

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."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

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

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis

Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com

- Nursery available: For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM; or Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.
- Lutheran Hour: The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- Sunday School: We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.
 - 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. Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service. Thank you.
 - Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".
 - 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.
 - Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Orville and Deloris Steinke sponsored by Steven Steinke and family.
 - Ella Grace Holm, daughter to Emily and Jacob Holm. Sponsor/Witnesses: Isaac Holm and Amber Jacobson. We welcome Ella into God's family.
- The **Handicap Entrance construction** will resume soon, anyone wishing to contribute to this project should write Handicap Entrance on their envelopes. Thank you
- 29er's Will meet March 27th at 11:30am at Pizza Ranch. See you then!!
- Minnesota FoodShare Food Fund Campaign takes place throughout the month of March. The Waseca Area Food Shelf is taking part in this campaign. Please consider donating either food or a monetary donation to the Waseca Area Food Shelf during March as your donation will increase the total numbers. This in turn increases the additional funds that this campaign will provide. Please help the Waseca Food Shelf make this campaign a memorable one! If you have any questions, email director@wasecaservicecenter.org or call 507-833-4119 ext. 301 for Director or ext. 302 for the Food Shelf.

Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14–16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17–19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4–6).

Processional Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743 sts. 1–3

Holy Baptism

LSB 268

Baptismal Hymn: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie

Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1



- The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;* though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.
- 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.
- 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 up- | on a rock.

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.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 168

LSB 172

Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9

The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers, chapter 21.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2.

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁵and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁵so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁵not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 173



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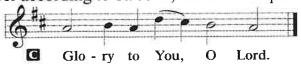
Verse John 3:16

P For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel John 3:14–21

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



¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

<u>Sermon</u>

Offering Music/Offertory

LSB 176

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

The Lord's Supper

- We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)
- The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)

Preface	LSB 177
Sanctus	LSB 178
Lord's Prayer	
Pax Domini	LSB 180
Agnus Dei	LSB 180
"Lamb of God"	Sung by Senior Choir
<u>Distribution Hymn: When I Behold Jesus Christ</u>	LSB 542
Distribution Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living	LSB 420
Distribution Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This	LSB 543
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 182
Benediction	LSB 183
Hymn to Depart: Jesus, Priceless Treasure	LSB 743 sts. 4–6

- LOOKING FOR: if you have any 8 oz Cool Whip containers or Ice Cream buckets that you would like to donate to the church kitchen, please bring them in and leave on kitchen counters thank you.
- Thank you to everyone who sent me warm birthday wishes through cards, calls and text messages. I am truly blessed. Barb Denn
- Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, and attend the Pork Chop Dinner. The Quilter's raised \$1,200.00 thanks to everyone. We truly appreciate all of you. Donna Hildebrandt
- Easter Community Dinner information located on the Bulletin Board by elevator.

OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Anita Hildebrandt

Hospitalized: James Ross

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Elaine Malling (Karen Zimmerman's sister)

Treatment and continued recovery: Judy Graper, Bernita Kohnert

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Stan Stiernagle, Giles Zimmer, Vivian Bohmbach, Andrew Gilmore

Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson)

Treatment: Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, 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)

Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday March 3rd, 2024: 125 Bible Study: No Bible study Sunday School: 20

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,682.85

Handicap Entrance Fund: \$172.00 and Memorial for Anita Hildebrandt: \$25.00 Improvement Fund: \$195.00.00 Youth Conference Higher Things: \$25.00

Decorating Fund: \$224.75 Radio Broadcast: \$100.00 in memory of Mildred and Ron Kuschel

Organ fund: memorial for Millie Gerlach \$20.00 and Anita Hildebrandt \$10.00 Undesignated memorials: for Millie Gerlach \$ 25.00 and Anita Hildebrandt \$ 50.00

Wednesday February 28th, 202: 62

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$0.00 Handicap Entrance: \$10.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 10th - March 17th, 2024

Sunday (10th):

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

Monday (11th):

10am Prayer Team

Tuesday (12th):

1pm Quilters

6 pm Board of Stewardship

Wednesday (13th):

3:30p- 5:00p 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30p – 5:45p Lenten Supper {Hosted by }

6:00 pm Wednesday Lent Service

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thursday (14th):

6 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

1 pm Cotta Guild

Friday (15th):

Sunday (16th):

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

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: March 10th, 2024:

)RGANIST: Cindy Wood

\COLYTE: Ton Bethke

LDER/DEACON: Eric Schwarz

LADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

ACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

NEXT WEEK: March 17th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Kyler Welander

ELDER/DEACON: Eric Schwarz

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

Wednesday March 13th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke with Greeter Eliana Grannis

ELDER/DEACON: Eric Schwarz

Processional Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

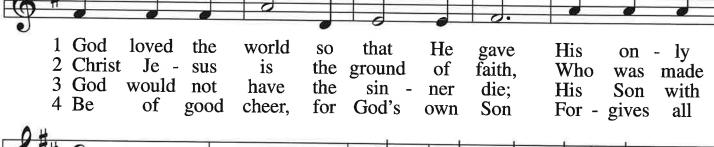


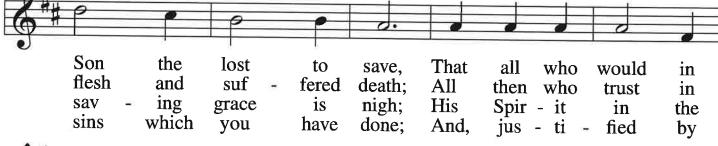
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Hymn of the Day: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571







Should ev - er be - lieve last - ing life re - ceive. Him a - lone Are built this on chief cor ner - stone. Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav en's heirs. sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high est good.

- If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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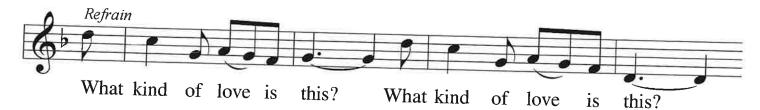
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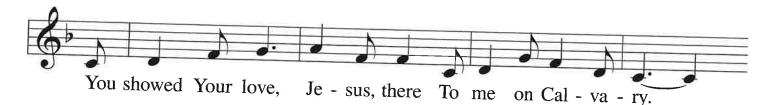
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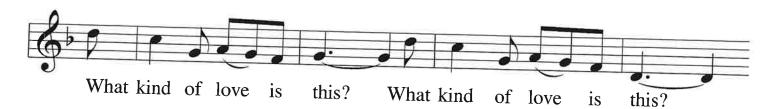
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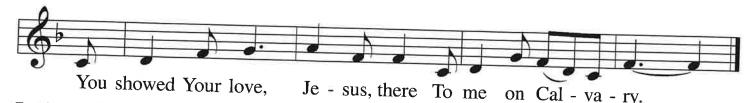










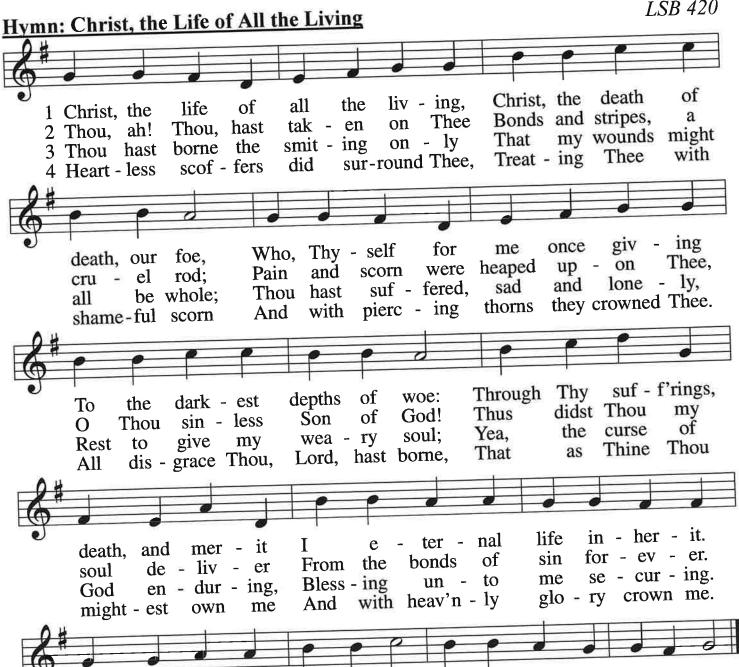


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un - to Thee. Je - sus, Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear - est

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction 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.

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,

or Thy bleeding and Thy dying

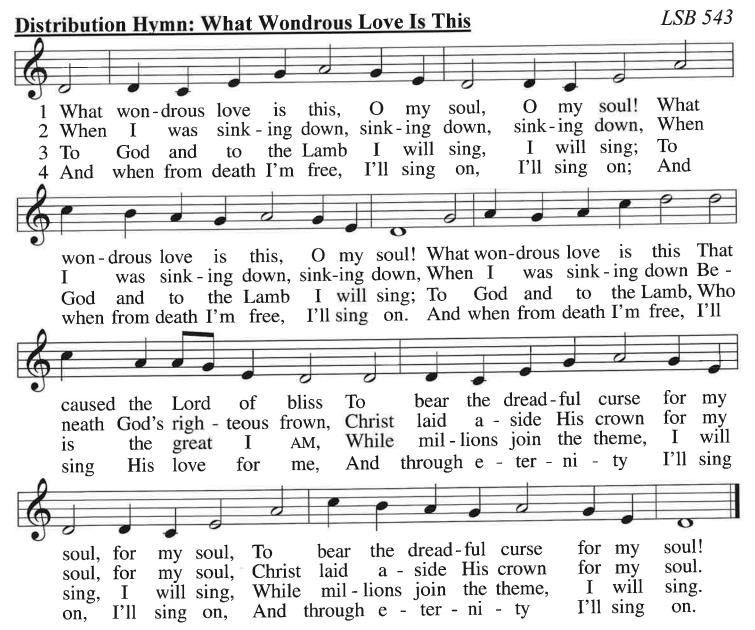
For that last triumphant cry,

And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis

Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt

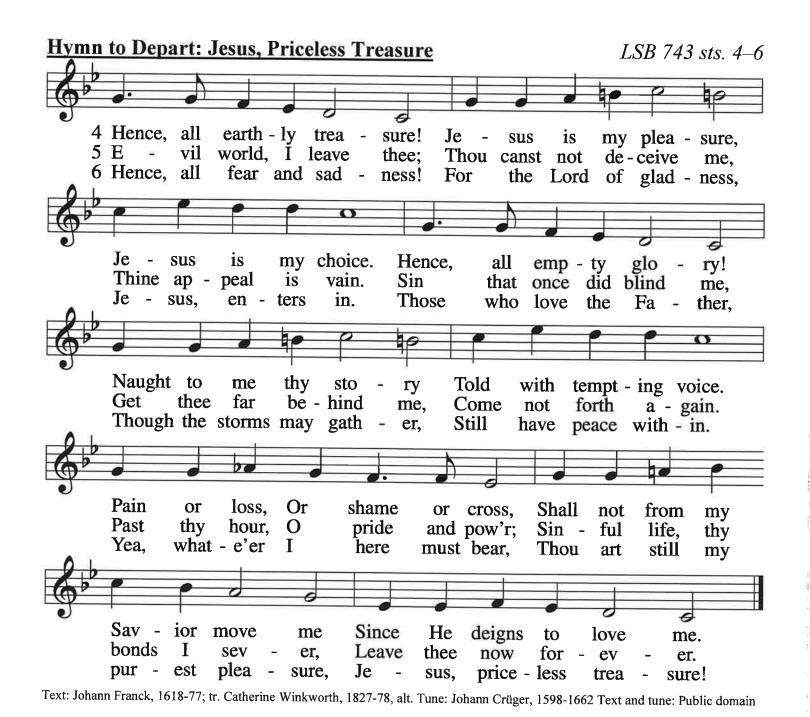
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Hey! What happened to the "a" word?

There's one word we often use in the Church that isn't used during Lent. Usually we use it after responsories, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have

you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed "alleluia," then you are right. We stop singing and saying "alleluia" during Lent and won't speak it again until Easter morning.

What does "alleluia" mean and why don't we say it during Lent?

"Alleluia" is a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord." Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where "alleluia" has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the "a" word.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card along with a Bible verse of encouragement, and pray for him/her.
- Mark your calendar!!! The Higher Things attendee's will be having a Garage Sale fundraiser Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. If you are doing some spring cleaning during this nice weather and want to donate it to this cause, please bring items to the church office. We will start collecting items as soon as Feb 19th, 2024. Thanks for your support of our youth.
- Upstairs Bathroom Renovations began this past Friday (2/9), these bathrooms will be out of service for 2 weeks.
 Please use bathrooms downstairs.
- Lenten Service and meal schedules:
 - Service at 6pm
 - o Wednesday Mar. 13th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Mission Trip Team
 - Menu: Hamburgers, Hot dogs, French Fries, onion rings, nacho chips and cheese and dessert
 - Service at 6pm
 - Wednesday Mar. 20th:
 - Meal from 4:30 -5:45 hosted by Board of Ed
 - Menu: pizza slices and sides, side salad and fixings and bars

Holy Week Service Schedule:

Maundy Thursday March 28th: Service with Communion @ 6pm

Good Friday March 29th: Service @ 6pm

Easter Sunday March 31st: Sunrise service @ 6:30 am with communion

Easter Breakfast: 7:30ish to 8:30am

9am service with communion

Waseca Circuit (LCMS)
Joint Worship

Holy Saturday's

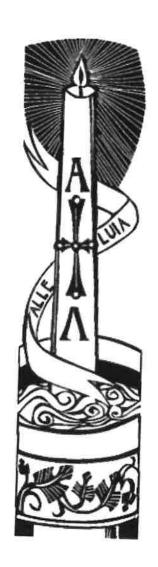
Great Vigil of Easter

6:30pm

March 30, 2024

Hosted by: Trinity Lutheran Church 412 No. Main Street., Janesville, MN

Please join with our Waseca Circuit (LCMS)
Brothers and Sisters in Christ for the most ancient and beautiful of all the liturgies of the church.



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