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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.

(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

- 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour


**Pastor:** Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

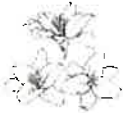
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## ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ", please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card in March with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for him/her.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you
- **The Call Committee** has decided to request a new list of Pastoral Candidates from the District Office. Prior to requesting the new list, the Congregation may **submit nominations for a Pastor. Nominations must be submitted to the Church office NO LATER than March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Forms can be picked up at the front and back of church or in the Church office. Completed forms should be turned into the Church office in a sealed envelope. Thank you.
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Please reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.



- **Easter Lilies and Tulip Sales:** If you wish to place a lily or tulip on the altar for Easter, in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, they will be sold after services on March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the back of Church or you can contact Kathy Flogstad at 835-3061. Lilies are \$15.00 and Tulips are \$15.00. Checks should be made out to Julie Poehler.
- The Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center will be hosting breakfast at the VFW **TODAY** Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to Noon. All proceeds will go to the Food Shelf Building Fund which provides food for those in need in the Waseca Community and surrounding area. Thank you for your support for this project.
- **The Board of Stewardship delivered 14 lbs.** of food from church to the Food Shelf Monday. Thank you all for your continued support and donations.
- **HOLY WEEK:** **Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>:** NO CONFIRMATION  
**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>:** 6pm Maundy Thursday Service  
**Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>:** 6pm Good Friday Service  
**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>:** EASTER Sunrise service 6:30am  
**Easter Breakfast following service till 8:30am**  
**Divine Service 9am**  
**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We Don't Deserve It

March 26, 2023

## AS WE GATHER

It is a long-standing tradition in the world of the theatre that when players in a drama or musical are replaced for a given performance, the name of the substitute is inserted into the program or playbill. It is appropriate that the hard work of the understudy be noted by those attending the event. In the weeks of Lent, we focus on the truth that Jesus Christ was and is our substitute, fulfilling the Law of God for us and ultimately paying the price of our sin. He is much more than any kind of understudy! He is our Lord, who willingly takes our place and endures our punishment. In gratitude, we are drawn to the cross!

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN:** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

[LSB 341]

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 36:5, 7-9*

**Pastor:** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

**People:** Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Pastor:** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**People:** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**Pastor:** They feast on the abundance of Your house,

**People:** and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

**Pastor:** For with You is the fountain of life;

**People:** in Your light do we see light.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People:** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

**Pastor:** In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**People:** Amen.

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

**People:** **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

*Women: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

*Men: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

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

*Men: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"*

**People:** **For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. 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.**

Pastor: Henry Baker, a gifted English hymnwriter, calls out to Christ on the cross with the words, "O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee." On the cross of Calvary, Jesus finished the work for which He had come into the world and made the ultimate sacrifice for us. (

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure us of resurrection and life in Christ. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (Life is restored in the valley of bones.)

**37** The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their

feet, an exceedingly great army.<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.<sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7*

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

People: **Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!**

Women: *O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

Men: *If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*

People: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Women: *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;*

Men: *my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.*

Women: *O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.*

Men: *And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

People: **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.**

**EPISTLE:** *Romans 8:1–11*

(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

**8** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in

us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL AND VERSE**      *John 11:25, Hebrews 12:2*

People: **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.**

Women: *O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,*

Men: *who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

People: **I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *John 11:17–27, 38–53*      (Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles<sup>[a]</sup> off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[b]</sup> Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and

believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

[LSB 576]

## **SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED** [Please rise]

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 again 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**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ....our Redeemer.  
We beseech You, O Lord,

**People:** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** 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. As Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life," we find in Him the fullness of Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us to grow in faith, remaining steadfast in hope as we await the joys of heaven where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.

**SANCTUS** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

[Tune LSB 507]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise  
Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
We rejoice to join the hymns  
Of earth and sky and sea.  
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.  
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for the ministry of our Lord Jesus, who brought healing and hope to those whose lives He touched. By Your Spirit's power and presence, grant that we gratefully share the fellowship of Your Table, which extends into heaven with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ...

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Pastor:** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13;* **Our Father who art in heaven...**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** “O Lamb of God, We Pray”

[Tune LSB 702]

O Lamb of God, we pray:  
Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase.  
Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call  
And grant us peace.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God Pure and Holy” [LSB 434]  
“Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer” [LSB 918]  
“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” [LSB 711]

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. By this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking to the final day of resurrection and that time after the end of time when we feast with Christ the Lamb of sacrifice in His kingdom. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN****“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
My eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one  
Who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of His glorious love  
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all, the cross.

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**Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!**  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- ***Called Home:*** Ryan Jirlie
- ***Hospice:*** Queen Johnson Anderson,
- ***Hospitalized:***
- ***Medical Procedure:*** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- ***Illness :*** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- ***Up Coming Surgeries:***
- ***Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:*** Roger Rucker, Fern Seewald, Judy Graper, Tony Jelinek (son in law to Vivian Bohmbach)
- ***Treatment:*** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother in law to Denise Duffy)
- ***Chemotherapy Treatment:*** Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson), Kirsten Thorp (sister to Denise Duffy)
- ***For those with Covid-19***
- ***Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.***
- ***All the service men & women who are serving in the military:*** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- ***Waseca Circuit Missionaries:*** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- ***For the Itron employees.*** May God guide them during this next year as the plant closes and people search for new jobs.

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 26<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

### **Sunday (26<sup>h</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

### **Monday (27<sup>th</sup>):**

10:00 am Prayer Team

### **Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>):**

1:00 pm Quilters

### **Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup>):**

3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
4:00 pm Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
4:45- 5:45pm Lent Supper Hosted by Cotta Guild  
6:00 pm Lenten Service  
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

### **Thursday (30<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

### **Friday (31<sup>st</sup>):**

### **Saturday (1<sup>st</sup>):**

### **Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>): PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour

## **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

### **THIS WEEK: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood  
**ACOLYTE:** Alex Bethke  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Eric Schwarz and Kraig Deling  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood  
**FACEBOOK:** Kathy Flogstad  
**READER:** Bill Kuschel

### **Wednesday 3/29**

Cindy Wood  
Alexa Welander  
Cindy Gilmore

### **NEXT WEEK: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Matt Groskreutz  
**ACOLYTE:** Josie Ross  
**ELDER/DEACON:** Dick Arnold/Kraig Deling  
**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad  
**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel  
**READER:** Rhonda Christianson

## **LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>: 119 Fellowship hour: 53 Sunday School: 11**  
**Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>: 80 General Fund: \$561.00**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>: General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,051.29**

**Improvement Fund: (Oven) \$500.00 Radio Broadcast: \$75.00 memory of Loy Spies**

**Other: \$500.00 Undesignated memory of Loy Spies Pastor Discretionary Fund:**

**\*\*\* Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 \*\*\***

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
  
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
  
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.
  
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.



1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

*Our hope is secure because we are anchored to Christ. As our great High Priest and through His own body, He has opened a new and living way so that all believers may now approach God without fear (Hebrews 10:20).*



- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us,  
O Jesus!  
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Who on the cross didst suffer,  
  
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Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us,  
O Jesus!  
O Jesus!



1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.



- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
  
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.
  
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.
  
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

