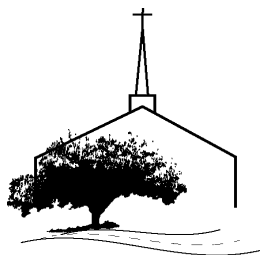


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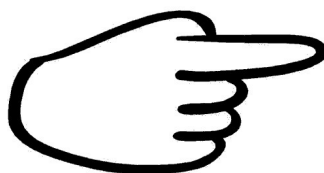


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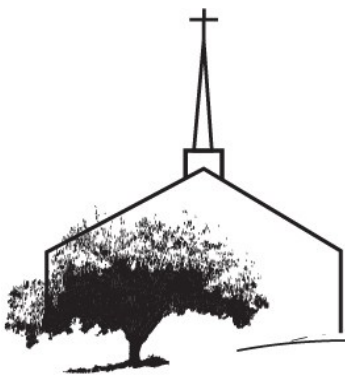
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5th Sunday in Lent ✠ March 17, 2024

"Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY!

God's word says that in this Sacrament we receive Christ's real Body and real Blood in, with, and under the Bread and Wine. Our Lord Jesus makes these 4 elements present so that we might receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Jesus expresses His love to us in such a real presence, He asks us to prepare ourselves and examine ourselves in the following manner before receiving His sacrament.

In Preparation To Receive the Sacrament:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without any hope of eternal life except for God's mercy to me found only through Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and also a true human being who is my personal Savior from all sin?
3. Do I believe that His true Body and Blood are really present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the bread and the wine?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

As you come to Holy Communion you are affirming a steadfast belief in the statements above. In this belief and by receiving the Sacrament you are affirming that Jesus Christ is your Savior and that you are in unity with those who commune with you. Following the above guidelines allows you to take Holy Communion in a worthy manner. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and bring God's wrath and judgment on themselves (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we ask that any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different from the congregations of **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** are requested to refrain from receiving the Sacrament. Each person may come forward for a blessing with hands folded as an indication to the pastor that they wish to receive a blessing. An alcohol-removed wine (distinguished by its lighter color) is offered in the center of each communion tray as an option. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request during distribution at the altar. The Common Cup will also be offered with each table. If you do not take an individual cup, the pastor will serve the Chalice. If you have any questions regarding the reception of Holy Communion please speak to a pastor or one of the elders of our congregation before the service.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE: We offer childcare for infant and nursery age children **during our 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class hour and our 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service.** We also offer a weekly **children's bulletin**, quarterly devotion books and activity bags for children during our worship located as you enter the Narthex (please return all items to the activity bag after worship and return to the hooks on your way out of worship).

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PRAYER:

The weekly prayer list is shared via email every Monday and Friday. If you are not receiving emails through Constant Contact, please contact the church via email: wecare@splcwaco.com.

FLOWERS were placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Mark & Kimberly Goolsby and Austin & Brooke Cook families in loving memory of Kenneth & Geneva Bolen, who were united in marriage 63 years ago on March 17, 1961. We celebrate this milestone with them in heaven.

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. We ask this, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please silence your cell phones and mobile devices during our worship time.)

PRESERVICE MUSIC AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN, 605: "Father Welcomes"

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
People: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
Pastor: I love the Lord, because he has heard
People: my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Pastor: Because he inclined his ear to me,
People: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
People: I suffered distress and anguish.
Pastor: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
People: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"
Pastor: For you have delivered my soul from death,
People: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
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.
Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
People: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 5:1–10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:32–45

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

People: **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 of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY, 685: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

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- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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SERMON: “Red Letter Challenge” – Week of Going

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that our heavenly Father would write His Word on our hearts and lead us to know Him as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For Matthew, our Synod president; Rev. Matthew Harrison, our district president; Rev. Michael Newman, our circuit visitor; Rev. Kurt Rutz, and all pastors, who like all flesh are beset with weakness, that they may deal gently with us and be preserved faithful to proclaim God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For humility, that after the example of Christ, we would not lord authority over one another but serve each other in our homes, communities and congregation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all earthly authorities, that they may be guarded from the temptation to wield such power improperly, and be committed instead to good and faithful service, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who walk the way of the cross among us, that as Christ learned obedience through His suffering, they also may be instructed in His ways, sustained by His blessings and, in His time, receive relief from His Fatherly hand, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who come to the holy altar, that God would prepare our hearts by His Spirit worthily to receive the body and blood of Christ, who was sacrificed for us on the cross; and that we would believe in His promise of the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PREFACE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your Spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, 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: .

LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Hymn, 392: "God Loves Me Dearly"

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

Refrain:
Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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Hymn: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)"

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
(pause)
10,000 years and then forever more

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Hymn, 688: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN, 433: "Glory Be to Jesus"

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
 Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the lifeblood
 From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal
 In that blood I find;
 Blest be His compassion,
 Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages
 Be the precious stream
 Which from endless torment
 Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
 Pleaded to the skies;
 But the blood of Jesus
 For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

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Postlude

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17-24, 2024

GATHERING LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to celebrate with them at their Chartering Service on TODAY, March 17, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at their new location at 635 N. Robinson Dr, Robinson, Texas 76706. Rev. Michael Newman, President of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will be preaching the service that day, and light snacks will be served following the service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline to submit information to be included in the April edition is Monday, March 18. Please have all submissions delivered to the church office (either in print, or by email: wecare@splcwaco.com) no later than 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Cindy in the church office (254.799.3211).

CHURCH OFFICER ELECTIONS will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. The slate of nominees will be introduced in both services on Sunday, April 21, with elections conducted in both services on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Please give prayerful consideration as to how you might use your talents in His service to the St. Paul family next year and please keep the nominating committee in your prayers.

CALL FOR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE: As we continue to seek the Lord's guidance in our call process for a Director of Youth and Family Ministry, we have officially received a Call List of 14 eligible candidates to consider. As required by St. Paul's bylaws, the Call Committee is giving the congregation a 30 day window to provide comments regarding any candidate on the list. You may obtain a list of the 14 candidates in the church office. Please submit all comments on any of the candidates to the church office. Comments must be submitted in writing with the church member's name attached. This comment period will close on Monday, April 8, 2024.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2024:

- ✦ Easter Banners: The Sunday School students will be crafting their own Easter mini-banners during the month of March. Each Sunday the classes will learn about and add components to their banners that will be displayed in church on Easter Sunday.
- ✦ Easter Egg Hunt, Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:15 a.m.: Easter Activities for ages Nursery thru 8th Grade. Join us for a Big Kid Challenging Egg Hunt & Traditional Little Kid Egg Hunt, Games, a Photo Booth (located in the AFLC this year) and the Easter Bunny! Volunteers are still needed—please sign up in the church foyer. We can also still use any extra plastic fillable easter eggs you may have to share!
- ✦ Pancakes & Pillows, Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:15 a.m.: On Easter Sunday all Children and Youth Sunday School classes will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room for pancakes, an Easter devotion and pillow service project. If you have any questions, please stop by the Sunday School office.

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The St. Paul Men's Club will provide a pancake breakfast immediately following the 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship service on Sunday, March 31, 2024. A free-will offering will be accepted with proceeds to future mission projects for the church and/or community. Please make plans to join us on Easter morning for worship and breakfast!

Classes for All Ages

Please join us for Sunday School and Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE

All of our Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School classes are following the Red Letter Challenge through Palm Sunday, March 24. This study will give us all a better understanding of the daily process of living out our faith. The Red Letter Challenge employs 5 principles to help us: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving and Going.

All classes will resume their previous studies on Sunday, April 7.

Other Bible Study Opportunities:

College Student Evening Bible Study/Fellowship

This group meets Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Rogers Engineering Building, room 207, at Baylor University. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Hesse or Karen Shelton.

Ladies Bible Study Group in the Conference Room

This group meets in the Conference Room on the First and Third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. They are studying, "CHOSEN: A Study of Esther." In this study, see that God's presence is ever-abundant in your life, and that God gives you the courage to live fearlessly as Esther did. Learn the historical context of the Book of Esther to enrich your understanding of God's Word.

Youth Confirmation/Catechesis Training and Music (grades 5-8)

These classes meet on Wednesday evenings. Students in grades 6-8 meet in the Youth Room at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Hesse, and students in 5th grade meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room with Deaconess Krahn. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Hesse.

***There's a place for EVERYONE to be immersed in
God's Word and fellowship with other Christians!***



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Holy Communion, both services, Live-Streamed at 7:30 p.m.)

March 29 - Good Friday Worship

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Live-Streamed at 7:30 p.m.)

March 31 - Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (followed by Men's Club Easter Pancake Breakfast)

8:00 a.m. Easter Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Classes

9:15 a.m. Youth & Children Pancakes & Pillows Service Project

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

MEETING AND ACTIVITY NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17-24, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.: Adult Bible Classes (Albers Family Life Center)
9:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Class (Conference Room)
9:15 a.m.: Men's Bible Class (classroom behind the Parish Hall)
9:15 a.m.: Simply Loved Sunday School (grades Nursery through 4th Grade, Music Room/classrooms)
9:15 a.m.: Enduring Faith Sunday School (grades 5-8, Music Room/classrooms)
9:15 a.m.: College/High School Youth Bible Study and Fellowship (Youth Room)
10:30 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.: Chartering Service for Gathering Lutheran Church (635 N. Robinson Dr, Robinson, Texas 76706)

MONDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 a.m.: Quilting Group (Parish Hall)
4:00 p.m.: Newsletter Deadline
5:30 p.m.: College Bible Study (Rogers Hall 207, BU campus)
7:00 p.m.: AA/Al-Anon Meetings (Classrooms)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 a.m.: Tri-Cities Ministries (Parish Hall/Classrooms)
12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
5:30 p.m.: Board of Elders Meeting
6:00 p.m.: Board of Directors Meeting (Albers Family Life Center)
7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.: Ladies Bible Study Group (Conference Room)
11:00 a.m.: Lent Worship
12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
6:00 p.m.: Children/Youth Hand Chimes Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.: Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.: Confirmation/Midweek Classes (Grades 6-7 in the Youth Room, Grade 5 in the Conference Room)
7:30 p.m.: Lent Worship

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 a.m.: Lawn/Building Maintenance
12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
7:00 p.m.: AA/Al-Anon Meetings (Classrooms)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 p.m.: Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry (parking lot/building)
7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Classrooms)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.: Adult Bible Classes (Albers Family Life Center)
9:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Class (Conference Room)
9:15 a.m.: Men's Bible Class (classroom behind the Parish Hall)
9:15 a.m.: Community Easter Egg Hunt & Activities (on the church property - complete details on page 13)
9:15 a.m.: College/High School Youth Bible Study and Fellowship (Youth Room)
10:30 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: Mark 14-16
Monday: Numbers 1-3
Tuesday: Numbers 4-6
Wednesday: Numbers 7-10
Thursday: Numbers 11-14
Friday: Numbers 15-17
Saturday: Psalms 29-30

ATTENDANCE TOTALS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

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