

**Lenten Midweek 2 (February 28th, 2024)
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Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm 103

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**
- ³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- ⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶**The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- ⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹²**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴**For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.**

¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**
¹⁷But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸**to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**
¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰**Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**
²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
²²**Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Sit

Office Hymn: 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.
¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 3:10–14

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:13–21

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 231

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Sermon

Stand

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

Sit

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P** 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.

The Litany

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

L God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

L Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

L Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

L We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 9–15

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Nathan Kieser

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

Announcements

CHURCH CHOIR: The adult choir will rehearse in the church balcony every Wednesday, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare music for the Festivals of the Church year!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for January and February 2024 - "BREAKFAST FOOD": During the months of January and February we will be collecting BREAKFAST FOOD items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of March. Some suggestions are but not limited to: hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, juice, muffin/pancake mix, syrup, jelly/jam, and breakfast bars. All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op which relies solely on donations from individuals, congregations, and organizations. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations!!

LOST & FOUND: There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

2023 Annual Reports are now available in the Narthex.

SAVE THESE LWML DATES:

Spring Rally is Saturday, April 27 at St. John Flatrock

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School: Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up for 2024-2025 School Year is on Tuesday March 5th from 5:30-7:00pm. Those who visit can meet the teachers, tour the school, and receive information. Program features: Christ centered education, play-based learning, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Tell your family and friends; please help spread the word.

The SPI Trustees are accepting bids for mowing the lawn at school. This is for the 2024 mowing season April - October and is to be bid per each time the lawn is mowed. Sealed bids are due by March 17, 2024 to Ben Franz (SP) or Ralph Thieme (I) or the school office. Any questions can be directed to Ben Franz at 260-341-2642.

Calling all Fuelling Aces: Year #2 Decatur Circuit Fastpitch Softball Reunion at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Same as in 2023 and look forward to seeing you. If there are questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

Zion Lutheran Church Friedheim: Soup & Sandwich Dinner Sunday, March 10, 2024, Serving 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Zion Friedheim's, Dahling Family Life Center 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, Indiana. Joyful Voices Choir & Instrumentalists Directed by Allison Ulmer will be featured from 11:30am-12:30pm. Carryout will be available & custom dessert boxes will be available for purchase. Plan to shop at the craft sale. Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joe Mix provided by Smok'n T's BBQ Pit - Tyson Burkhart, Owner. Menu: Homemade Chicken Noodle & Ham and Bean Soups, Pulled Pork, Sloppy Joe, & Hot Dog Sandwiches, Variety of Salads & Pies(Dine-In), & Drinks. Free Will Offering. Proceeds towards debt reduction.

Looking for another way to help support SPI school, try the PaperGator! What is that you ask? Why it is a simple way to not only help the school, but also the environment. There is a green dumpster at SPI school on the east side of the property. The items that can be collected are: school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper(bagged in clear plastic), paperboard(cereal boxes, butter boxes, etc.), Cardboard(12x12 or smaller, & NOT Corrugated), & wrapping paper(no foil or sparkles). When you have a pile of the approved items, take them to the school and put them into the PaperGator dumpster. It is that easy. The proceeds are going towards the 7th & 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will begin with Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14th, and will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, March 20th. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

Additional Lenten Worship Opportunities

Wednesday March 6th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Divine Service at 7:00pm.

Wednesday March 13th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Divine Service at 7:00pm.

Wednesday March 20th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Divine Service at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 24th- Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am.

Thursday March 28th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm.

Friday March 29th- Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm.

Friday March 29th- Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 31st- Easter Sunday Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am. Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am.

St. John Lutheran Church- Bingen: Annual Fish & Tenderloin Dinner on March 17th, serving from 10:30am-1:00pm at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. All you can eat- Adults \$14.00, Children (6-12) \$10.00, 5& under Free. All proceeds go to the Family Assistance Fund. Drive thru & carry out available. Fried by Dan's Fry Service, Huntington. Questions, please call (260)-639-6178.

St. John Lutheran Church- Flatrock: Spring Rummage Sale at 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville, IN in the gymnasium. Friday March 22nd, 8:00am-5:00pm, Saturday March 23rd, 8:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Saturday. Priced items not included in bag sale. Priced items half price on Saturday. Proceeds go towards missions & church projects.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH and APRIL - "SAUCES": During the months of March and April we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Thank you for all your donations.