

Grow ... Go ... Gather
March 6, 2022



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The First Sunday in Lent
The Order of Service
(Divine Service, Setting 1, p. 151)

The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship and the Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 427, "In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67
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The Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

Confession

LSB p. 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

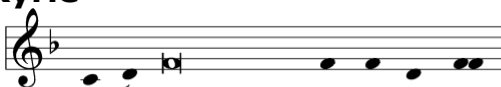
Absolution

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- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

The Kyrie

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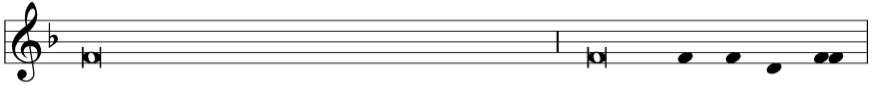
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter rest. The melody continues with quarter notes G4, F4, E4, and D4.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

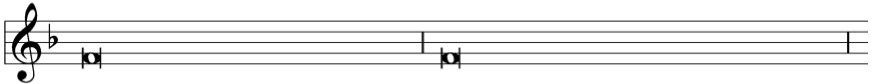
The second line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4, and ends with a quarter note C4.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



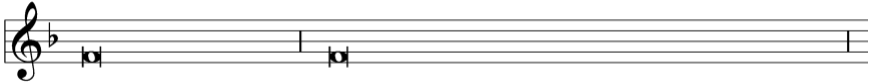
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity 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 worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



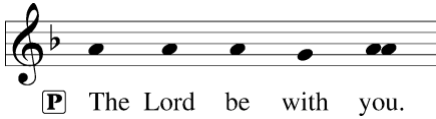
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



The Salutation and Prayer of the Day LSB p. 156



P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you

shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth

that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said

to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 419, "Savior, When In Dust to Thee"

1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

Tune: Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

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The Offering

The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

The Hymn: "Behold, the Lamb of God" (Townend)

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

T The Service of the Sacrament T

The Preface and Proper Preface

LSB p. 160

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and saying:

The Words of Institution

LSB p. 162

The Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

The Agnus Dei

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☐ 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.

The Distribution

(During Holy Communion, we will sing, LSB 620,
 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” and LBS 622,
 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”)

LSB 620, Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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LSB 622, Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,

And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.
Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt.
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The Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff includes a square icon with a lowercase 'g' in the bottom left corner, likely indicating a guitar accompaniment. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

The Post-Communion Prayer

LSB p. 166

P 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 in 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 A - men.

Benediction

LSB p. 166

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 T give you peace.



C A - men.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 698, "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil - dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872
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The Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: March 6 – March 13

- TODAY:** **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Youth Meet
6:00 p.m. LWML
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
Service w/ Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Tuesday:** **7:30 p.m.** Bible Study on Zoom
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
7:00 p.m. LENTEN WORSHIP
- Thursday:** **1:00 p.m.** Dorcas at church
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL.
KIDZ TIME during the sermon, pre-2nd
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

Lector: Rick Schantz

Organist/pianist: Beth McKay

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Marjie Weiss
and Nathan Urbanski

Those who serve Lenten Worship: March 9

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

Those who serve March 13:

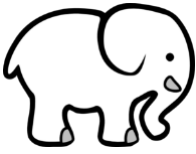
Deacon: John Weiss

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

Lector: Kelsey Butler

March Altar Guild: Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

DORCAS GATHERING



All women are invited to gather on **Thursday, March 10** at **1 pm** at **church**. We will be playing a popular board game and to add to the fun, please bring a "white elephant" gift or two for the winners of each game. Can't wait to see the "treasures" that will arrive. You are also welcome to just come and observe as we would love your company. Any questions? Call Rachel Palmer (616) 883-6949.

*Dear members of St. James,
Thank you to everyone for the thoughts, prayers and
cards during my time of surgery. Jim Spears*

HELP WANTED

We are in need of a person with Microsoft computer skills for software support/upgrades. This tech support opportunity does not involve significant time. If you have these skills, please see either John Weiss or Jim Spears.

Masks: The signs on the doors that have encouraged worshippers to wear a mask regardless of vaccine status have come down. Mask wearing is optional.



March Meeting – The **LWML** will meet **TONIGHT** at **6:00 pm.** Pastor Schaeffer will be present to lead us in a study of God’s Word. We will also plan

for our Spring Rally and talk about our 80 (did you read your newsletter?) Will you join us?

If you have any questions, please contact LWML president, Sandra Schaeffer.



If you feel that something in the air that tells you Spring is around the corner and that itch to begin Spring cleaning is setting in, Friends in Faith is looking for you! They are gathering items for the next **2nd Best Sale, May 4-6.** If you have items you would like cleared out of your house, bring them to church for the Sale! A **Drop-Off Day** has been planned for **Saturday, April 30th, 1-4 p.m.,** but items can be brought any time the church is open. Contact Walt or Dale if you need to drop off donations or have questions. **Please note:** We can not accept analog (tube) TVs, mattresses or box springs, baby furniture, medical equipment or any items not in good condition. Thank you.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: February 27, 2022

General Fund	\$4,414.00
Plate Collections	41.00
Evangelism	15.00
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Total:	\$4,470.00
On-line giving	130.00
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Total:	\$4,600.00

What is the Equality Act? How will it impact our ability to practice our religion in the USA? We will watch a pre-recorded webinar on **Sunday, March 13** following our Sunday morning service. All are encouraged to attend.

Dying Well. Pastor Schaeffer will begin a new Sunday morning Bible study on **Sunday, March 20th**. The theme of this Bible study is "*Dying Well.*" Some of the topics we will discuss include:

1. Why do we die?
2. What is death?
3. What is an advance-directive? What do we need to be aware of?
4. What is wrong with medically assisted death?
5. What happens to our body and soul at death?
6. What is the appropriate way to bury the dead?
7. What is the purpose of the funeral service? NOTE: We will have opportunity to complete a funeral preparation form that will identify the hymns and Scripture readings we want read at our funeral.
8. What do we believe about the resurrection of the dead?
9. What will everlasting life be like?



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study – March 12 at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome to participate in our monthly men's breakfast and Bible study. It is a great time for us to discuss God's Word and to encourage one another in our Christian faith AND enjoy a delicious breakfast. At our March breakfast/Bible study, Pastor Schaeffer will continue to lead us through the Bible study, *Men at Leisure*. The specific topic will be: "*Addictive Behaviors: Misuses of Leisure Time.*"

Midweek Lenten services will be held on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. These services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

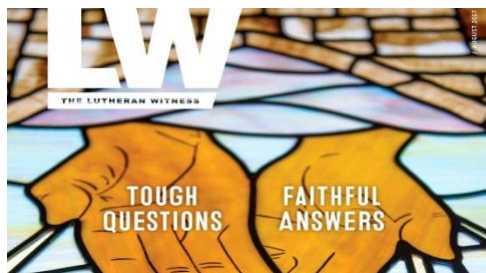


Holy Communion Practices

Return: Starting today, we will return to our Pre-Covid Lord Supper practices. We will usher people to the railing on a rotational basis (lectern and pulpit). We will offer the wine in

both individual cups and common cup. Pastor will also begin to greet people at the back of the church following the service, although there will be some Sundays when he will greet worshippers at the side entrance of the sanctuary.

Interested in what other religions teach? The February 2022 edition of *The Lutheran Witness* has short but insightful articles on a variety of world religions and how they differ from Christianity. The religions covered include: "Nones;" Atheism/agnostic/Scientism; Islam; Hinduism; Buddhism; Judaism; Paganism/Astrology; Seventh-day Adventists; and Mormons. A copy of *The Lutheran Witness* is available on the table in the lobby by the church office.



Life Quote for Sunday, March 6:

“Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you.”

Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life



Reminder: You need to move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday before you go to bed for Daylight Savings Time.