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Romans 8:1



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All what Paul talks about in this chapter is the Christian's union with Christ through Baptism and faith. This is all part of what Christ won for us by dying on the cross and providing unity with the Holy Spirit by Baptism and faith. It is here that Paul rejoices in Christ as the fulfillment of the Law. Using the "in Christ" formula, Paul alludes to the believer's Baptism into Christ wherein the Holy Spirit unites with the believer. Jesus has not only vindicated Himself by His resurrection from the dead but also vindicated the one who has set his hope in Him. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

The Lord's Supper 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.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: 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

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Bell Choir "Were You There?"

Opening Hymn 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

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. *(Luke 18:13)*

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 "When O're My Sins I Sorrow"

1. When o're my sins I sorrow,
Lord, I will look to Thee
And hence my comfort borrow
That Thou was slain for me,

Yea, Lord, Thy precious blood was spilt
For me, O most unworthy,
To take away my guilt.

2. Oh, what a marv'ulous off'ring!
Behold, the Master spares
His servants, and their suff'ring
And grief for them He bears.
God stoopeth rom His throne on high;
For me, His guilty creature,
He deigns as man to die.
3. Therefore I will forever
Give glory unto Thee,
O Jesus, loving Savior,
For what Thou didst for me.
I'll spend my breath in songs of thanks
For Thy sad cry, Thy suff'rings,
Thy wrongs, Thy guiltless death.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

P Precious in the sight of the LORD

C **is the death of His saints.**

P I love the LORD, because He has heard

C **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because He inclined His ear to me,

C **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C **I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C **"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

P For You have delivered my soul from death,

C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

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 Precious in the sight of the LORD

C **is the death of His saints.**



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C **And also 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." ⁴Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

(John 20:31)

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it He said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. ⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to Him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet

bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

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.

Hymn 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Sermon Text

Romans 8:1-11

Sermon "We Don't Deserve It"

In Jesus, There Is No Condemnation.

1. Because Jesus Christ came to _____
_____ .

2. Because we now live _____ .

Hymn 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.** *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *(Psalm 136)*

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:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)* *LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



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 *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C **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

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* (John 1:29)

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

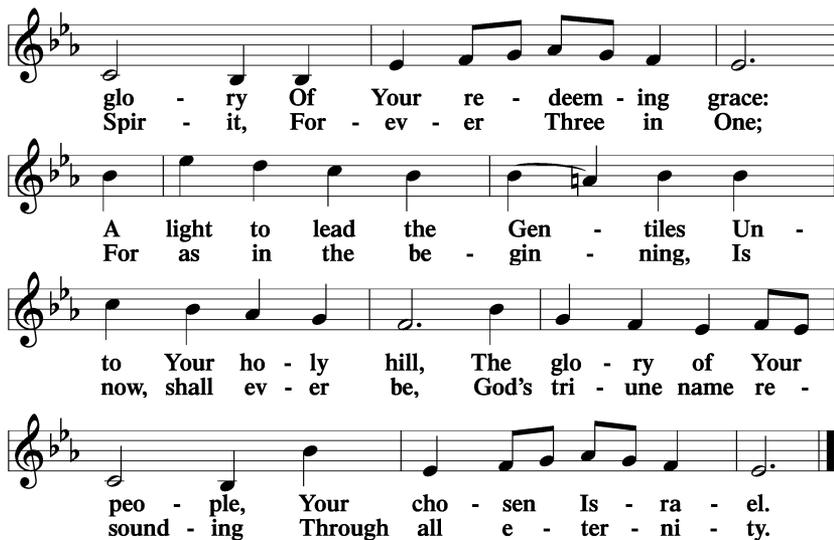
LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus ~ *Let s Bless (Psalm 103:1)*

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn 547 "The Lamb"

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Calendar of Events

TODAY:..... March 26, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
Bell Choir Rehearsal5:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm

MON:

LWML Presentation..... 7:00 pm
Parish Planning Council..... 7:30 pm

TUES:

WED:

Preschool/Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am
Lenten Meal: Salad and Appetizers 6:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

FRI: No School – Spring Break Begins

SAT:

Women Reading GOD’S Word in Community Cancelled

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday.....April 2, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
.....No Bell or Adult Choir Rehearsal

Altar flowers are lovingly given by Wayne and Robin Spicher in memory of Carolyn and Bill Kline’s heavenly birthdays and for Beth Enders and Madison Youngman’s birthdays.

Tomorrow, March 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Bethany Room, the LWML program will be presented by Marilyn Gumz, Kelly Sienicki, Angie Hughes, & Joanna Fox, as they share some “highlights” of their trip to the Holy Land. Open to the congregation. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

Thank you from Mel Schutz: Thank you for the cards, prayers and visits. I feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful St Paul’s family.

Portals of Prayer for April-June are now in the tract rack.

New church directories are available on the table in the Narthex.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

That we appreciate the significance and effect of Christ's substitutionary atonement for the sinner.

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May the Lord comfort them with His grace and healing.

That Jesus would shine in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world who face the struggles of war and persecution as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Reminder that the 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service will be at the cemetery chapel this year **NOT** at the church.

Thanks from Lillian Salyer, Pasty Schlemmer, Phyllis Brown, Rita Stanifer, Carol Seegers, Mildred Bollenbacher, Leo Sahlhoff, and Bo Weldy for all the cards, prayers, and love that you have given them! Praise God for our family of believers in Jesus!!!

Thanks to all my brothers and sisters in Christ who helped me (Pastor Wonnacott) to celebrate my 61st birthday. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Canceled ~ Women reading the Bible in Community will not meet on April 1st and April 8th. We will meet again on April 15th at 11:00 am. Please, join us then!

Altar Guild is taking donations in any amount for Easter lilies. Please place your donation in the offering plate or give to an attendant.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, March 19 Special Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes include information regarding the call to Mrs. Jamie Rogers. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger.

The 2023 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth. Keynote speaker will be Mike Fichter, CEO of Indiana Right to Life. Mike is an outstanding speaker and strong proponent of the pro-life cause. Jim and Linda Tinkey will host a table for St. Paul's members and would love to have you join them. Tickets are \$ 25 payable to RTL of NCI. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. See Jim or Linda to reserve a spot at their table or for any further details.

Do you know about Lutheran Hour Ministries? They do Christian outreach like The Lutheran Hour for TV, printed Christian Material, internet and music in association with LCMS and LWML. You can listen to The Lutheran hour! Find your local station at lhm.org/lutheranhour. National outlets include SiriusXM Sundays at 10 AM ET(Family Talk Channel 131), iHeartRadio/Spotify/Apple/Google (Podcast on demand) and Classic Broadcasts at lhm.org/sentradio. Share this info with all your family, friends and neighbors.

YOUTH NEWS

MOVIE UPCOMING: The recently released movie, “Jesus Revolution,” is coming to the Bremen Theatre at the end of March (March 30th through April 2nd). A local church has committed to covering the cost of admission for those in the community who choose to attend. While these dates run right up to Spring Break, our Youth Board would like to take a group of Youth (6th Grade through High School) **available to attend on Thursday, March 30th at 6 pm**. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board if interested. Youth will be responsible for the cost of snacks. Note: This movie is rated PG-13 due to certain content - attendance of any Youth is at the discretion of parents. For more information, please visit the website jesusrevolution.movie. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Our Youth Group is sponsoring the Easter breakfast and we need the help of any available Youth in Grades 6 through High School. We will set up for the breakfast on Saturday, April 8th at 5 pm and then begin preparation of the breakfast on Sunday, April 9th at 7 am. Please join us if able.

SCHOOL CORNER

If you look down the school hallway, you may notice that we are “O-fish-ally” open for registration (theme for the Preschool/Kindergarten Round-up). We had a good time at the Round-Up with around 13 families visiting the schools! **If you know anyone looking for a Christian-based education for Preschool through 8th Grade, please encourage them to contact us.** *YOU are our best advertisements! Online enrollment is available through the church website (school side).*

Tuition for our families may have gotten more affordable! Starting this next school year, we can offer financially eligible families Choice Scholarships, allowing them to receive a Christian, private school education. One of the “tracks” to receive Choice is through prior SGO approval. Thanks to your support of SGO, we were able to qualify 76% of our current families for Choice! **As new students may not be able to qualify for Choice, please continue to donate to the SGO program. You are making a difference and helping the school!**

We are in our last quarter of school already! Third quarter finished in March and we had Parent/Teacher Conferences this last week. Spring Break starts March 31st and ends on April 10th. We only have eight busy weeks left until the end of the year!

Spring Musical rehearsal is well underway and the students are perfecting their southern accents. **We will be performing “Jonah’s Druthers”- the tale of Jonah, set in a western theme.** So, saddle up, pardners, and get ready for a whale of a tale! We are looking for some props to borrow for the play. If you have any of the following items, please contact Jennifer Harman: Harmonica, small cart with wheels (metal or wood), small metal lunch pail, small to medium-sized brown or tapestry suitcase, western themed throw blanket (picnic size), small cotton sack (like

a gunny or flour sack), stuffed fabric chicken, Wicker laundry basket.

Thank you!

Please remember to give to the SGO!

We have provided SGO scholarships for 33 students this school year, thanks to your generous donations. **This has not only helped with their tuition this year, but also gives them the ability to qualify for a Choice scholarship for 2023-24.** As

Kindergarteners cannot apply for Choice, we will be using SGO scholarships to assist with tuition and qualify them for Choice for the following years. **Please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.