

New Hope Lutheran Church
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Judica
March 26, 2023



*Jesus said to them,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

Wel come!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. To prepare for the Divine Service, you are encouraged to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal. As you prepare for communion, please read the statement on page 8.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 798 The God of Abraham Praise

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a



Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
 let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.

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

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

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

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham

lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

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



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

[You] delivered me from my | enemies;*

you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

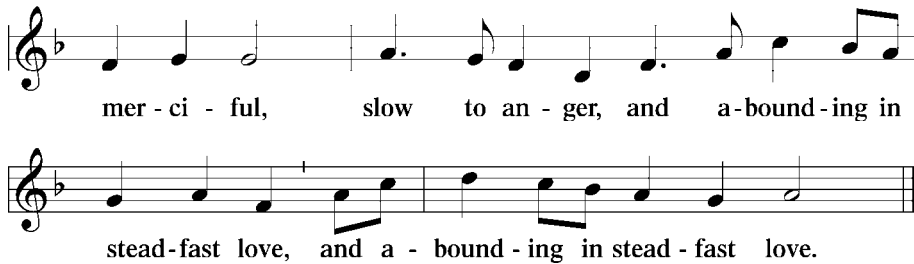
Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157



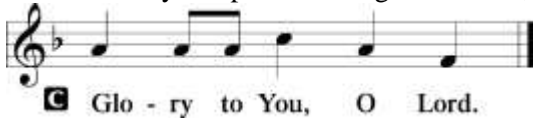
G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

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



⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

(At this time, the crucifix will be covered with a black cloth. The black covering can serve as a reminder of our sin for which Christ suffered and died. The covering will be removed on Good Friday, when we celebrate Christ’s sacrifice for our sin.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church (*Please turn in your hymnals to page 288 to pray the Litany*)

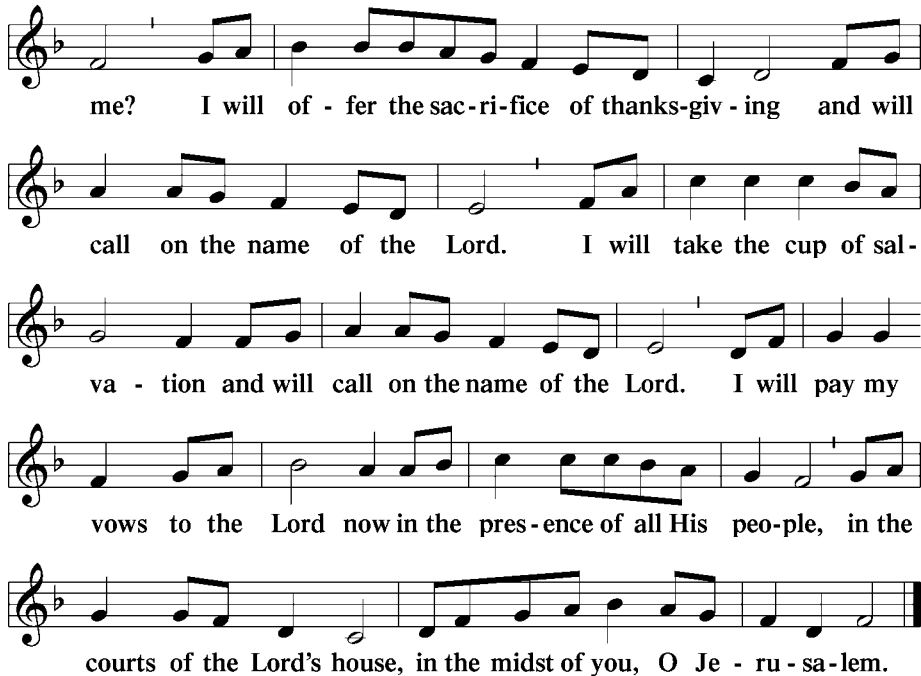
Offering (*Offerings placed in the plates at the sanctuary doors will be carried forward during the singing of the Offertory below. Plates will still be available near the sanctuary doors for those who wish to offer their gifts to the Lord following the service.*)

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16–17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27–32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who

1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,
2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,
3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
4. Have spoken with the pastor prior to the service.

If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



G 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 ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C 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 peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns: 954 We All Believe in One True God

504 Father Most Holy

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

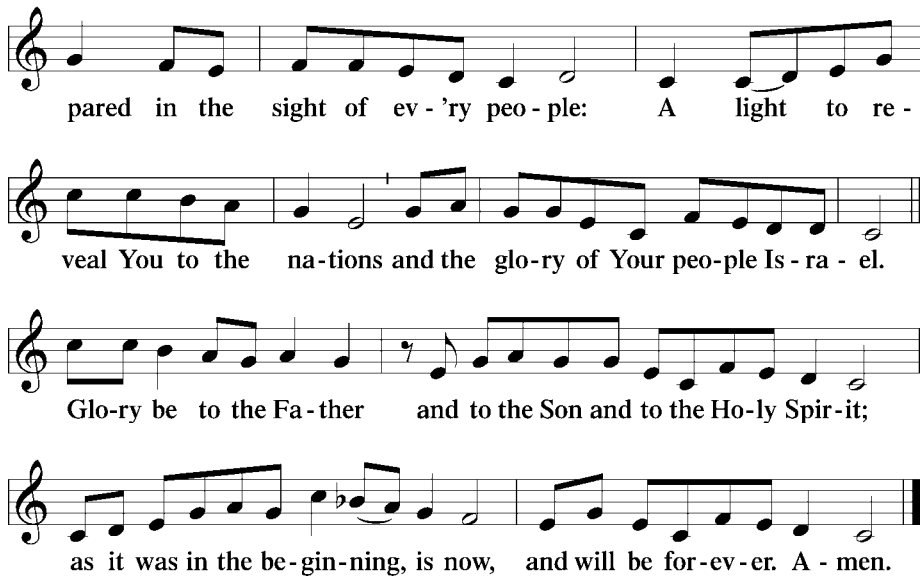
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C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God,...one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166

- P** 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.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



New Hope News and Notes



March 15-19 Stewardship

Attendance: Lent Midweek: 34
Sunday Divine Service: 57; Bible Study/Sunday School: 11
Giving: General Fund: \$1,756 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,966)
Mortgage: \$500 (Remaining Debt: \$33,680)

Upcoming Events

Today, March 26 Usher/Greeter Training, 11:30 am
New Testament Class, Conf. Room, Noon
Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm

Wednesday, March 29 Lent Supper, 6 pm
Lent Evening Prayer Service, 7 pm
Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8 pm

Saturday, April 1 Service Assistant Training, 9:30 am

Sunday, April 2 Prayer and Anointing for Healing/Rite of Private
Confession and Absolution, 8:15 am
Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am
Palm Sunday Divine Service, 10 am
Practice for the Stripping of the Altar
New Testament Class, Conf. Room, Noon

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Melissa Schlemmer – Mar. 31; Ethan Todd – April 1.

Military: Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck).

Members and catechumens of our congregation: Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, Lynette Esslinger, Mike Phillips

Friends and family of the members of our congregation: Rev. Paul Doehrmann; Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer (friend of Dara Phillips); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); Charles Brown (brother of Sue Hansen); Cole Parker (friend of Tad Steckbeck); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Darlean Schell; Stanley High (son-in-law of Karan Shell); Sherry Bearman (cousin of Bonnie Brandewie); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed); Sam Aeschliman (uncle of Lori Bauermeister), Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Andy Klaus (brother of Diane Garrett and Duane Klaus); Joyce Trczinka (sister-in-law of Marilyn Kimmel).

LIFE QUOTE “The Lord called all things into being, from the greatest to the least, with His mighty mere Word. But He formed the human bodies with His own fingers and His very breath. He lovingly, intimately, and meticulously knits us together in our mothers’ wombs.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life. “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.”*

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HOLY WEEK INVITATIONS – Please consider assisting us in sending invitations to our Holy Week/Easter services to members who have been absent from our church, past visitors and preschool families. Please let Pastor Burfiend know if you are interested in helping.

EASTER LILIES – If you are interested in donating funds for Easter lilies please place an appropriately marked envelope and donation in the offering plate. If you are interested in purchasing your own lilies (or purchasing other flowers) for Easter, please bring flowers to church on or before Saturday, April 8.

MAKE YOUR PURCHASES GO FURTHER – By purchasing Scrip gift cards for gas, groceries, clothing, restaurants, home renovation costs, etc. you can also help pay off the church mortgage. See Melissa Schlemmer at the table outside the church office for more details.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: PRIVATE ABSOLUTION AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR HEALING will be offered from 8:15 to 8:40 every Sunday morning during Lent. Private Absolution is a blessing for consciences burdened with sin. This practice is also consistent with the Lutheran Confessions, which state, “Of Confession [the Lutherans] teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches” (Augsburg Confession, Article XI). Anointing with oil for healing is a rite for those who are sick and is practiced on the basis of God’s Word in James 5:13, which says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (ESV).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER - St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School in Monroeville is looking for a long-term substitute for middle school math and science beginning after Spring Break and continuing through the end of the school year. Math and science knowledge is preferred. A teaching degree is not required. Responsibilities include lesson planning and teaching math, pre-algebra, algebra, and science to 6th to 8th graders. For more information please contact Ina Guenin, Principal, at principal@stjohn-emmanuel.com or Amy Schlaudroff, Office Manager, at (260) 639-0123.

TODAY: USHER/GREETER TRAINING after the Divine Service in preparation for Holy Week and Easter

MARCH 29 OPEN HOUSE AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Ossian, 4-6 pm. Families of children who will be entering grades 1-8 next fall are also welcome to visit and consider a Christian education.

APRIL 1, 9:30 am TRAINING for acolytes, crucifers, bookbearers and other service assistants. All boys interested in participating in upcoming services are welcome to attend.

APRIL 2 TRAINING FOR THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – All women interested in participating in the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, please meet in the sanctuary after the Divine Service on Palm Sunday.

APRIL 2 – MAY 28 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

APRIL 13-16th MEN'S GATHERING – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth at Camp Lakeview near Seymour, IN. The retreat includes golf, shooting, zip-line, fishing, a great speaker, fellowship, and worship. See www.mensgathering.us for more information. If you have any questions, speak with Erik Schlemmer, Randy Buuck, or John Peck.

APRIL 20, 5:30-7 PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – Join preschool families for a program and dinner in support of our preschool.

APRIL 21 GAME NIGHT, 6 PM - Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!

APRIL 22 (SATURDAY) Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) and LWML Decatur Zone Spring Rally at Bethlehem, Ossian. Registration at 8:30 am; Rally at 9:00 A.M. Speaker: Tomra "Tomi" Cardin from Redemption House. This is a transition home for women that serves as an alternative to incarceration. **There will be an in-gathering of cleaning supplies.** Meetings for each group will follow the program. This will be a reorganizing meeting for the LLL and all men are encouraged and urged to attend. Any questions please call Tom Grotrian (LLL) 260-623-3879 and/or Marilyn Bulmahn (LWML) 260-919-5007

APRIL 28-29 RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN (FLATROCK) – 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. Friday 8-5 pm, Saturday 8-Noon.

MAY 19-20 NEW HOPE RUMMAGE SALE sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Watch the bulletin for more information.

JUNE 17 PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

JUNE 26-29 VBS AT BETHLEHEM, OSSIAN. Please see the flyers on the entrance doors for more information on registering children or volunteering to help.

SEP. 24 MISSION FESTIVAL ON MERCY AND MISSION IN TANZANIA featuring Rev. Peter Brock, who travels to Tanzania to support a seminary and orphanage there.

SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:

March 26

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Tony Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Kami Brandewie
Coffee Hour:
Sound: Randy Buuck
Ushers: John Peck and Theo Burfiend

April 2 - Lord willing

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal
Organist: Amy Schueler
Elder: Terry Bauermeister
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer
Coffee Hour: Rosie Burfiend
Sound: Erik Schlemmer
Ushers: Tony and Terry Bauermeister

The Season of Lent

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-lent. The second is Lent which is the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide and Holy Week.

In Lent, we continue to abstain from the “Alleluias” and Greater Gloria. The color is violet to signify mourning for a monarch. As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in them when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

This season is meant to order our hearts and minds upon not only on the terrible cost of Our Lord’s gracious sacrifice on our behalf but also on His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and persons, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Lent 5 – Judica

John 8:46-59

11. Now Christ means here that whoever clings to His Word will, in the midst of death, neither feel nor see death, as He also says in John 11:25 – “I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he die, yet shall he live,” that is, he will not experience real death. Here we see what a glorious estate it is to be a Christian, who is already released from death forever and can never die. For his death or dying seems outwardly indeed like the dying of the godless, but inwardly there is a difference as great as between heaven and earth. For the Christian sleeps in death and in that way enters into life, but the godless departs from life and experiences death forever; thus we may see how some tremble, doubt and despair, and become senseless and raging in the midst of the perils of death. Hence death is also called in the Scriptures a sleep. For just as he who falls asleep does not know how it happens, and he greets the morning when he awakes; so shall we suddenly arise on the last day, and never know how we entered and passed through death.

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