

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**February 7, 2021**



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**(LCMS)**

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# **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

## **The Order of Service**

Please turn off your wifi and wear your masks

### **The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and Welcome**

**The Opening Hymn:** "Lift High the Name of Jesus"  
(Getty)

#### **Verse 1**

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

#### **Chorus**

**Oh sing my soul  
And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His  
glory**

#### **Verse 2**

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise **(Chorus)**

### Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home **(Chorus)**

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with  
a true heart and confess our sins unto God  
our Father, beseeching Him in the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions  
unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto  
You all my sins and iniquities with which I  
have ever offended You and justly**

**deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



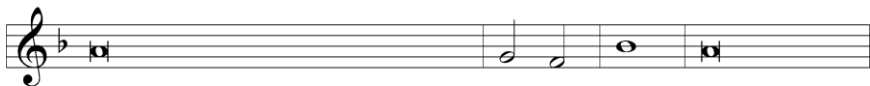
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



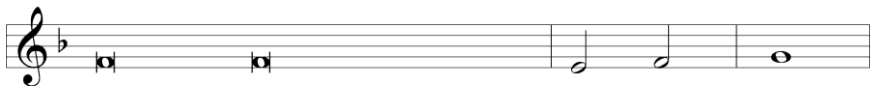
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the

weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Alleluia** *LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1:29-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Our Christian Confession: The Second Article and Explanation**

P: What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

**C: 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.**



**P:** What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**The Sermon Hymn: "O Church Arise" (Getty)**

**Verse 1**

O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

**Verse 2**

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

### Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

### Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## The Sermon

### The Offertory *LSB 192*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**The Offering Prayer, The General Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**☐ 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.**

**A Hymn: LSB 412, “The People in Darkness Sat” (verses 3, 4, 6)**

3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -  
 △ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us  
 Son is giv’n, And on His shoul-der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The  
 Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And  
 pow’r in earth and heav’n, All pow’r in earth and heav’n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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**The Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers**

## ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

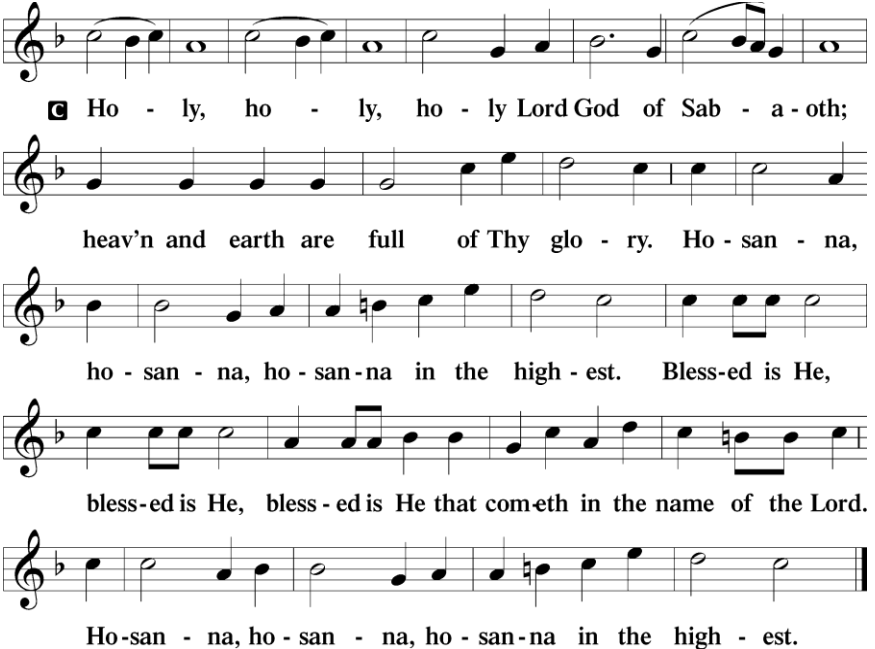
### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . .  
evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Words of Institution

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when  
He was betrayed, took bread, and when He

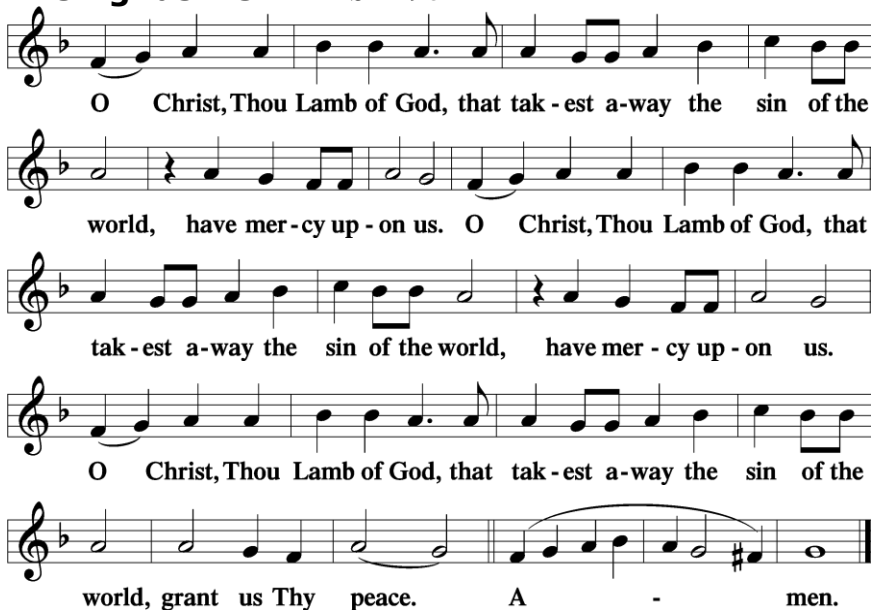
had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

## The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## The Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

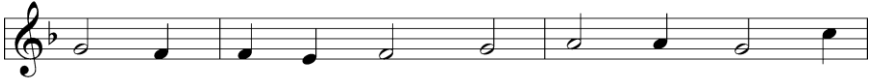


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

# The Distribution LSB 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray."



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



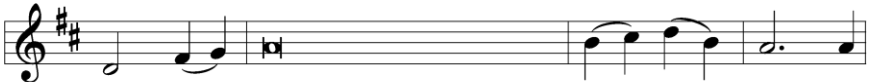
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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# The Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## The Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201-202*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Benediction *LSB 202*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn: LSB 544, "O Love, How Deep"

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,  
6 For us He rose from death a - gain;  
△ 7 All glo - ry to our Lord and God

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;

That God, the Son of God, should take  
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;  
For us He sent His Spir - it here  
The Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
For us - He gave His dy - ing breath.  
To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worshippers will be ushered out.** Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you prefer to leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you prefer to leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building. Thank you!

Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.

### Events of the Week: February 7 - 14, 2021

- TODAY:**     **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook  
                  **6:00 p.m.** LWML Meeting
- Monday:**    **10:00 a.m.** Registration for **February 14**  
                  Worship begins  
                  **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship Service  
                  with Holy Communion
- Tuesday:**   **Deadline to sign up for Mardi Gras ZOOM**
- Wed:**        **10:00 a.m.** "Established in Truth – Marked  
                  by Love" Bible Study w/ Pastor  
                  **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor
- Thursday:**  **6:00 p.m.** Bell Choir  
                  **7:30 p.m.** "Established in Truth – Marked  
                  by Love" Bible Study w/ Pastor
- Saturday**   **8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast on ZOOM  
                  **6:00 p.m.** Registration is closed
- Sunday:**    **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
                  **9:30 a.m.** Communion Worship at St.  
                  James (for registered members) and on  
                  Facebook Live  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study on FB  
                  **11:00 a.m.** Friends in Faith Meeting

**Today's Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

**Ushers:** no one scheduled

**February Altar Guild:** Lois DeLano and Mary Ward

## Those who serve February 14:

**Deacon:** Jerry Talen

**Ushers:** Jim & Nancy Spears

**February Altar Guild:** Lois DeLano and Mary Ward

## **FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP** January 31, 2021

General Fund	\$4,020.00
Roof Repair Fund	20.00
Lutherans for Life	10.00
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Total:	\$4,050.00



LWML will meet for a Bible study led by Pastor Schaeffer and a short meeting **TONIGHT** at 6:00pm in the church basement and on Zoom. If you would like to attend using Zoom, please let Marjie Weiss or

Grace Rosema know and we will make sure you receive the link.

Mites: We thank you for your continued support.

**“Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis”** —

\$100,000 – is one of our mission grant recipients. Across the country there are passionately devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry positions who share the Gospel among their immigrant/ethnic communities. A number of these dedicated church workers are students enrolled in two Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, programs: the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). This grant will give financial assistance to meet their tuition needs. Check out this grant at [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-19](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-19).



## St. James is Celebrating Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday!

Join in on the fun and games on February 16 on ZOOM. The festivities will begin at 6:15 p.m. and last about one hour. The celebration will include: Pancakes! Games! Prizes! A Craft! Prayer! Each person/family will receive a package of "goodies" prior to the event so please **sign-up for the Mardi Gras festivities by February 9<sup>th</sup>**. To sign up, call the office at 363-7718 or send an email to: [office@stjamesgr.com](mailto:office@stjamesgr.com).



Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday" in French, is the celebratory carnival that leads up to the beginning of Lent and so, yes, a part of this ZOOM gathering will be to prepare our hearts for the season of Lent that begins with Ash Wednesday.



ISJ Academy is looking for a Preschool Teacher. If interested, or know of someone who is, please call the school office at 363-0505.



To **register for worship**, please go to [bit.ly/stjamesgr](https://bit.ly/stjamesgr) and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.

## Congregational Meeting



The next ST JAMES **VOTERS' MEETING** is Sunday, **February 21<sup>st</sup>** after worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom. The Zoom link and Agenda will be sent out in the upcoming days. Questions? Contact Jim Spears or Craig Popma.

The **LCMS Life Conference** will be held **March 19 & 20**. The featured speakers will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, Deaconess Tiffany Manor and Timothy Goeglein.

Joining this conference will better equip you for speaking about sanctity of life issues, gain ideas to care for all human life and discuss Life Ministry with other members attending.

For more information or to register for the conference, please go to the website:

[lifeministry@lcms.org](mailto:lifeministry@lcms.org).

There is a **Life Leadership Summit** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church** in **Fowler, MI** on **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. (331 N. Sorrell St., Fowler, MI) The keynote speaker is Rev. Jeffrey W. Duncan, Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans. To register, please call St. Paul Lutheran Church at 517.420.4826. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

## **You Can Create A Season of Hope for Someone!**

This Lent, we are putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 hit the poorest neighbors around the world even harder. We have the opportunity of sharing the compassion of Christ with our neighbors around the world by assembling Personal Care Kits.

**We are hoping to assemble a minimum of 91 individual Personal Care Kits since St. James is 91 years old!**

We will be assembling these kits at home during the five weeks of Lent. Here's what we need:

- ◆ 2 bars of **soap** (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
- ◆ 1 bath **towel** (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27"; 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size; dark color recommended)
- ◆ 1 **toothbrush** (Adult size, in original packaging)
- ◆ 1 sturdy **comb** (remove packaging)
- ◆ 1 **nail clipper** (metal, attached file optional/remove packaging)

*Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string, or rubber bands.*

- ◆ Please give new items only
- ◆ Do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or a group's name.
- ◆ Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- ◆ Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- ◆ Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

**Once you have assembled your kit, please drop them off at the church either when you come for worship or during the week.**

## **St. James Is Participating in “40 Days for Life” and We Need Your Participation**

Are you willing to pray for one hour to end abortion?

40 Days for Life is a pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of praying, fasting, and holding a peaceful vigil in front of an abortion facility. The spring campaign will take place from February 17 through March 28. This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> campaign in Grand Rapids and will **take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street**. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community.

**St. James has adopted Saturday, February 20, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to pray at the peaceful vigil.** We require at least 2 people per hour time slot to be present in front of the abortion facility praying.

What is expected of prayer vigil participants?

1. That we remain in prayer during our time on the sidewalk (Pastor Schaeffer will provide participants with a prayer sheet.)
2. That we keep conversation to a minimal.
3. That we pray for an end to abortion at this clinic.
4. That we “agree to” and sign a “Statement of Peace.”

There is always a chance that someone with a differing opinion may approach prayer vigil participants to argue about abortion, but the point of this vigil is not to argue but to pray.

Please sign-up **ASAP** for your time slot. To register as prayer vigil participant, please call the church office at 616-363-7718. For more information, contact Pastor Schaeffer. You can also visit

[www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids) for more information about the campaign.