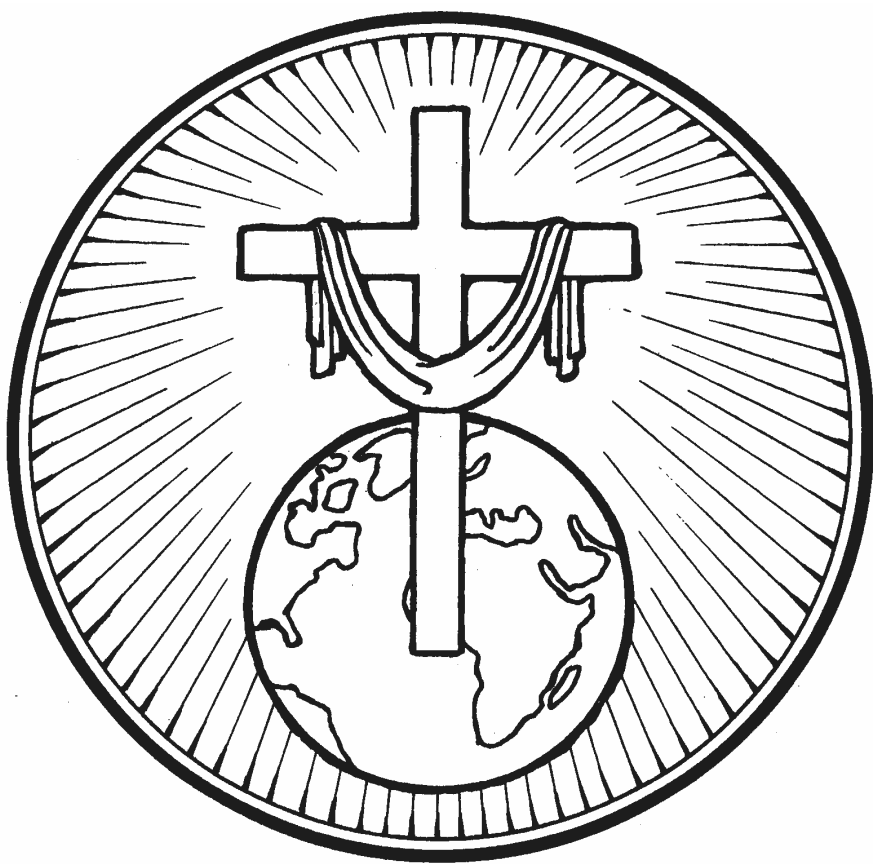


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 14, 2021

Baptism – Theodore Matthew Jones (10-45am)

Confession and Absolution

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *sts. 1-5*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

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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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 27:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1*

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

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

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

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

C: 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.

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**ALL: 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.**

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

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

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

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.

Gradual *Heb. 12:2*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of 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.**

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[Jesus said:] "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.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

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Sit

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave *sts. 1-4*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bat - tism grants the high - est good.

Sermon: *"It's Only a Flesh Wound"*

Sermon Text: John 3:14-21

Rev. Samuel Bobby

Stand

Affirmation of Faith – Tierra Cassens (10:45 am)

Prayer of the Church

Sit

429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died *sts. 1-3*

1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the

died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the

all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.

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Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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**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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

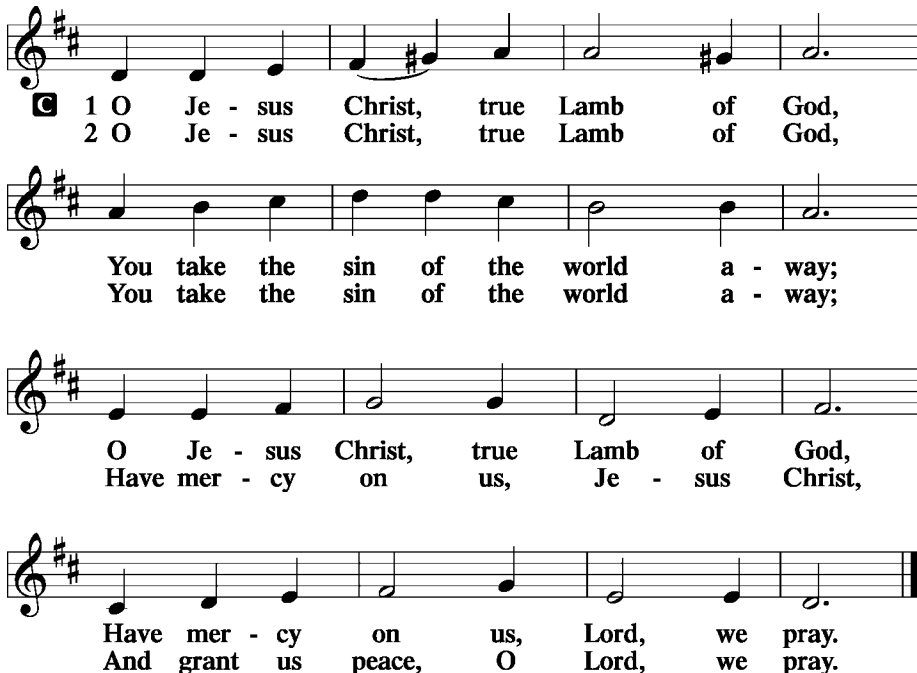
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



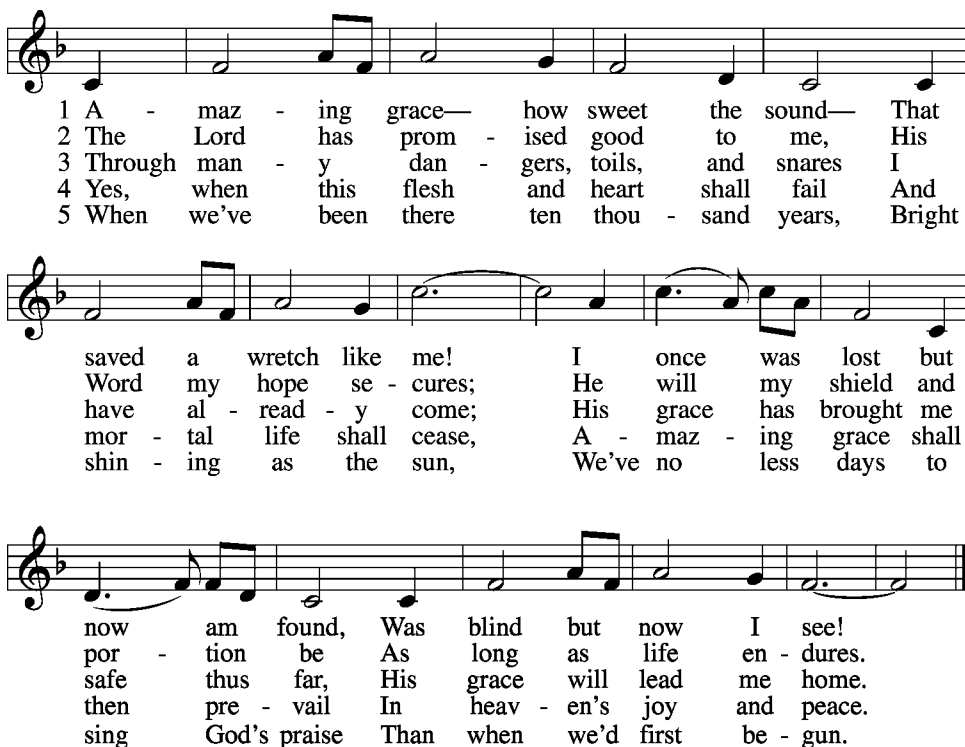
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on peace, us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Hymn

744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

*Stand***Nunc Dimittis**


C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your

mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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 and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave sts. 5–6



5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
Aberdeen, South Dakota - (605) 225-1847
March 14, 2021**

The purpose of St. Paul's Congregation is to assist its members to share and to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ by faithful proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the confessional standards of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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Theodore Matthew Jones will be Baptized at the 10:45 am worship service today. His parents are Alex and Hope Jones.

Welcome Tierra Cassens into membership thru Affirmation of Faith at the 10:45 am worship service.

Word vs. World (Adult Bible Study): There are two voices calling out to you—the Word and the World. Whose voice will you listen to? Led by DCE intern, Michael Leapley, Word vs. World is a study on the Christian worldview and how to act on it. Held in the fellowship hall, this weekly Bible study will start on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM. See you there!

A Prayer Service will be held today Sunday, March 14, 2021 at

12:30pm. Prayers will include the call process to the Seminary.

Little Ones' Book Club - Our youngest children (baptism through age 3) have a Bible-based book waiting for them in the south narthex. Please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep!

The Lighthouse Preschool Spring Silent Auction will be held on March 22 beginning at noon to March 29th at noon. Items will be in the Fellowship Hall and bidding will begin on March 22. Items winners will be announced on March 29th. Please have your items to the church by March 15th.

Please pray for Brandi Wagemann, Roger Blum, Pastor Dell, Joyce Kenitzer, Delores Sandmeier, Ada McCorkle, Miles Eisenbeisz, Leona McCalip, Steven Swanhorst, Barbara Dahme, Dan Lingor, Jason Herrick, Gladys Felix, Muriel Schamber, Jeanie Quam, Kimberlee Kaiser, Mary Casanova, Harry Preston, Erica Bobby, Ann Thompson, Jerry Streckfuss, Elli Bode and Courtney Frohling.

Adult Volunteers for Youth Group Needed

Do you value passing on the faith to the next generation? Do you want to volunteer at church without having to prep beforehand? Can you make a once-a-month commitment? If you are an adult and said yes to these questions, then you should come to youth group! An informational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 28th at 5 PM (meal provided).

Youth Group Kickoff

Join us on Sunday, April 11th from 5-7 PM for our first youth group of the year! Open to 6th-12th graders & adults, the theme of the night is Think Spring. We will play yard games in the fellowship hall, cookout, and consider how all of creation points to Christ. See you there!

Five Loaves will have a committee meeting on Wed., March 17th at 5:15 pm. Anyone who wishes to help with the Five Loaves Meal is encouraged to attend.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Mar. 21, 2021 10:00 AM – This is the Life – “A Gift for Grandpa” 10:30 AM - Rev. Marcus Ring presents the message “Stored Up in My Heart” based on Psalm 119:9-16. John leaped for joy in his mother’s womb when Mary visited Elizabeth. Experience that joy for yourself on **The Eternal Rock Tour** - Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, The program will also be available on the Main Street Living web site as of Saturday evening, March 27.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration packets are available on the table in the South Narthex or at the church office.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Mar. 21, 2021 – “But He Is Strong”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Organists: Sunday – Cyrece Kono Monday – Tierra Cassens
Wednesday – 12:15pm - Cindy Jung 6:15pm – Judah Bobby

Offering: Mar. 7, 2021 - \$12,459.25 Coffee - \$69.39
Sunday School - \$3.00 Shepherd Fund - \$247.15

Attendance: Mar. 7, 2021: 8:00am – 92 Communed – 70
10:45 am – 97 Communed – 68
Monday Night – 20 Communed - 17
12:15 Wed. – 30 Communed – 24
6:15 Wednesday - 48

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Mar. 14 - Mar. 21)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Bible Study, Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Prayer Service

1:00 pm Elder Bible Study

Mon 6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Tue 7:00 pm Word vs World Bible Study

Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study

12:15 pm Lent Worship Service – (Mask Required)

5:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

5:15 pm Five Loaves Committee Meeting

6:15 pm Lent Worship Service

6:45 pm Confirmation

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

7:00 pm Rural Gospel Initiative

Sat OAFIC – Wilmont

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