

Lent 4 (March 10th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.

Introit

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*
though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

Hymn of the Day: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave
Sermon

Choir Sings vv. 2 & 4

Offering- SPI Choir: "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord God, draw us into Your light. Expose wherever we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, You gave Your only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Bless the work of missionaries as they carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth, that many may hear of Your love in Christ Jesus and be saved through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have set Joseph, our president, and Eric, our governor, as authorities over us for our good. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You had Moses lift up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, thereby foreshadowing Your own Son's lifting up on the cross. Teach us to hear in the Old Testament the promises and pictures of the coming Christ, who is their Savior and ours. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Bob Hegerfeld

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatrick for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

all who suffer in body, mind or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious Lord, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Cause Your Spirit to be at work in us, that we may not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds, but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works He has prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

In His Service Today:

Preacher/Celebrant: 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

OFFERINGS : March 3rd- Home purpose: \$6,654.00, Missions: \$10.00, SPI: \$150.00, Vanco: \$44.78

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF March 10th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI School Board Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

April Newsletter Information: The deadline for the April newsletter has been extended to Thursday March 21st.