operating Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 63,603	\$ 1,418,749
Amount Needed	\$ 34,857	\$ 1,443,149
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 28,746	\$ (24,400)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-2%

Current Building Mortgage Balance: \$ 55,133

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2021. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer.

HANDBELL CAPITAL FUND RAISING: We have currently raised \$12,060 toward our \$15,000 goal. If you would like to donate towards this, please make checks payable to St. John's with "Handbell Fund Raiser" written on the memo line. Funds raised above what is needed to complete the project will go into "The Gifting Fund".

EASTER BREAKFAST will once again be served by the St. John's Youth Group from 7-10 am on Easter morning. How can you help, you ask? You can help by donating food for the breakfast! A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. As always, we appreciate any donations you are able to give. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

Altar Guild:

EASTER LILIES: The Altar Guild is providing an opportunity for congregation members to purchase Easter lilies to decorate the Church for Easter Sunday. The lily can then be picked up after the last Easter service and enjoyed by you in your home. Please complete the order form and enclose it with your payment in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. **The deadline is TODAY Sunday, April 3.**

Sunday School:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS is scheduled for June 12-June 16. More details to come. Please contact Erika Rossow if you have interest in helping to plan or participate for this upcoming summer.

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday school will be processing with palm branches and singing at the beginning of both services. There is Sunday school from 9:15-10:20.

EASTER SUNDAY: No Sunday school.

HOT LUNCH POSITION: St. John's is seeking to hire a **Hot Lunch Coordinator** for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or anyone you know has interest, please contact Rob Borcharding at the school office 763-420-2426.

TEACHER POSITION: The teacher call committee is pleased to announce that we are extending a Call to Kristi Collins. We prayerfully await her response. Once we hear back from Ms. Collins, we will move forward accordingly, keeping the Congregation updated along the way. Please keep Ms. Collins in your prayers. If you have any questions, contact Jayme Kruse.

2021 & 2022 MISSION PROGRAMS: In 2021 St. John's supported the following four mission programs: Synod, Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram/Asia [Japan], Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann/South Asia, and Rev. P.A. Charles Richard-Wokoma/Africa [Nigeria Seminary]. *Please note:* Any contributions to missions other than these four options was divided between these currently supported programs. The funds for Dr. Naumann were delivered to him in support of a trip back to India to wrap up his work there. Rev. Wokoma's funds are being held until we learn how best to send our support given the Synod has ended his mission as well. Entering 2022: we will continue supporting Synod and Rev. Dr. Jastram. BSL will update you via the Announcements when we learn how and whom we may support via mission offerings going forward. May God bless you for your generosity!

SINCERE GRATITUDE: Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, contributions, and kind deeds in support for the family of Troy Miest in his passing. Special appreciation to Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson for the exceptional devotion to our spiritual care. We are grateful and blessed to receive such overwhelming compassion and comfort from our congregational family.

Youth Group:

EASTER BREAKFAST: We will prep for the Easter Breakfast on Saturday, April 16th. Please meet in the STJL kitchen at 10:00 am. Then, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, we will serve breakfast from 7:00 am - 10:00 am. We will need youth to arrive at the STJL kitchen at 6:30 am that day and stay past 10:00 am to help clean up. Be sure to mark this on your calendar!

WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL has several upcoming events including a musical theater production of *The Wizard of Oz* Friday-Sunday April 8th – 10th, and numerous summer camps scheduled in June, July, & August. Visit their website or find posters in our building for more information.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (Apr 3–Apr 9) ***Sunday***- Thomas Bruce/Donna Kliche, ***Monday***- Sandy Giefer/Sevanna Jenkins/Linda Schutte, ***Tuesday***- Casey Philipp/John Purdes/Roger Schalo, ***Wednesday***- Douglas Winsor, ***Thursday***- Becky Bredenberg/Riley Klein/Grady Mathwig/Dennis Schwecke, ***Friday***- Kevin Pomerence, ***Saturday***- Annika Dufault/Todd Haag/Joshua Ims

PLANNING TO STOP IN? Please call the office first as school is now in session and we would appreciate notice of your arrival. This will help us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Office hours are 7:30am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday 763-420-2426 (secretary@stjlutheran.org)

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!



Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



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