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Second Sunday in Lent......March 13, 2022

On this day, Christians continue their annual journey into the depths of Lent. On this Second Sunday in Lent, we descend deeper in our journey into a world of spiritual poverty and desolation. In particular, we see the desolation wreaked by rejecting God's Word—preached and incarnate: "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant" (Jeremiah 26:9, *Old Testament Reading*). "Behold, your house is forsaken" (Lk 13:35, *Gospel*).

<u>There is a Cry Room</u> available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

<u>Children Leaving the Sanctuary:</u> This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

<u>The Lord's Supper</u> is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place

your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Hymn 586 Preach You the Word

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In the name of the Father and of the \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathcal{C} Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- \mathcal{C} But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- ${\cal C}$ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Adult Choir Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That caused the Lord of life To bear the heavy cross, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That Christ should lay aside His crown, That Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul, What wondrous love, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 69:9 & Psalm 74:1-3

- P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
- ${\cal C}$ and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.
- P O God, why do You cast us off forever?
- C Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
- P Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!
- C Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.
- P Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins;
- C the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
- \mathcal{C} and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Lent 2

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

 ${\cal C}\,$ and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You." ³²And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- \mathcal{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 \top of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon Te	ext	Jeremiah 26:8-15	
Sermon	"Crisis Averted"		
I. Despising the preaching of God's Word creates an eternal crisis,			
threatening			
II. The living Word made flesh intervenes			
III. For us, then, the crisis is averted when we believe the preached Word			
that calls us	toand delivers us		
to	<u>.</u>		

Hymn 728 How Firm a Foundation

Prayer of the Church

- P Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love

and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

\mathcal{C} hear our prayer.

P Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

\mathcal{C} hear our prayer.

P In Your mercy strengthen newly established congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of Indiana and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them.

Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You

honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

\mathcal{C} hear our prayer.

P By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

\mathcal{C} hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

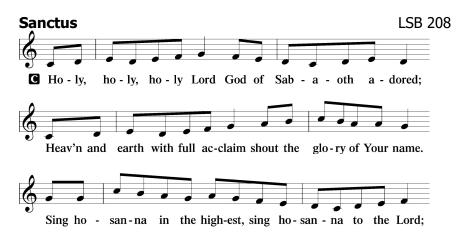
P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

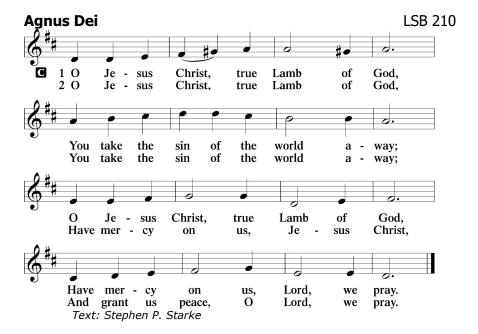
Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

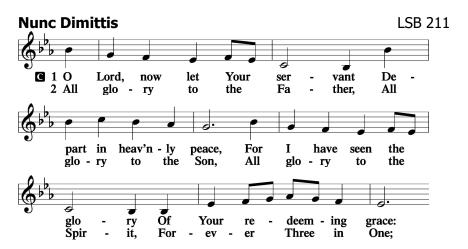


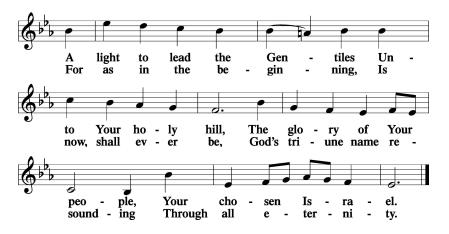
Hymn 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Hymn 629 What Is This Bread





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 \mathcal{C} Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

 \mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 T give you peace.

 \mathcal{C} Amen.

Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Calendar of Events

TODAY:	March 13, 2022		
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am		
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am		
8 th Grade Confirmation	after Church		
6 th Grade Confirmation	12:00 pm		
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 pm		
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm		
TUES:			
Preschool-8 th Grade Open House	5:00pm		
Altar Guild	6:30 pm		
Prayer Circle	7:00 pm		
WED:			
Day School Chapel			
Lenten Meal			
Lenten Service.	7:00 pm		
THURS:			
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am		
Fri:			
Preschool Chapel			
Eucher Party			
Youth Grade 6-8 Lock-In			
NEXT SUNDAY:			
Sunday School & Bible Classes			
Worship Service			
8 th Grade Confirmation			
6 th Grade Confirmation			
Adult Basketball in Gym			
Bell Choir Practice			
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm		

<u>Greeters are needed!</u> There is a sign-up list on the "Check It Out" board. We ask the greeters to meet the people outside at the overhang, weather permitting.

Altar guild news: 1. Meeting reminder, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

- 2. We are compiling a list of area florists or flower growers to keep in the altar guild room. If you know of someone to include, we need the name & phone number. Give to any attendant.
- **3**. A new set of wine trays were purchased. Enough donations were received to cover the entire cost. Many thanks to all!
- 4. Now accepting donations for Easter lilies. Place in the offering box marked "flowers," or give to any attendant. There was a price increase. Any amount is welcome. Thank you.

Euchre Party is on March 18th from 7-9ish. Join us in the Bethany Room and bring a friend and a snack to share! Be prepared to have FUN!!!!

Midweek Lenten Dessert Sign-up List is on the "Check It Out" board by the school secretary's office. We need your help, please!!

Adult **Basketball** – last Sunday date for basketball this month is scheduled for March 20th from 3 to 5 pm.

Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN is hosting its 28th annual Women's Retreat March 25-27, 2022. All women are invited to this peaceful and inspirational getaway to enjoy spiritual renewal, worship, laughter, and a close, Christian community. For more information or to register, please visit www.lutherhaven.org. Come and join the fun! Invite a friend! Enjoy the outdoors!

"Have you signed up yet for the Stewardship/LCMS Foundation Luncheon on Sunday, April 3, 2022? Andy Behrmann of the Foundation will discuss gift and estate planning ideas. There is no cost to attend nor will there be any "sales pitch" as the Foundation serves as a ministry arm of the Missouri Synod and exists only to serve LCMS members and to provide guidance and direction to those folks seeking to be intentional in their planning. Please RSVP to the Church Office no later that Friday, March 25th so that we are prepared with adequate food. Questions may be directed to Jim Tinkey, Lori Haug, Brian Denk or Mel Schutz."

<u>Budget info:</u> Operating budget fund balance as of March 10, 2022: \$119,100. This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

LWML, Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm: Taste of Passover Seder Foods. All are invited to this special time to remember and experience what our Lord has done for us. We will need a count for food preparation so **please** indicate a number of those attending on the forms available near the offering box in the Narthex.

Support the Right to Life by attending the **Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet**, Tuesday, April 12, at 6 pm at Christos Banquet Hall. You will be encouraged and motivated by the speakers, as well as have an opportunity to support the pro-life movement in north central Indiana. Jim and Linda Tinkey are hosting a table at the event and tickets are \$20.00. Contact them at jimlintinkey@gmail.com or 574-551-5627. More details on speakers are available at nci4life.org.

<u>Special offerings for the School roof</u> – Replacement of the school roof was approved by the voters at the special voters' meeting on February 27th. We have \$36,00 available in special funds to be used but an additional \$18,000 is needed to complete the project. If anyone feels lead to donate, we ask that you please put it in a separate envelope marked **School Roof**. Thank you.

<u>Voters' Assembly Minutes</u> – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, February 27 Special Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

Church secretary email – If you need to contact the church office through email you can either send it to my personal email : janmiller@stpaulsbremen.org or the church email : church@stpaulsbremen.org I will be checking both.

Registration for Summer Camp at Camp Lutherhaven is now open! Remember to register early if you have a special date in mind because the weeks fill up fast. Please check out the Youth Board for more information.

Save the Date: April 22, the 27th PTL Showcase of Fine Arts and Crafts, 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Room.

Do you know any young man who would make a great pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. The LCMS continues to pray, and has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve *SAS*. Please fill out a brief survey at lems.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey by March 15, and let us know how you think *SAS* can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

Youth News

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8) Attending the Lock In This Friday, March 18th: All sorts of fun activities are being planned for our annual Lock In. Plan to arrive by 7 pm in the Gym. Food will be provided throughout the night. We will close with a light breakfast and devotion by 7 am Saturday morning. Parents / Guardians will need to sign a waiver for this event.

Easter Sunrise Service (April 17th) – Youth in Grades 4-8:

Practices for the Easter Sunrise Service are planned on the following dates and will last approximately an hour. Our presentation of the glorious Easter Gospel will be different than past years — it is imperative that children committed to participating attend these practices.

- Sunday, March 27th after church
- Sunday, April 10th after church
- Saturday, April 16th time to be determined

If you have any questions, please speak with Andy Wildauer.

School Corner

This Tuesday is our Preschool through 8th grade Open House, March 15th, 5:00-7:00 pm! The theme is "Camp on Solid Ground at St. Paul's", referencing the Bible verse "Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8. We will have refreshments and games, with a chance to meet our staff and find out more about St. Paul's. Please advertise to your family and friends! Enrollment is always open, Preschool through 8th grade!

Congratulations to our school for making its Reading Challenge goal with 1221.7 points! The top school reader was Jack Wildauer; and the top readers in each class were Brady VanSoest, Ellie Laidig, Wyatt Wildauer, Josie Wildauer, Kellen Guse, Abby Wildauer, Alexis Andrews, Izzy Wildauer, and Jack Wildauer. Good job, Readers!

We have a new opportunity for you to support our school: you can earn money for our school when you get gas or purchase items at Casey's. Download the Casey's App, create an account, sign up for "Cash for Classrooms", and select Saint Paul's Lutheran School.

Thank you always for your support! **To God be all the glory!**Mark Wildauer

Wednesday Lenten Service, March 16, 2022

Witness to Christ - Malchus Lenten meal at 6:00 Lenten Service at 7:00

Easter is fast approaching and the Board of Evangelism encourages you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to our Holy Week services. Look for a special invite card with times and dates in next week's bulletin. We look forward to sharing the joy of our risen Savior. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Ervin & Wayne Spicher

Acolyte: Gavin Hundt Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Servants for Next Sunday Worship March 20, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Kurt Nielsen

Acolyte: Karli Miller Elder: Mike Gumz