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Lutheran Church



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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

On the cover: "Jesus and Nicodemus," Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899.

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was "lifted up" on the cross as the payment for the world's sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person's own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeters:	Sandy Niehaus and Rita Hall
Prayer Team:	Bruce Pursley

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Today Your Mercy Calls Us (LSB 915)



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen!

P: On Galilee's shore, Jesus extended an invitation to the first disciples.
He said,

C: "Follow Me!"

P: To Matthew who sat counting taxes at his desk, Jesus said,

C: "Follow Me!"

P: To those who wanted to be His disciples, Jesus said,

C: "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

P: Brothers and sisters, in the waters of baptism, Jesus extended an invitation to you as well. He said,
C: **“Follow Me!”**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But we know that we have not always accepted that invitation. Together, let us confess our failure to be the disciples God has called us to be.

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I confess to You that I have failed. I have not lived faithfully as Your creature or followed Jesus as His disciple. I have often rejected Your call because it is difficult. At times, I have let my sinful nature take control instead of taking up my cross. Forgive me, Father, for flirting with sin. Forgive me for not fully embracing the new life You have given me through Your Son. For His sake, have mercy on me.**

P: Jesus did not reject the call to be our Savior. He died on the cross for your sins. He knew them all, every last one of them. He took your sin, and in exchange He has given you His righteousness. Therefore, hear this Word of God to you: I forgive your sin in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In this season of Lent, hear again the call of Jesus. He says,

C: **“Follow Me!”**

P: Then let us deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him.

C: **Amen.**

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KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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CANTICLE AND INTERCESSIONS

The request Jesus made of His disciples in Gethsemane, we, as His disciples, make of Him.

Refrain:

Stay with me, re - main here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.

P: *Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray!*

C: **Refrain**

P: *Watch and pray not to give way to temptation.*

C: **Refrain**

P: *The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.*

C: **Refrain**

P: *My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me, stay awake and pray.*

C: **Refrain**

P: *Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.*

C: **Refrain**

P: *Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done.*

C: **Refrain**

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Kathy Shinkle
Antonio Sims
Levi Shinkle*



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121



P: I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

From where does my | help come?

**C: My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.

**C: Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

**C: The sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

**C: The LORD will keep
your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent

of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

□ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

C: **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: His Mercy Is More (Matt Boswell and Matt Papa)



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om -
 What pa - ti - ence would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
 What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
 wel - come the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!



His mer - cy is more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



newev'-ry morn; Our sins, they are man-y, His mer-cy is more.

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SERMON: "All or Nothing" John 43:5

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2

(Please stand.)

PRAYERS - Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer."
Congregation responds with verse below.



Translation: Where charity and love are found, God is there (based on 1 John 4:16)

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 962

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
 way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

Text: Traditional; tr. International Consultation on English Texts, alt.

Tune: Paul D. Weber, 1949

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: God Loved the World (LSB 571)

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
 Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



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

5 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 blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opfer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB 425)



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
 3. His dy - ing crim - son, like a robe,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 Spreads o'er His bod - y on the tree;
 That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Then I am dead to all the globe,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 And all the globe is dead to me.
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Text (sts. 1-2): James Quinn, 1919-2010; (st. 3): Henry V. Gerike, 1948-2025

Tune: American

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB 430, stz 1-2, 4-5, 7)



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
 7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they like
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
 Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
 That He His foes From thence might free.
 I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

Tune: John N. Ireland, 1879-1962

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -

"When Christ died, He died for you individually just as much as if you'd been the only man in the world."

—C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, grant that Your holy word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through Your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world and to the praise and honor of Your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of March 1 through March 8

TODAY: *Genesis 16:1-9, 15—17:22; Mark 6:1-13*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
Sausage & Kraut lunch 12Noon-1:30PM
Book Fair sneak peak 12Noon-1:30PM

MONDAY: *Genesis 18:1-15; Mark 6:14-34*
Book Fair 3-5PM
Confirmation Class 7:00PM

TUESDAY: *Genesis 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56*
Book Fair 3-5PM

WEDNESDAY: *Genesis 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Book Fair 3-5PM
Lent Worship 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Souper Supper 5:00PM

THURSDAY: *Genesis 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37*
Book Fair 3-5PM

FRIDAY: *Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67; Mark 8:1-21*
Book of Joshua Bible Study 10:30-12N
Book Fair 11AM-12Noon
School: Noon dismissal

SATURDAY: *Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38*

NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of February 22, 2026
Sunday School 11 students, 3 teachers
Friday Bible Class 4

Worship Service Attendance
Sunday, February 22 - 73
Wednesday, February 25 - 38 + 14

Online views
Sunday, February 22 - 8
Wednesday, February 25 - 3

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)
February 22: Physical-\$6,799.00; Online-\$1,973.33
Total-\$8,772.33

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY There is a lot to be anxious about these days, especially on the geo-political front. But Jesus tells us not to be anxious. How can we follow His command? Join us for Sunday morning Bible study to find out.

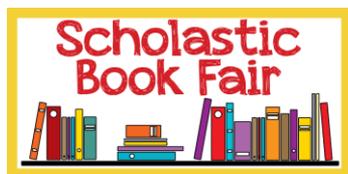
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To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – We studied the story of Abram’s Call based on the scripture Genesis 12: 1-9. Abram was called by God to leave his homeland and travel to a new land. God promised to make Abram a great nation. May we do as Abram did and trust God and go where He asks us to go.

3. TO GIVE ONLINE, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XV>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

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March 2-6, 2026

3-5 PM Mon-Thurs

11AM-12N Friday

BONUS! Early shopping

available on SUNDAY, MARCH

1 (12-1:30PM)

Lower level school classroom

Check out our book fair homepage at the link below.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, contact Mrs. Susan Scherer in the School Office (314-741-8220)

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/salemlutheranschool4>

4. SHARE THE FAIR – This is a program offered through Scholastic Book Fairs where people can donate their loose change or dollar bills to help students purchase items at the book fair or to go into the book fair fund to purchase items for the school. If you would like to donate to this program, there is a box with the Share the Fair logo attached to it in the church narthex to place your donations into it. **NO CHECKS PLEASE.** Thank you for your continuous support of Salem Lutheran School.

LENT WORSHIP AT SALEM: “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place!”

These special services will continue every Wednesday through March 25. Worship is held at 4PM and 7PM, and we have a supper in between!

Palm Sunday is March 29, and Holy Week services will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 2), Good Friday (April 3), Holy Saturday (April 4), and Easter Sunday (April 5). There will be no worship service on Wednesday, April 1.

5. SOUPER SUPPERS will be served in the church basement between the 4:00PM and 7:00PM Lent worship services, beginning at about 5:00PM. The menu for this Wednesday is turkey pot pie, salad, corn bread, dessert, and beverage. Proceeds from the free will offering will be shared between our Lutherans for Life chapter and the Salem Benevolent Fund.

6. THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE (LW) expounds on pastoral vacancies in the congregations of the LC-MS--what to do when a pastor dies, retires or leaves. The magazine is on the LW table in the narthex. Take it home. Read it. Return it next Sunday, for sure in two Sundays.

7. EASTER EGG HUNT We will again host an Easter egg hunt for members and friends, on **Saturday, April 4, at 10:00AM**. The event will feature craft and coloring opportunities, of course, eggs filled with candy!

If you were able to participate last year, you know that this was a very successful event—even with the rain! **Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect!**

We need:

- folks to chat with the adults who bring their children
- people to offer light supervision of the crafting stations
- help with cleaning up

We will also be collecting small, peanut-free *individually wrapped* candies that can fit inside the eggs. Small toys/trinkets are also welcome! Donations can be brought to the church office, or you can bring them with you when you come for church and leave the items in the designated basket in the Narthex. We also need a few volunteers to help stuff the eggs on the evening of **Monday, March 30**. Questions? Please call/email Pastor or Elin!

8. EGG CARTONS NEEDED - Salem School needs to collect 30 cardboard egg cartons for a project by March 22. Can you help? You can bring your cartons to the church office, or place them by the candy basket in the Narthex.

9. LUTHERANS FOR LIFE - Everyone is welcome to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm in the church basement. On the agenda is a discussion on participating in the Florissant Flower Festival where we share our "babies." We will also be looking at our recent Chili Cook-off. A reminder- Lutherans for Life members help serve and provide desserts for the Lenten suppers. A portion of donations for your meal will be going to our charity Wings of Hope. We thank you for your support.

Registration for March on the Arch 2026 is now open!

There has never been a more critical time in the United States to stand for life. Register to march with us on April 25, 2026 in downtown St. Louis and make your voice heard!

Participants have the option to either register for free, or to purchase the premium registration for \$15, which includes a March on the Arch T-shirt, ceramic Coalition Life coffee mug, and pro-life vinyl sticker pack.

Register online by visiting www.coalitionlife.com, and clicking on March on the Arch in the events drop-down menu.

The run of show for the day is as follows:

9:30am - Check In

11:00am - Rally

12:00am - March Begins

**Programming will begin at Aloe Plaza (across from St. Louis Union Station, 20th and Market Street) and finish at the Arch Grounds.*

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**Midweek Lenten Recitals at
Peace Lutheran Church**

737 Barracksview Road

St. Louis, Missouri 63125

11:00 - 11:30 am each Wednesday

Live and in-person in the Sanctuary

Broadcast live over KFUE-AM 850 Radio

On YouTube: PeaceLutheranSTL

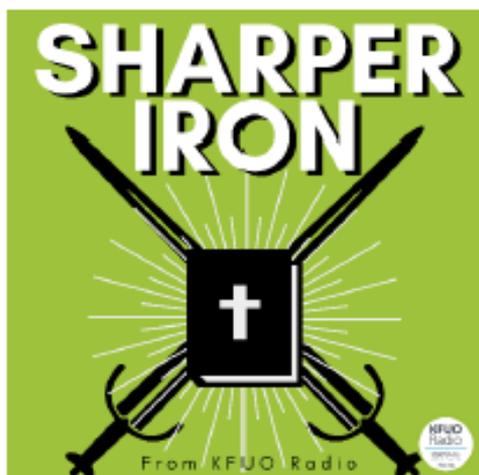
March 4 Elin Hogan-Gomez

March 11 Rev. Arthur Eichhorn

March 18 Matthew Gerhardt

March 25 Kevin Huckshold

Each recital is followed by the 11:30 am Midweek Lenten Worship.



Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest

Rev. Martin Dressler

Wednesday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study on

"In the Beginning"

Genesis 25:1-18

Listen Live or On-demand at:

kfjo.org/sharperiron



SCHOOL NEWS

Scoop NEWS

Lutherans Schools Week: March 1-7

We will once again be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week during the first full week in March. We will begin on Monday, March 2, and conclude on Friday the 6th at noon. Each day, the students will have a special out-of-uniform dress day in something fun, and they will also have a special activity each day.

Movie Monday

**Bring Blankets / Pillows / Stuffedies (We Will Supply Popcorn)
Dress In Pajamas**



Music Tuesday

**10am Dance / Karaoke Party
2pm Ice Cream Sundaes
Dress Up As Your Favorite Singer**



We're Out Of Here Wednesday



**McDonald's / Bowling
Dress In Sports Attire**



Mad Science Thursday

**10am Mad Science Program
Dress Like A Scientist**



Family Friday

(DISMISSAL FROM 11:00 On)

9am Chapel

10am Family Board Game Day

Dress Up As Your Favorite Board Game / Board Game Character



Book Fair Is Coming

The Book Fair will run from March 2-6 after school each day. Mrs. Scherer is spearheading this event but could use your help. It is a great way to help the school and get a chance to see the latest books available for kids, as well as some adult titles. Would you consider donating a bit of your time?