

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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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:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - † Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
 - † Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am
- Pastor:** Michael J. Grannis
Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046
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- **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.
- **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 or in the black pew book. 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.
- **You will find a "Black Book" at the end of your pew,** please sign it and pass it down the row so we can get better idea of who is here (members, adults, kids and visitors alike). Thank you.
- **WASECA COMMUNITY EASTER DINNER (dine in, drive thru or delivery)** will be hosted by St Paul Lutheran Church 11:30am – 1pm
- **April 23rd @ 11:30 am** come join the **29er's** for Lunch at El Molino's in Waseca. It is a fun time and great food!
- **Looking for volunteers to decorate the church for Maundy Thursday (4/17), Good Friday (4/18) and Easter (Saturday the 19th @ 10am).** If you are interested in helping, please contact Aimee in the office for further details.
- **Thank you, Hannah LaCroix,** for playing your flute for us tonight.

Lutheran Witness Renewal time again!!!

If you currently receive and wish to continue – let Aimee know

If you would like to receive – let Aimee know

Deadline for renewal is July 15th, 2025. Cost for the year is \$24.97 per person

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). By eating His body and drinking His blood, we proclaim to all the world that Jesus is, indeed, our Passover Lamb (Ex. 12:1–14), who was sacrificed for us on Calvary. In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity. With such love, he “loved His own who were in the world,” and even loves us “to the end” (John 13:1). As He washes us and feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (John 13:34).

Corporate Confession and Absolution

The congregation stands as they are able with the tolling of the bells.

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 I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Sit

P During this Lenten season ...

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel/Stand

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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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.

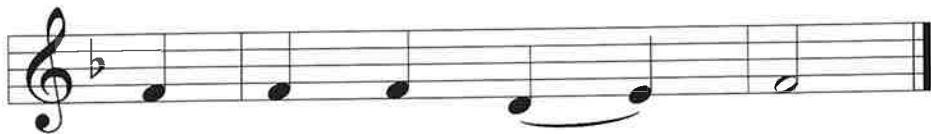
P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

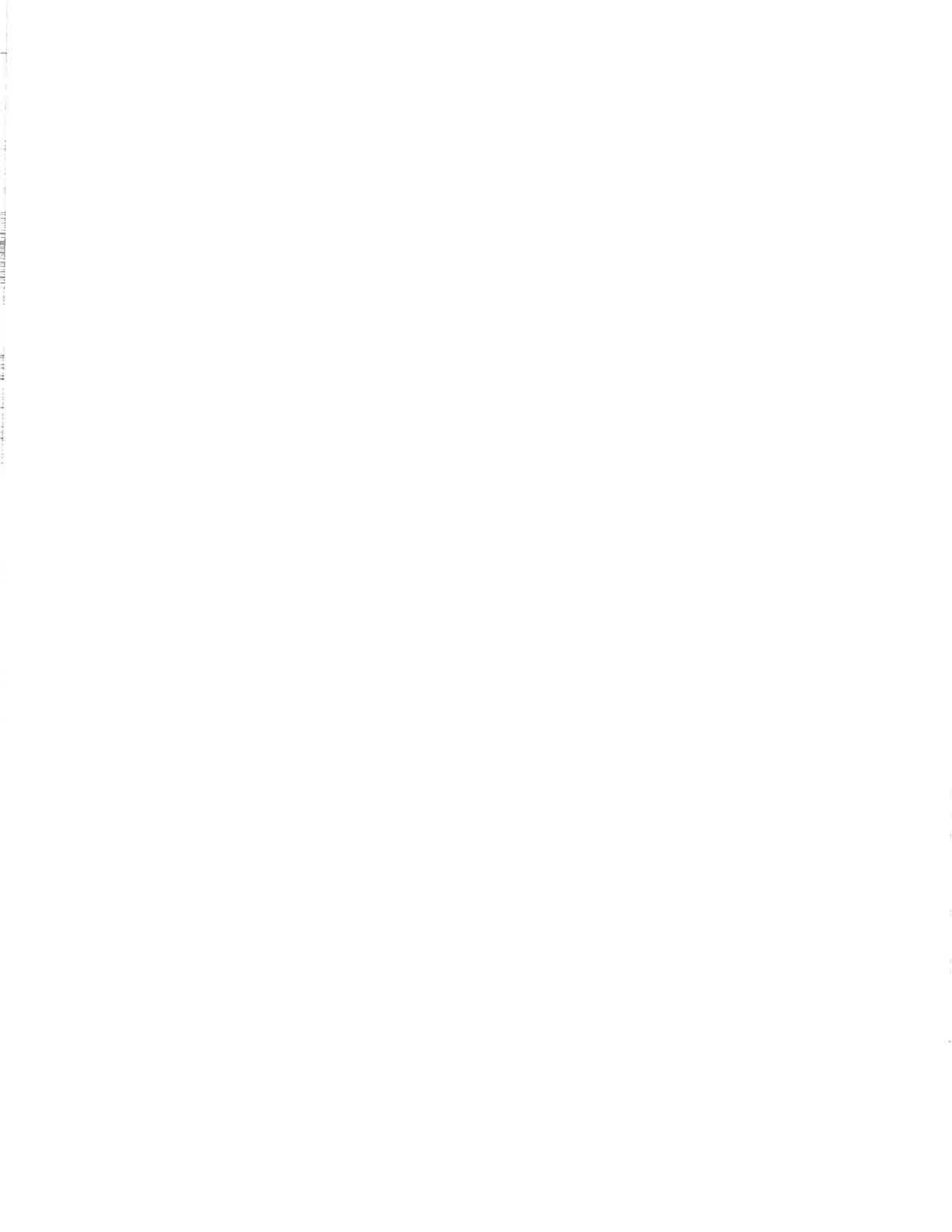


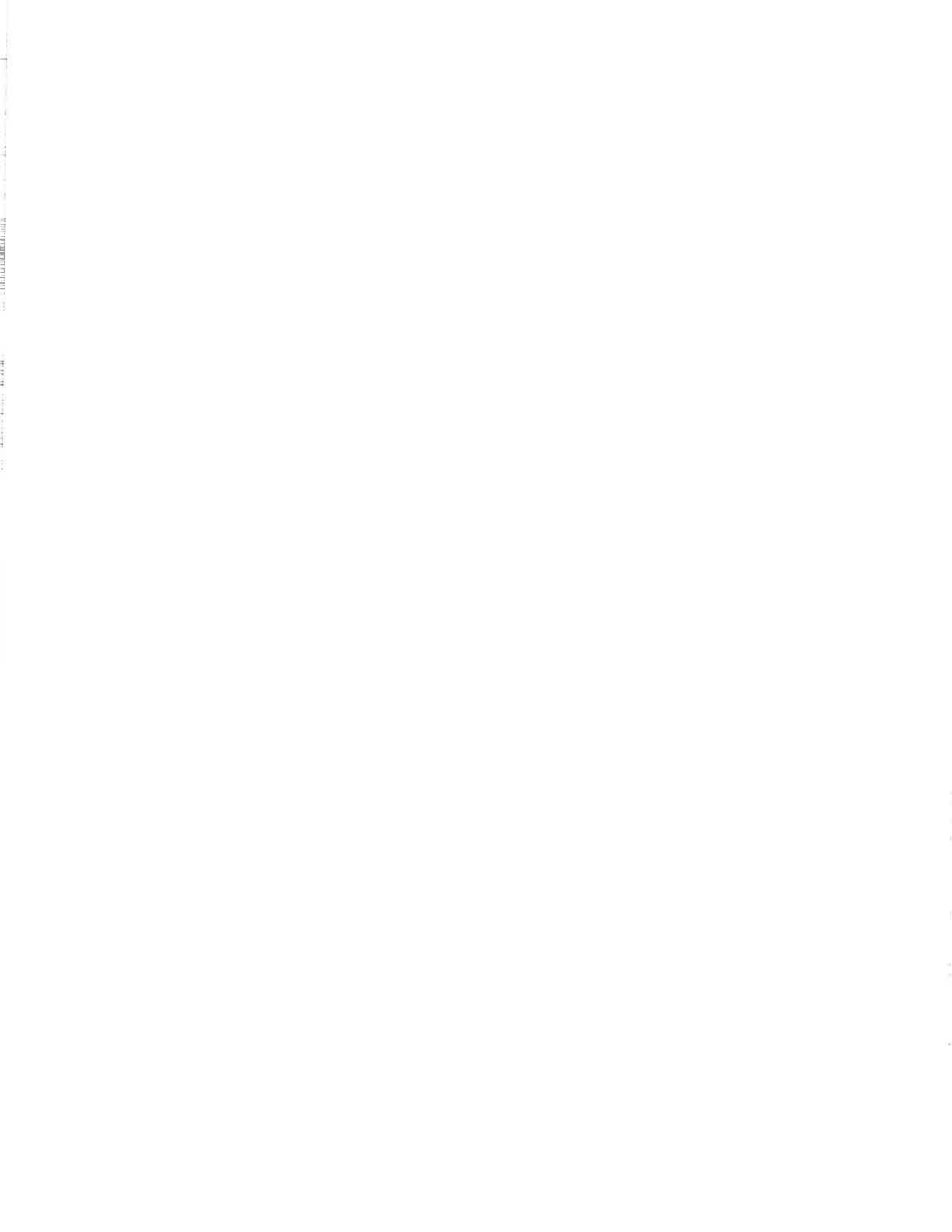
C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the





me.”²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

John 13:1b

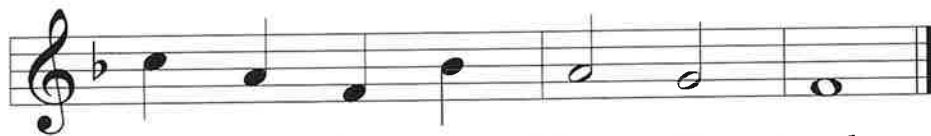
P Having loved His own who were in the world,

C He loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him,³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?”⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus

answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

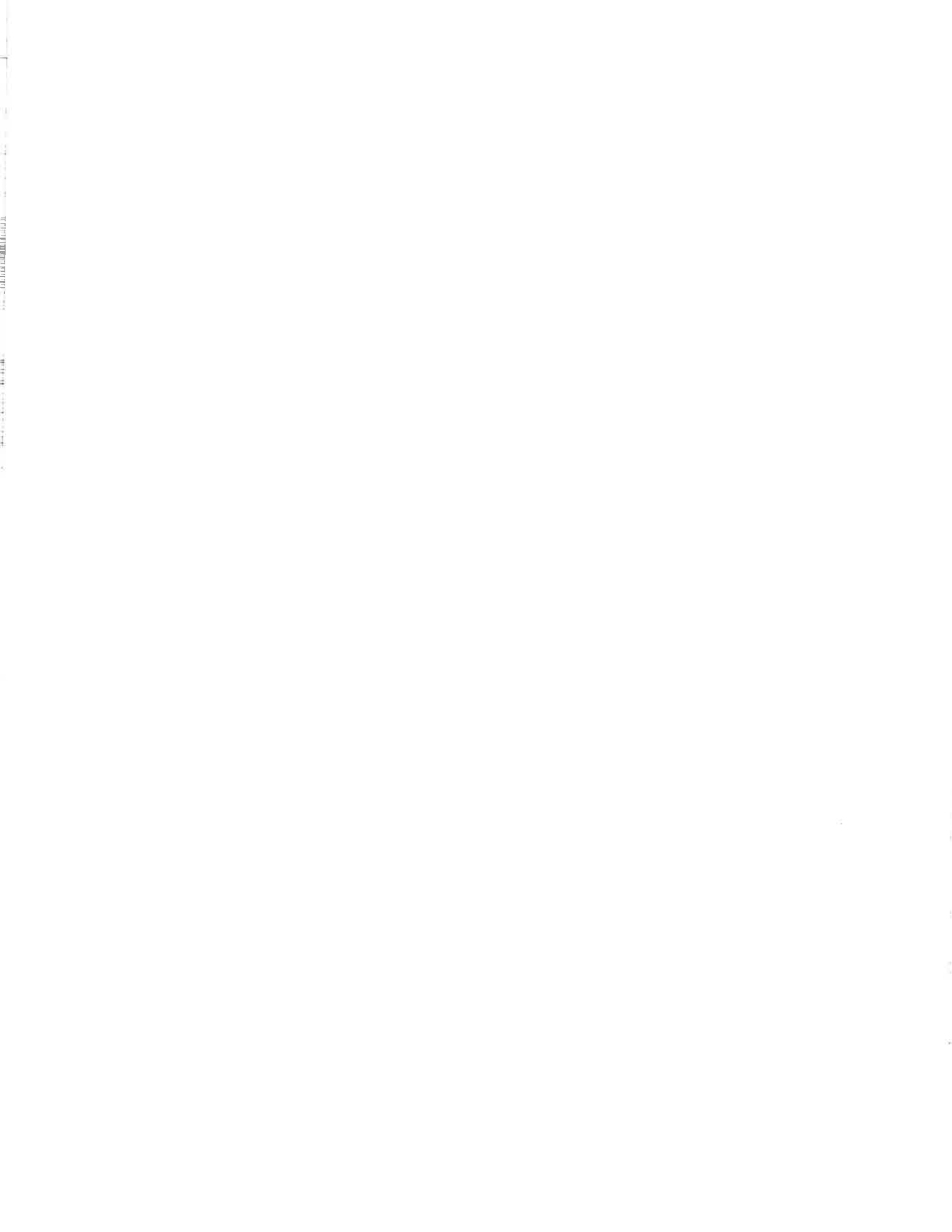
Sermon: A New Commandment?

The offering will be received at the door as you leave.

Stand/kneel

The Litany *(spoken)*

LSB 288



Service of the Sacrament

Regarding Holy Communion

- ✦ 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 the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ~ 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. *(And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Act 2:42)*
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual and common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

Preface

LSB 194

"In Remembrance"

Sung by the Senior Choir

Distribution Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

Distribution Hymn: Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431

Distribution Hymn: God Loves Me Dearly

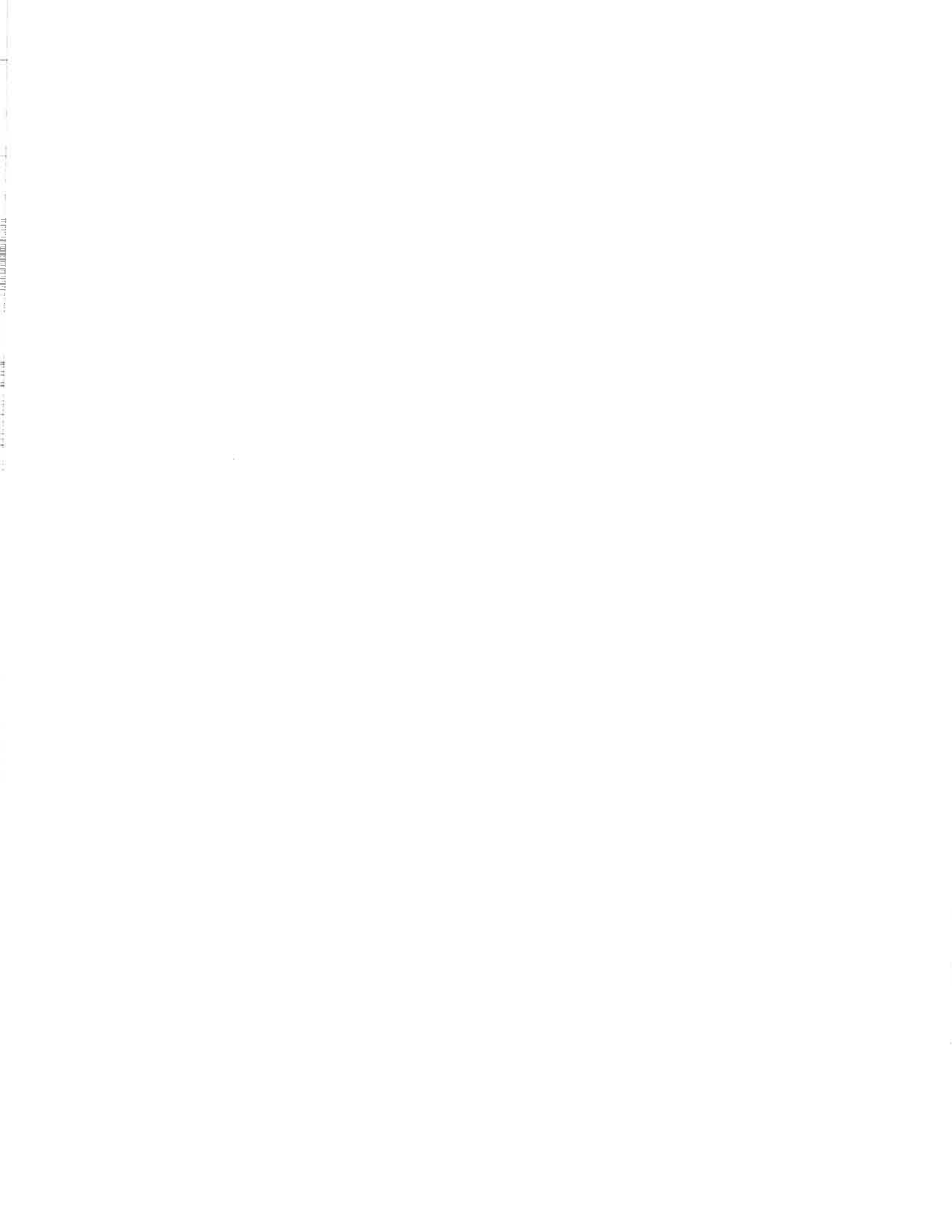
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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. O God the Father, ... one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

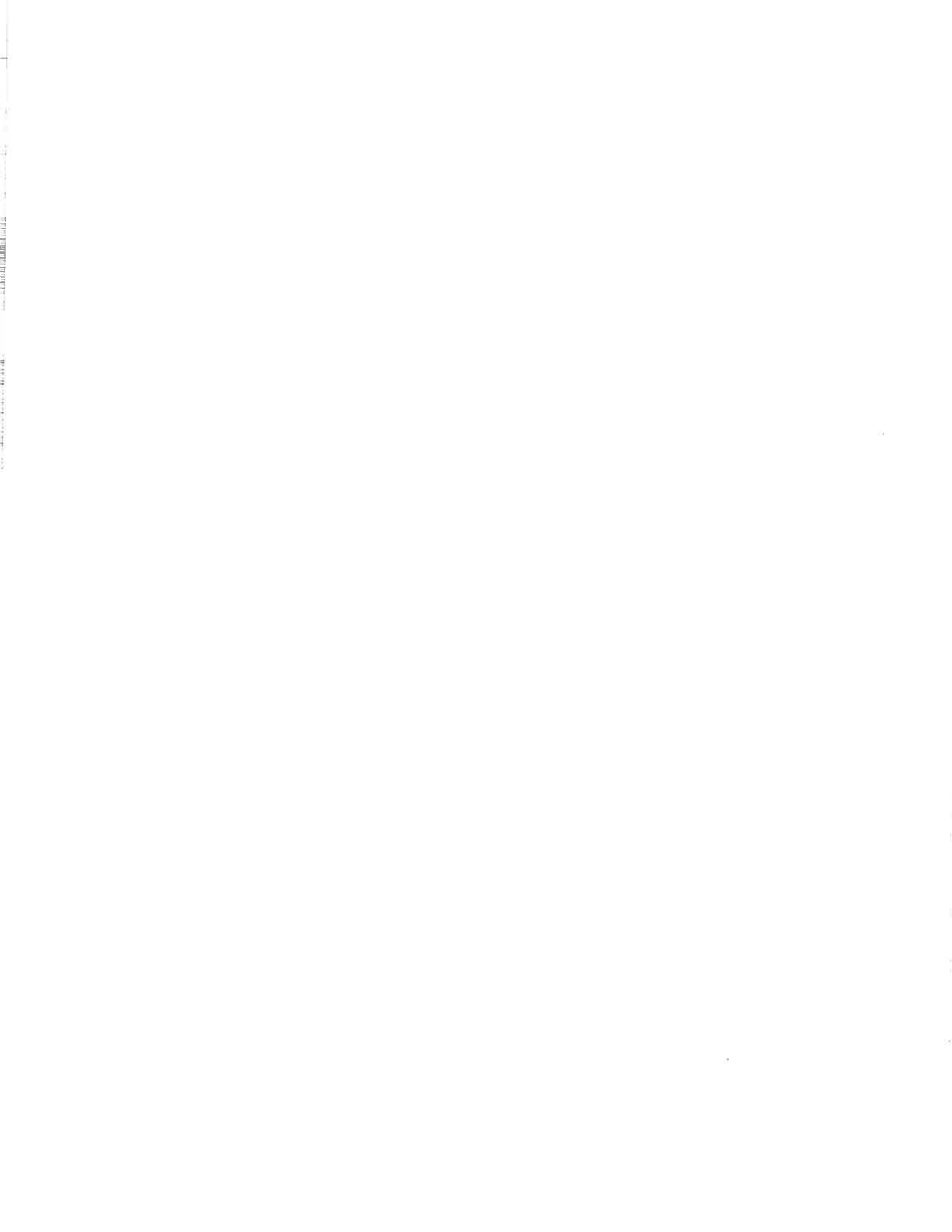


The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.

Psalm 22



- ¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me? *
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer, *
and by night, but I | find no rest.
- ³Yet you are | holy, *
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- ⁴In you our fathers | trusted; *
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
- ⁵To you they cried and were | rescued; *
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- ⁶But I am a worm and | not a man, *
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
- ⁷All who see me | mock me; *
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
- ⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him; *
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me | from the womb; *
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.
- ¹⁰On you was I cast | from my birth, *
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble | is near, *
and there is | none to help.
- ¹²Many bulls en- | compass me; *
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
- ¹³they open wide their | mouths at me, *
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are | out of joint; *
my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast;
- ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws; *
you lay me in the | dust of death.
- ¹⁶For dogs en- | compass me; *
a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet—



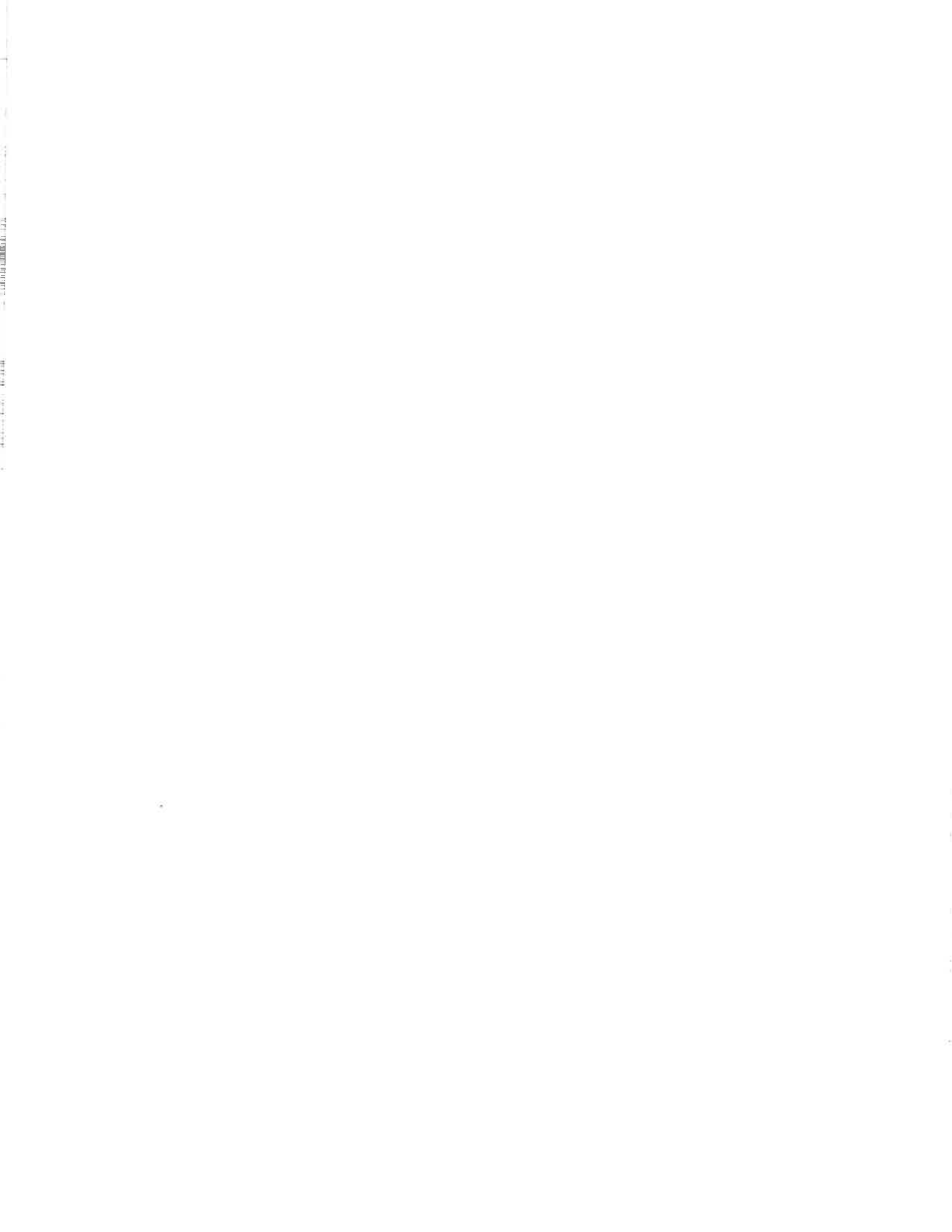
- ¹⁷*I can count | all my bones—*
they stare and gloat | over me;*
- ¹⁸*they divide my garments a- | mong them,*
and for my clothing they | cast lots.*
- ¹⁹*But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!**
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
- ²⁰*Deliver my soul | from the sword,*
my precious life from the power | of the dog!*
- ²¹*Save me from the mouth of the | lion!**
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
- ²²*I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:*
- ²³*You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,*
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!*
- ²⁴*For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his | face from him,*
but has heard, when he | cried to him.*
- ²⁵*From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;**
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
- ²⁶*The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!**
May your hearts live for- | ever!
- ²⁷*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.*
- ²⁸*For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.*
- ²⁹*All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;**
*before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.*
- ³⁰*Posterity shall | serve him;**
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- ³¹*they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.*
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Please leave in silence.

The three-day service (Triduum) continues tomorrow evening with our Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers (6 p.m.), and concludes with the Easter Vigil (Trinity, North Morristown, 8 p.m.).

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Called Home: Debbie Pehrson

New Birth: Hope Alma Rudolph (daughter to Jared and Tirza Rudolph)

Upcoming Surgery:

Cancer Treatment: Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter, Linda Oftedahl (aunt to Jim Wyffels)

Treatment and testing: Traehvon Clark, Linda Larson

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Rueben Draeger, Sheila Hogetvedt, Kraig Deling, Chantel Fogal, Joy Weir, Jacob Williams, Loren Frink

Illness: Cindy Kuschel,

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

Those who are living in Florida and everyone who are dealing with the hurricanes and aftermath.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Josiah Nieves, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Deployed Service Men: Jacob Lemmen

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Those affected by Natural disasters

Thank you to the following people who purchased flowers for Easter:

Lilies: Shirley Bluhm (2), Cindy Kolander (2), Bill Kuschel, Cindy Wood and Audra Ryan. (Following the 9am service on Easter – these can be picked up and taken home)

Tulips: Denise Duffy (2), Karen Weckwerth, Dean Worke, Dale Rudolph (2), Dave Zeigler, Jeanette Williams, Bonnie and Kent DeLong, Linda Cone, Sharon Goetz, Kelli Lenz (2), Linda Larson, Aimee Hill, Tyler and Amalia Paulson, Jean Kuschel and Audra Ryan (We will send these home shortly following Easter Sunday)

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday April 18th: Good Friday Service @ 6pm

Easter Vigil Service: Saturday April 19th @8pm @ North Morristown

Easter Sunday: Sunday April 20th: Sunrise Service @ 6:30am

Divine Service with Holy Communion @ 9am

Community Easter Luncheon: 11:30 am -1pm

**** NO Easter Breakfast this Year *****

**** No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School today****

Friday April 25th: Hot Beef Commercial **RESCHEDULED** 5pm-6:30pm

Sunday April 27th: Voter's meeting @ 10:15am with Rolls, juice and coffee hosted by Cotta Guild.

Sunday May 4th: Fundraiser hosted by Cotta Guild at American Legion 7:30am to Noon. Breakfast and Bake Sale (Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice and Coffee \$10.00 per plate). Proceeds go to help a member of St Paul to

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 17th to April 20th, 2025

Thursday (17th):

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday (18th):

6:00pm

OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY
Good Friday Service

Saturday (19th):

8:00 pm

Easter Vigil Service @ North Morristown

Sunday (20th):

6:30 am

HAPPY EASTER
SUNRISE SERVICE

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

11:30 am – 1pm Easter Community Dinner

NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

TODAY: April 17th, 2025:

ORGANIST: Mathias Barents

ACOLYTE:

GREETER:

RADIO MONITOR:

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

ELDER: Tim Arndt

DEACON: Jerry Flogstad

Friday April 18th @ 6pm

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte:

Greeter:

Radio Monitor:

Facebook: Debbie Roemhildt

Elder: Tim Arndt

Deacon: Jerry Flogstad (4/17)

Sunday April 20th @ 6:30am

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte: Owen Arndt & Joel Hammer

Greeter: Eliana Grannis

Radio Monitor:

Facebook:

Elder: Tim Arndt

Deacon: Jerry Flogstad

Sunday April 20th @ 9am

Organist: Cindy Wood

Acolyte: Hayden Allen

Greeter: Makayla Clark

Radio Monitor: Ron Wood

Facebook: Owen Arndt

Elder: Tim Arndt

Deacon: Jerry Flogstad