

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, A+D 2022**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone “through faith in Christ” (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a “new thing” for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become “the stone that the builders rejected.” Yet, the One rejected by men “has become the cornerstone” of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, “a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Is. 43:19).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

### 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Exhortation***LSB 151*

- 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.***Confession of Sins***LSB 151*

- 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.**

**Absolution***151*

- 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***Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8*

- P** Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
**C** **your blessing be on your people!**

- P** But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
**C** **my glory, and the lifter of my head.**  
**P** I cried aloud to the LORD,  
**C** **and he answered me from his holy hill.**  
**P** I lay down and slept;  
**C** **I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**  
**P** I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
**C** **who have set themselves against me all around.**  
**C** **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** Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
**C** **your blessing be on your people!**

## 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

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The Fifth Sunday in Lent is from the forty-third chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things,  
 nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8–14*

**A** The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
 That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;  
 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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**Holy Gospel***Luke 20:9–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants

and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone?'

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

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**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of



**sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

### **Offertory**

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing 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 pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### **Prayer of the Church**

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- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Full)

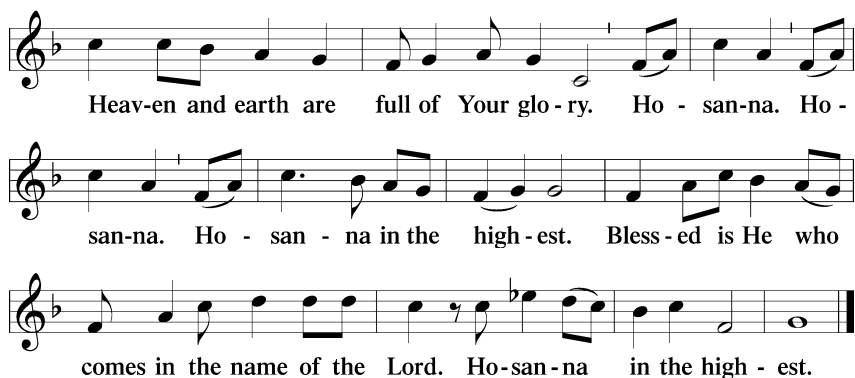
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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

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

- C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## 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 of Christ's Body and Blood

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

*Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

## 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

*Stand*

### The Communion Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**G** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

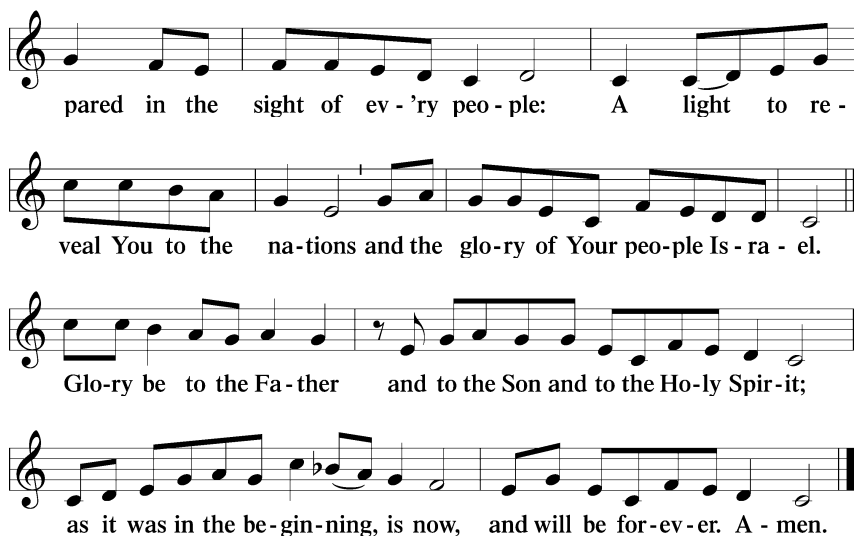
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**G** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



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, 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.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

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**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.

## 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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### Inserts

# Your stewardship of TESTIMONY

It might seem a bit strange to talk about the stewardship of testimony. But Jesus instructed His disciples of all ages to make disciples, teaching and baptizing and encouraging people to follow God's teachings (Matthew 28:18-20). He also told His first disciples that they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

As modern day disciples we also desire to be faithful witnesses, saying and doing all that we can to give witness to our Lord Jesus Christ who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

St. Peter in his first letter (3:15) instructs us with these words: “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give

an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” With that in mind, I would like to share with you a thought or two about a concept borrowed from the business world. It is called an “Elevator Speech“. What it is, very simply, is a presentation you have worked on, planned, thought through, practiced, refined and worked on again that will tell a person the message you would like to share with them, in our case the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, in the amount of time you have with others on an elevator. (If you have more time you will, of course, be blessed to expand on your speech.) In short, it is a quick (the two minutes or so that you are on an elevator with someone) sharing of the Gospel that will excite the hearer, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, hopefully lead them to want to know more either then or at some other time. It is as simple and safe as telling the other person how God has impacted your life and sharing with them that He would love to do the same in their life.

What a privilege to be able to do the work that the angels of God long to do—that is, give our testimony of the joy, peace and hope that are ours because of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. And what added joy we will have to take into eternity when the words of Daniel 12:3 come true: "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."





# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

April 3, 2022

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

David Jr. & Kristi Hudson, Family Emily  
Melanie Hudson, Family Levi  
Abby Ignowski  
Kevin & Dana Krieger, Family Kaylee, Hope  
Barb Leone

### BIRTHDAYS

Brian Wiltjer, 4/4  
Kristi Hudson, 4/5  
Abby Ignowski, 4/5

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Jenna Wiltjer, 4/6

### CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Dean Bloom, 4/4  
Sandy Bodza, 4/4  
Mary Sella, 4/4  
Jennifer Wisely, 4/5  
Diane Akers, 4/6  
Janet Sanders, 4/6  
Dave Bloom, 4/7  
Bill Middleton, 4/8  
Steven Nowicki, 4/8

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Barb Leone, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, and Warren Van Mynen.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Hospitalized this past week** – Gene Wiltjer at Ingalls, Harvey

# NEWS UPDATE

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Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to Easter, we would like to continue support for those in need. However, due to the continued impact of the Coronavirus, our normal distribution of food baskets will not take place. Instead, we will do as we have done this past year, and get Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be very much appreciated.

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**Today's Bible Discussion** "Why the Joy of the Lord IS Our Strength! This Bible discussion will touch on Lacking Joy, Living Joy, and Lasting Joy! This is a one page study, we encourage you to stay and come for the discussion and to share your thoughts, experiences and ideas. We will have a closing Hymn, one of my favorites, "Let Us Ever walk with Jesus". There will be an expanded Coffee and... for this Sunday, so grab cup of coffee and a treat and join us.

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Join the **Pastor Fluechling Lenten Challenge**. Everyone is encouraged to read the entire New Testament between now (never to soon to start) and Easter morning. You can read it—approximately 45 minutes per day—listen to it on your phone or tablet! This is good quiet time alone. Or even better with a partner or small group. Maybe an evening family reading! No matter how, when, or where Jesus is always there!

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**Christian Stewardship** is concerned with God's gifts and the way we use them. There are many passages in the Bible that are concerned with a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is, in my book, what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Our Missouri Synod has this as their definition of stewardship: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." *Luke 6:20-38, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

The Eight T's are: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology. You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

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We will have a Free Will Offering Collection For **Pastor Yount's mission** of **Spiritual Orphans Network** through the end of the month.

**Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Deuteronomy 15:8**

LCC has been and will continue to collect financial donations to be given out "Dollar per Dollar" to help the people of Ukraine to show the Mercy and Compassion of Jesus Christ. We continue to work through churches, Christian Ministries, and leaders with direct connections to Ukraine, including these partnerships:

- Ukrainian Church – Palatine, Illinois
- **Pastor Scott Yount, Missionary in Ukraine, Immanuel Lutheran Church – Palatine, Illinois**
- Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC)



*The Lutheran Ladies' Circle: Plucking One String* by Kris Knorr is the book we will be reviewing on April 13 at 10:00 am.. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members.



In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Visit <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>



There is a discussion group on Facebook about LHM's *Suffering Servant* Lenten Devotions Beginning March 2. Each day's devotion will be posted to the group. You can make a comment or a thought for discussion on one of

the posts. To search on Facebook the group is called Let's Discuss the Devotions or enter the following in your favorite browser [www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/)

“You and I are God’s workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God’s tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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## GOD’S PEOPLE IN ACTION

### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



March 27<sup>th</sup> Attendance 30, 26 Communed, 6 Online

Basket	\$112.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	676.50	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Lent	100.00	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
		Food Basket	50.00
		Ukrainian Missn.	26.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>888.50</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$141.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,640.00		
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-751.50</b>		



### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...

### SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Apr 3, 8:45 AM	Sun, Apr 10, 8:45 AM
Pastor	Pastor Dobberstein	Pastor Fluechtling
Usher	Louis Sella	Bill Sommer
		Norma Allen
Lay Reader	Norma Allen	Kevin Krieger