

Lent 3 (March 23rd, 2025)
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Opening Hymn: 696 O God, My Faithful God

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.
L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm

- ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

- ³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**
- ⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**
- ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- ¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Sit

Office Hymn: 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the

wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1–9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up

the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 222

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn of the Day: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Sermon

Stand

Te Deum

LSB 223

Sit

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, including:
 - Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
 - 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 Deatruck for healing from a fall
 - Keith and Suzy Scherer
 - Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

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: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: March 16th- Home Purpose \$13,725.00, Missions: \$350.00, Picnic Grove: \$50.00, Vanco: \$306.06, SPI: \$50.00, Memorials: \$2,125.00

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.

Easter Flowers: The order form is included in the bulletin. Please note that orders need to be turned into **The Grainery by April 7th**. Thank you!

Lenten Soup Suppers: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening Wednesday Lenten services. There are still a few spots left. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH - "DINNER": During the month of March we will be collecting items for "Dinner". Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

Do you have an announcement that you would like to be included in the Sunday bulletin? If yes, all you need to do is let Amber Shaffer know by 7:00pm on Thursdays. I can be reached by either phone call or text message at 260-223-9897, or email splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars: The Spring SPI Musical will be Friday April 25th, 6:30pm in the SPI gymnasium.

Accepting Bids: The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the groundskeeping duties of the school grounds for the spring, summer and fall of 2025. The SPI Trustees will be accepting bids for the custodian position for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested, please contact one of the trustees for the job description for either of these positions, (SP) Ben Franz, (I) Ralph Thieme, or the school office. Sealed bids are due to the trustees by Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Fry Pie Fundraiser: Remember pick up day is Wednesday April 9th. Time depends on what you filled out on your order form, either the dismissal line at 2:00pm or in the evening between 5:00-6:30. Thank you again for supporting our SPI students!

SPI Kindergarten Visit Day: will be Wednesday April 9th, 8:30-11:00am.

Save the Date: SPI will be having another Rummage Sale this year, Friday June 6th & Saturday June 7th with proceeds going towards redoing the gym floor . As spring cleaning begins please keep the SPI Rummage Sale in mind to donate your gently used clothing, shoes, household, toys, and books to. Now accepting donations at either church or the school.

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church- Soest: Spring Rummage Sale is Thursday April 24th 10:00am-6:00pm and Friday April 25th 9:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Friday. Always a huge selection at great prices!

Spring Rummage Sale at St John Lutheran Church Flatrock gym, 12912 Franke Rd Monroeville, IN on Friday, April 11th 8am-5pm and Saturday, April 12th 8am-noon. Bag sale on Saturday.

St. Rose- Monroeville, Indiana: Spring Rummage Sale is Thursday April 3rd 8:00am-7:00pm and Friday April 4th 8:00am-5:00pm. Bag sale all day on Friday. Located at the Parrish Hall 209 Mulberry St. Monroeville, IN 46773.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, an estimated F4 tornado traveled from Ossian, Indiana to Edgerton on the Indiana-Ohio state line, killing 13 and causing millions of dollars of damage to houses and farmsteads in its path. The village of Townley, north of Monroeville, was completely destroyed. Many of those affected by the tornado were German Lutherans. To mark its 105th anniversary, the Friends of Wyneken will retell the story of the twister and its aftermath with a presentation on Sunday, March 30 at 2 pm. The presentation will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, Indiana. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF March 23rd, 2025

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Please Join Us for these Upcoming Worship Services

Wednesday March 26th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday April 2nd, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday April 9th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Sunday April 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am

Thursday April 17th, 2025

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm

Friday April 18th, 2025

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

Sunday April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am
Festival Divine Service of Holy Communion at 9:00am

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EASTER PLANT PRICE LIST 2025

Easter Lilies 6" 1 stem (5+ blooms) _____ \$14.50

Easter Lilies 8" 2 stem (9+ blooms) _____ \$29.50

Easter Lilies 10" 3 stem (14+ blooms) _____ \$39.50

Hydrangea 6"- 3 bloom _____ \$30.00 Colors: Pink or Blue

Daffodils 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Yellow

Tulips 6" _____ \$12.00 Assorted Colors in Red, Yellow, Pink,
Purple, Orange

Hyacinths 6" _____ \$12.00 Assorted Colors in Pink, Blue, Purple

Azaleas 6" _____ \$30.00 Colors: Pink shades

Mums 6" _____ \$15.00 Assorted Colors in Pink, Yellow, or
Lavender

Foil Pot Covers Included

Orders must be in to the Grainery 2 weeks prior to Easter – April 7th.