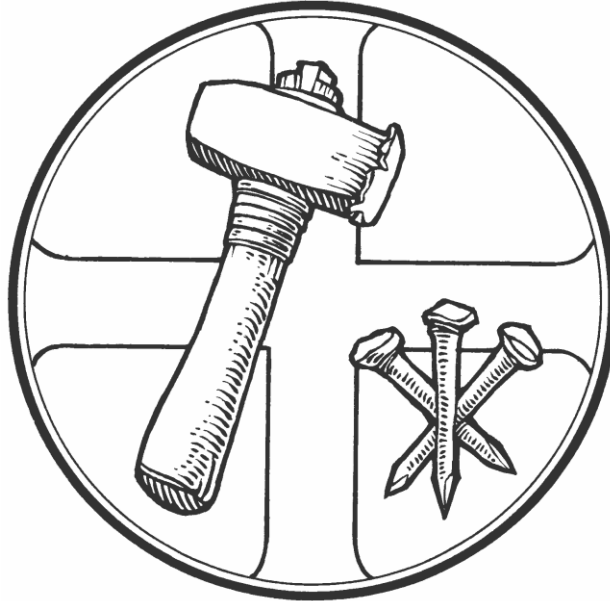


**Lenten Midweek 4 (April 2nd, 2025)
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Opening Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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 51:1-12

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**
³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴**Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**
⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
⁶**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Sit

Office Hymn: 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

First Reading

Joel 2:12–14

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 5:13–16

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.
¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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.

Hymn of the Day: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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** 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. **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. **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: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Sem. Joshua Camp

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

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

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

Announcements

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!

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

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL and MAY - "SAUCES": During the months of April & May, 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 & bottled marinades. 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. However, at this time the beef freezer has been very low of product. If anyone would be interested in donating toward the purchase of a steer/cow please notify Bruce or Brenda Scherer. We are not saying this is what we are going to do, but only inquiring as to any interest in helping in this way. Every time we deliver, no matter how much we have, the Co-Op is extremely grateful. All donations are a great benefit to the students and their families.
Thank you for all your donations.

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.

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 school.

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.

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.

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church- Soest: Spring Rummage Sale & Bake 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!

Please Join Us for these Upcoming Worship Services

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