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Third Sunday in Lent





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Divine Services:

Sunday 10:00 AM; Monday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, giving it to an usher as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

CHRISTIAN LIFE HOUR - Sundays 8:45-9:45 AM - Sunday School children meet downstairs for Sunday School. Children 0-2 are welcomed to the staffed nursery in the basement. The Adult Bible Class (youth and adults) meets in the Fellowship Hall of the church basement.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and HYMNS are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

Jesus graciously offers the water of abundant and everlasting life to an adulterous woman (John 4:14-18). He has just as much compassion for those who have participated in violences against life. Let us point out how these famines starve hearts so that we may proclaim Him who showers forgiveness and deliverance. If He draws water from rocks (Exodus 17:6), how much more life will He pour forth from our lips!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Liturgists/Fieldworkers:	Eric Larson and Tim Schulte
Communion Assistant:	David Kassebaum
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Gomez
Greeters:	Bill and Sharon Lichtenberg
Acolyte:	Samaria Buford



(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (699)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out my complaint before Him; before Him I tell my trouble.

C: When my spirit grows faint within me, it is You who know my way. In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me. Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

L: I cry to You, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

C: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise Your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of Your goodness to me.

L: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

L: Today God calls us to confess our sins of willful blindness.

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

L: God of Light,

C: We are born in sin and darkness, separated from You. We are blind to Your Word and Your work, choosing to see only what pleases ourselves and fulfills our desires. Although You have called us to be children of light, we all too often go back to the fruitless deeds of darkness, sinning against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who is the Light of the world, we pray for Your forgiveness.

LENT WREATH HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown (430, stanza 3)

3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es
sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their
King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,

And for His death They thirst and cry.

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P: The Lord Christ, who died on the cross for you, has shined on you, making you light in the Lord. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I announce the good news to you: Your sins are totally forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Live as children of light.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 168

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion 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 uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

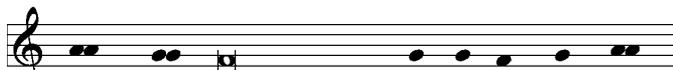
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VENITE

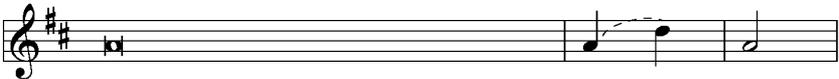
Psalm 95:1-9



- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God,
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8, 13-17

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN: As the Deer (p. 17)

SERMON: "I'm a Real Human!" Romans 5:5

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (prayer requests)

OFFERING VERSE – “For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.” Psalm 95:7

“God so Loved the World”
John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.

(Please stand)

PRAYER HYMN (sung through three times)

Stay with us, O Lord Je-susChrist, night will soon fall. Then
stay with us, O Lord Je-susChrist, light in our dark-ness.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin before communing.
Individual cups for those who prefer not to drink alcohol are in the center of the
tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

PREFACE

LSB 177

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.

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 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. 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

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

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 Tbody, 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 Tblood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

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, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- Jesus, Refuge of the Weary (423)
- Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (435)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (761)

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Tgive you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (750)

(Please turn in your attendance card to the ushers as you leave)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — “Great are You, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and of Your wisdom there is no end. And man, being a part of Your creation, desires to praise You — man, who bears about with him his mortality, the witness of his sin, even the witness that You resist the proud, — yet man, this part of Your creation, desires to praise You. You move us to delight in praising You; for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” St. Augustine, *Confessions*.

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OUR PRAYERS, we remember the following:

- OUR MEMBERS: Barbara Cromer; Sue-Robin Curtis Barney; John and Dionne Cutts, Lauren, Jessica, and Christina.
 - OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Norman Loeb, Eunice Martens, and Mildred Mauch.
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Leo Russavage, Priss Niehaus, Earl LaMotte, Elnora Hildreth (sister-in-law of Evem Mallory), Loretta Riedisser, Emma Helmkamp, Anthony Miller (grandson of Larry and Loretta Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Cliff Fuller, Thresa Jacobsmeyer, Karen Becker, Betty Williams, Christina Brower, Ini Udofia, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Crestwood, MO; Trinity Lutheran Church in Parsons, Kansas; and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bethany, Oklahoma.
- SCHOOL FAMILIES: Kaleah and Kathon Moore and Family; Lashaun Moorehead and Family; Courtnei Morris and Family; Kerrah and Khristian Morrow and Family; Jacobi, Jakob, and Jamir Oliphant and Family.
- THANKSGIVING for successful Upward Basketball Camp



OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

For the week of March 15 through March 22, 2020

- TODAY:** Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00 AM
Handbells 11:15 AM
School Open House 1:00 PM
- MONDAY:** Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM
NO DIVINE SERVICE
- TUESDAY:** Church Council 7:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY:** Men's Breakfast Bible Class 7:00-8:00 AM
Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM
Voters' Deadline 9:00 AM
Evangelism Calling 9:30 AM
Shoebox Party 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
LENT WORSHIP 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Souper Supper 5:00PM
Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM
- THURSDAY:** Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM
- FRIDAY:** Chapel 8:40 AM
Gospel of John Bible Class 10:30 AM-12:00 NOON
- SATURDAY:** Volleyball 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON
- NEXT SUNDAY:** Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00 AM
Handbells 11:15 AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD

For the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday School 4 students 3 teachers/helpers

Sunday Bible Class 25

Men's Breakfast Bible Class 12

Gospel of John Bible Class 10

Worship Service Attendance

March 4: 42 + 24 = 66

March 8: 99

Tithes and Offerings March 4 \$540.00

Tithes and Offerings March 8 \$8,520.41

Weekly Offerings Budget \$8,000.00

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly



soul long-eth af-ter Thee. You a-lone are my
though You are a King. I love You more than
You can sat-is-fy. You a-lone are the



heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship Thee.
an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.
real joy-giv-er and the ap-ple of my eye.

Refrain:



You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To You a-lone may my



spir-it yield. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I



long to wor-ship Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL – On Palm Sunday, April 5, ALL CHILDREN are invited to participate in leading the congregation in waving palm branches and processing at the beginning of service. Watch this space for more details!

2. CHILDREN IN CHURCH - The children of this congregation need some new Sunday School teachers. Teaching youngsters the faith is one of the *greatest* ways that God can use you to make a Kingdom impact. Worship the Lord and serve your neighbor by volunteering. Talk to Pastor Dressler for more information, or if you have any questions.

3. BIBLE STUDY - *Beef! It's what's for dinner!* . . . but why? Why does God allow us to eat the animals we're supposed to care for? And exactly what kind of relationship should we have with animals in particular, and the creation in general? Everything turns on this question- ***what does it mean to be human?*** Come to Bible study for a short series called "A Foretaste of the Feast to Come".

4. GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS – We are pleased to announce that Salem will now be offering gluten-free communion wafers. To ensure proper planning and inventory, please call the office at 314-741-6781 to let us know to include you.

5. SOUPER SUPPERS are being served between the 4:00 and 7:00 PM Wednesday Lenten services. The menu for this Wednesday is corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, red potatoes, green beans, dessert, drink. Free-will offering.

6. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Lutheran Resale Shop is looking for friendly volunteers to help us *tomorrow* Monday, March 16th when we do our semi-annual change-over of clothing, shoes, hats, etc. We need you from 10AM to 3PM. Please bring a sack lunch. We are again offering \$10 in merchandise to the first 10 new volunteers who call. Phone: 314-389-9970. You don't have to stand all day since we have sit down jobs also. We are at 6701 W. Florissant in Jennings. We are looking forward to meeting you!

7. SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH – LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, on Saturday, March 28, you are invited to bring your favorite cleaning supplies and equipment, and a lunch and drink if you plan to stay over the lunch hour. Doors will be open from 8:30 AM - ???

8. THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850, worship with us this Lenten season with Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. and midweek service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview on 3/18 at 11:00 a.m. Find podcasts including The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge, Mission Field: USA—Church Planting, and End Goals from LCMS Youth Ministry at kfuo.org.

EASTER MORNING

This year, we will again host an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for members and visitors following the Easter Sunday service. Now all we need is the candy! Please consider purchasing a bag or two of small, peanut-free candies that can fit inside eggs. Donations can be given to the church office. We also need a few volunteers to help stuff the eggs after church on **Sunday, April 5**. Finally, the plan is to set up the egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 12**, prior to the service. Please call/email pastor if you are able/willing to volunteer to help with either of these activities.

And don't forget to order your **EASTER LILIES!** Lilies are \$9.25 each. Order forms can be found in the church narthex. Or, you can call the church office directly (314-741-6781). Orders must be received by **Monday, April 6**. Let's make our sanctuary truly festive to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

9. CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS—Volleyball will be held every first and third Saturday of the month from 10AM to noon in the school gym. No skills required - we are playing for fun! Anyone aged 16 and older is welcome to join us—invite your family and friends! If you're interested, give your name and number to Shadrah and Marc Huels (618-920-2686), Megan or Kristin Knabach (314-921-1411), or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

10. THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS are now available for the fourth quarter of 2019! Be sure to designate this free money to your favorite charity, including Salem Lutheran Church or Salem Lutheran School, Florissant, MO. Be sure to make your designation for any "dollars" available to you for 2019 by March 31. Call 1-800-847-4836, say "Thrivent Choice," then "Choice Dollars," or log in to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thanks to those Thrivent members to selected Salem as the recipient for the Dollars available to them.

11. LAUDAMUS ON TOUR - Concordia Seminary's choir of seminarians, *Laudamus*, was planning to tour the Northeast this spring, but due to health and safety concerns, they have cancelled those concerts. They will still be holding a home performance in St. Louis at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church (5218 Neosho Street) next Sunday, March 22, at 4PM. There will be a freewill offering received to support the music arts programs at the Seminary.

12. E-GIVING IS NOW POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

13. LADIES ON THE GO – Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 19. We are heading to The Hill to tour Herbaria, a specialty soap factory, and the on to lunch at one of the great restaurants down there. Plan on leaving the Old School

House at 10:00AM. Call Myrna (570-2700) or Kathy (839-0266) by the morning of Monday, March 16 to make reservations.

14. LOVE BARREL – Thank you for all the items donated to Trinity’s outreach to the homeless in the Souldard area. We delivered a lot of good items to them, and they were greatly appreciated and put to good use. And, please remember canned goods, boxed foods, and cleaning and personal items for the barrel to be delivered to TEAM, The Emergency Assistance Ministry, for our neighbors in the Florissant and Hazelwood communities.

15. PRESIDENT DALE MEYER RETIREMENT GIFT – As was announced last fall, Concordia Seminary President Dale Meyer will be retiring this summer. He and his wife, Diane, have served the seminary community for 15 years, and we have the opportunity to show appreciation with a financial gift in their honor. If you would like to participate in Salem’s gift to the Seminary, please place your contributions in the Mite Box in the Narthex, which will be available through March 29. Contributions may also be brought to the church office.

Places of Passion

The Mount of Transfiguration, Jerusalem, Pilate’s *praetorium*, Herod’s court, the cross...in each of these places (and more) we witness mercy and grace beyond our wildest dreams.

They are all places of passion—*God’s* passion for His people, for *you*. Join us Wednesdays this Lent as we meditate on God’s extravagant love for us, a love that drove Him to cross and grave.

Service times are at 4 and 7 PM.

March 18

March 25

April 1

Souper Supper served at 5:00PM in the Church Basement. Join us!