

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION IN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

Last month, I laid out my reasons for making a change to the public confession of sins that takes place at the beginning of the Divine Service. Now, I would like to briefly examine Luther's teaching on Confession and Absolution in the Small Catechism.

The first thing to note is the order of Luther's catechism. He begins with the Ten Commandments which, like a mirror, show us our sins and how we have failed to love God and our neighbor. Next, the Creed teaches us what God has done about that sin—the Father loved us and sent his Son to die for us, and now, the Holy Spirit uses the gifts of the Church to grant us saving faith to believe all that God has done. Such faith never remains silent but always calls out to God in prayer, which is why Luther moves next to his teaching on the Lord's Prayer. The last three sections in the catechism are on the sacraments—Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.

The order of the sacraments is also important. Baptism comes first, followed by Confession, and then finally the Lord's Supper. Confession and Absolution is rightly placed in the middle, for it both looks back on Baptism and moves us towards the Holy Communion. Confession and Absolution is a return to the font and an entrance to the altar. It continues what Baptism started in drowning the Old Adam, which Luther teaches us we are to do every day through contrition and repentance. Such contrition and repentance is what leads us to confess our sins and be absolved, thus putting off the old man and putting back on the new.

Confession is quite simple. First, we confess our sins, and then, we receive the absolution (forgiveness) from the pastor, which is to receive it from God himself. As Jesus told his apostles, "The one who hears you hears me" (Luke 10:16). That continues today through the lips of the men called by Christ to stand in his stand and by his command to forgive those who confess their sins. More will be said next month on the pastor's role in Private Confession, but for now, it's important to note that Luther makes a distinction between a general confession of sins made to God and specific sins confessed to the pastor.

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Before God, we confess all of our sins, even the ones we're not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. This is also what we do at the beginning of the Divine Service when we confess our sins together. We don't mention anything specific, since we're making this confession as a group and not as individuals. Our particular sins are, of course, different from one person to the next, but what we can admit together is that we are "by nature sinful and unclean" and have sinned in "thought, word, and deed."

Before the pastor, we can make more than just a general confession but can actually name those sins which "we know and feel in our hearts." These are the kinds of sins that trouble us and burden our conscience, the ones we can't shake and forget. This isn't to say that Private Confession is only for those moments where you've "really messed up." But rather, if we truly examine our hearts, we will see that we're always in need of God's forgiveness to reassure us of his undeserved favor toward us. We should never take for granted or assume His mercy but should always ask for it and seek to receive it again and again. Private Confession gives you the opportunity to confess specific sins and to hear your Lord speak specifically say: "I forgive *you*."

To better examine yourself, Luther instructs us to look at "your place in life according to the Ten Commandments." What is your vocation (calling)? Whether you are a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, a grandparent, a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or student, each of us has a unique place in life given to us by God. How have you done within those vocations? "Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?" Go through each of the Ten Commandments and ask yourself, "How have I broken this commandment within my vocation?" It won't take long at all to see how sinful you are, how you have failed, and how you are daily in need of God's mercy.

No Christian can ever honestly say that he has nothing to confess. Such a person is most likely blind to what is so obvious to God and his Law. But once a person truly examines himself against this Law, there's no doubt he will agree with St. Paul and say, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:5). Unless we realize the abundance of our sin, we will fail to see the abundance of God's mercy.

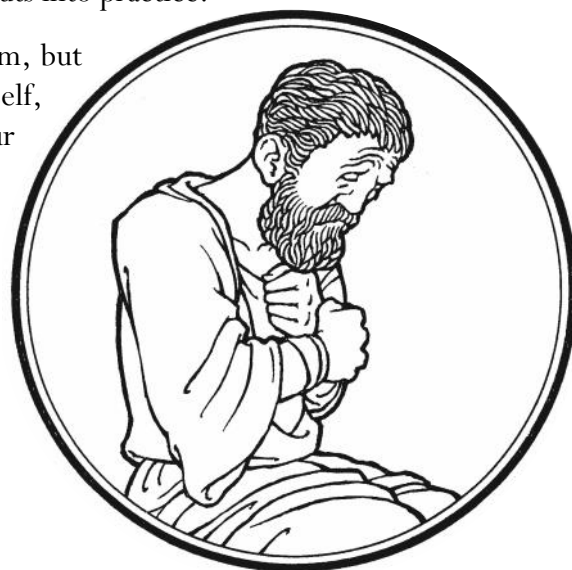
What took place in Holy Baptism is what we are called to do everyday: drown the Old Adam and raise the new man. We are to live our Christian lives through contrition and repentance, even as Luther nailed this statement to the church door on October 31, 1517: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." The Christian life is a life of repentance, a life of turning away from sin and turning to the Savior who died for such sins, considering yourself "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). This is exactly what Private Confession puts into practice.

Not only does Private Confession continue what was started in Baptism, but it also leads us to the Lord's high altar, where he feeds us with himself, giving us further assurance of his saving mercy. Having confessed your sins, you have examined yourself well and are prepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar in faith for the strengthening of both your body and soul.

In Christ,



Pastor Haller





Holy Week is indeed holy, that is, it's different from every other week of the year. It's been set apart for us Christians to observe our Lord's passion, his death and resurrection. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we join the Son of God, who is rejected and despised, crucified and buried. His week becomes our week. I can't encourage you enough to take advantage of each day during Holy Week to be in the Lord's house. Don't allow this to be just another normal week in your life, but keep it holy. Here's what you can expect:

PALM SUNDAY: We begin in the fellowship hall to hear the Evangelist John's account of our Lord's procession into Jerusalem. The children lead us into the sanctuary with palm branches, as we sing "All Glory, Laud and Honor." The service shifts then to focus on our Lord's passion, as we will hear it from Matthew's Gospel.

HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY: Each of these services are spoken only, with the exception of one hymn. On Monday, our Lord tells us "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). We see such glory in his saving death on a cross, as we hear of it on Tuesday in the Passion from St. Mark and on Wednesday in the Passion from St. Luke.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: This day begins the Triduum ("three days"), a single service that starts on Thursday, continues through Friday, and ends on Saturday. Maundy comes from a Latin word in which we get the English word "mandate." This is the night our Lord celebrates the Passover and institutes the Holy Communion. In the Gospel of John, he has a major discourse with his disciples that night in the upper room, covering five whole chapters. We hear only a snippet of it, in which he gives the disciples and us a new mandate: "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). At the conclusion of the service, the altar is stripped as the congregation and choir sing from Psalm 22, just as Jesus prayed this psalm from the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY: This is a good day, the day of all days, the best day in the history of the world. This is the day we are saved from our sins. At 1 o'clock, we gather for the Chief Service when we will hear again of our Lord's passion, this time from John's Gospel. The choir leads us in our plea for God's mercy. The wooden cross is carried in and placed at the foot of the altar. As it's been handed out every day this week, we receive the body given and the blood shed from the cross. At 7 o'clock, we get an additional service called Tenebrae (meaning "darkness"). We follow the Stations of the Cross on the south wall of the sanctuary, taking us from our Lord's trial to his burial. Every candle is extinguished until the church is in utter darkness with only the single Christ candle left to shine.

HOLY SATURDAY: This is the end of the Triduum and the beginning of Easter. We start in darkness, just as we left on Good Friday. A new fire is lit that leads us into the sanctuary. We hear of the Old Testament accounts which Christ fulfilled. We are reminded of our Baptism and pray the Litany before the lights are turned on and our celebration of the resurrection begins. All of the veils and coverings are removed and the color gold adorns our altar. Many area congregations are invited to join us for this night, as their pastors participate in the service.

EASTER SUNDAY: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Breakfast at 8 am. The Divine Service at 9:15 am.

WHY?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LITURGY

Why is everything so dark before Easter?

The season of Lent comes to its culmination at Holy Week. Our forty-day journey of fasting, praying, and almsgiving finds the answer we've been longing for—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. All of the prophets, from Adam in the Garden to John the Baptist at the Jordan, have pointed ahead to this week when God would save us through the sacrifice of His Son.

On the Fifth and Last Sunday in Lent, we make the transition from Lent to Holy Week. That Sunday begins what is called Passiontide. It's time for us to set our eyes on Jesus Christ and him crucified, to meditate closely upon his suffering and death, which leads us to the joy of the resurrection.

And just as we removed the Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluia during Lent, so also certain other things are lost during Passiontide, such as the Gloria Patri (“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...”) and also the sacred images adorning our sanctuary, including all of the crosses. Such things aren't completely taken from us, for we know all of it will return on Easter. The images are simply covered with black veils and not completely removed. We can see that they're still there, that behind those curtains are the images of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who dwell within us. We know that the cross can never be taken away.

And yet, it's always sort of jarring when we lose any part of the liturgy or of our sanctuary, and that's exactly the point. The reason we drop certain things from the liturgy and cover the images is to remind ourselves that we don't deserve them. We don't deserve to sing the song of the angels in the Gloria in Excelsis or the Alleluia (meaning “praise the Lord”). We don't deserve to see the images of the saints or of God or even of the cross. We don't deserve our Lord's mercy given during Holy Week. Passiontide teaches us that we are unworthy. All that we have in our lives and in the church is given to us from God.

And so when these gifts return to us on Easter, we are all the more appreciative of them, for absence makes the heart grow fonder. We thank God that we can sing with the angels and praise him, and we love to see our Lord hanging on his cross again, knowing that he is now alive. Because of Christ's death on that cross, our sins are forgiven and we are made worthy to sing his praise and see his image. But more importantly, we've been made worthy to one day sing before him face-to-face for all eternity, when the final veil is removed from our eyes.





In anticipation of our congregation's 75th anniversary in November 2024, we will have a hymn chosen for the month that will be used during the Divine Service. The hymns of the church give God's people the words to sing his praises and to confess what he has done for them in the saving death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

***Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* LSB 421**

"With his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Because our Lord Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows to the cross, we are healed by his suffering and death. Our sins are forgiven. The devil can no longer accuse us. Death cannot kill us.

Nevertheless, we are still weighed down by our sin and are led into temptation daily. Our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. We need the Lord's help to resist sin and to walk in newness of life. This hymn gives us the words to pray to Jesus asking for his help in our time of need.

Each stanza deals with a daily burden we all face: the flesh (stanza 1), the devil (stanza 2), the world (stanza 3), suffering (stanza 4), and death (stanza 5), and in each stanza, we find our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, in the wounds of Jesus. We ask that he would keep us from sin's first beginning before it gets out of hand and to be drawn to his cross and passion to find new courage. It's always in our Lord's weakness that we find our strength, in his death that we receive new life. Only through his atoning sacrifice, in the holy blood he shed, can temptation be overcome and our sins forgiven.

Johann Hermann (1585-1647) based his hymn after "the *Manual* of St. Augustine," wherein it is written:

When I am solicited by any impure thought, I make my recourse unto the wounds of Christ; when my body oppresses me, I recover strength by calling the wounds of my Lord to mind; when the Devil is laying some ambush whereby to take me, I fly unto the bowels of my Lord's mercy. If the ardor of lust make any alteration in my body, it is quenched by the memory of the wounds of our Lord, the Son of God. In all my adversities which I have been subject to, I never found so effectual a remedy as in the wounds of Christ.

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carolyn Carpenter
Melinda Reinbold
- 3 Wayne Dinsmoore
- 8 Matthew Seeley
Megan Seeley
- 10 Elizabeth Bublitz
- 12 Wayne Seeley, Jr.
- 23 Beth Hoppe

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Brandt & Elizabeth LaPouttre

**NEXT VOTERS MEETING:
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 @ 11 AM**

SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

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Reese, MI 48757

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Private Confession and Absolution is available throughout the season of Lent every Saturday morning from 9 to 10 am.

It is also regularly offered every first Wednesday of the month at 11 am and every third Saturday of the month at 9 am.

It is always available by appointment.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Holy Baptism

William Peter Bender, February 4, 2024

**March Divine Services
(services with Holy Communion)**

Sunday, March 3, 2024
The Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi)
Luke 11:14-28

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
The Wednesday of Oculi
Matthew 15:1-20

Sunday, March 10, 2024
The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)
John 6:1-15

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
The Wednesday of Laetare
John 9:1-38

Sunday, March 17, 2024
The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica)
John 8:42-59

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
The Wednesday of Judica
John 10:22-38

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
John 12:12-29; Matthew 26:1-27:66

Monday, March 25, 2024
Holy Monday
John 12:1-36

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Holy Tuesday
Mark 14:1-15:47

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Holy Wednesday
Luke 22:1-23:56

Thursday, March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-15, 34-35

Friday, March 29, 2024
Good Friday
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 30, 2024
Easter Vigil
Matthew 27:57-66

Sunday, March 31, 2024
The Resurrection of Our Lord
Mark 16:1-20

STEWARDSHIP

March Coffee Money
Good Samaritan Fund

Lenten Boxes
Seminary Students

Maundy Thursday
Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center

Good Friday
Lutheran World Relief

Easter Vigil
Wellspring Lutheran Services

Easter Sunday
Grace Lutheran Church

The Stewardship Board's quarterly mission for January through March will be to our two adopted seminary students: Ian Habicht and Nathan Bublitz. We supported Ian last year in his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. This year, we've added Nathan who began his studies this fall at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Nathan is also the brother to our very own Joseph and Daniel Bublitz. Special offering envelopes can be found on the back table of the narthex.



CHURCH LIBRARY

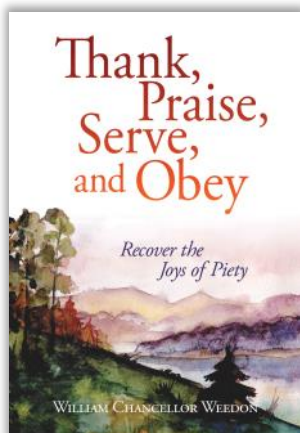
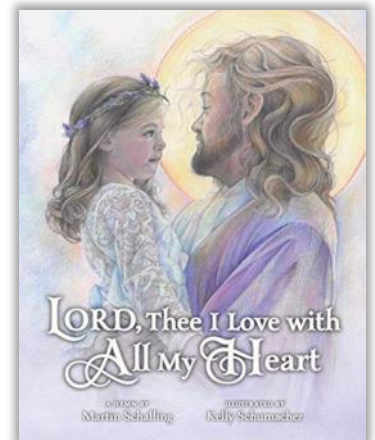
To check out any book from the church library, simply fill out the information needed on the clipboard hanging on the shelf.

For children

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

a hymn by Martin Schalling, illustrated by Kelly Schumacher

Based off of the hymn that surrounds our sanctuary with its third stanza, this book gives us a story of a young girl and her family as they endure the trial of her terminal illness, trust in their Lord Jesus Christ in life and in death, and experience the joy and perfection of the world to come.



For all ages

THANK, PRAISE, SERVE, AND OBEY

by William Chancellor Weedon

Personal piety needs ordering no less than the pantry or garage. The holy habits Rev. Weedon describes are given life by his own familiarity with the little ways of a Christian. No question is too simple to escape his anticipation and kind teaching. If family is the school for character, *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey* is an invaluable handbook for the family of God.

—Rebekah Curis, co-author of *LadyLike: Living Biblically*

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

| | Sunday School | Adult Bible Study |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11 am to 11:40 am | Lesson (preschool—4th grade) | Acts (also 5th—8th grade) |
| 11:20 am to 12 pm | Music (preschool—8th grade) | Explanation of Common Service |

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR PALM SUNDAY (March 24th)

THE MEN'S STUDY

March 16, 7:30 to 9 am
every 3rd Saturday of the month
prayer + breakfast + the Lutheran Confessions



WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE

9:30 am Matins
10 am Bible Study

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

—Romans 1:16-17

DEVOTIONS IN LENT



We will be making use of Rev. William Weedon's devotions this Lent, as we have in the past. Be diligent in devoting time out of your day for yourself and your family to meditate even more on God's Word throughout the week. Extra devotion books can be found on the back table of the narthex.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

During the season of Lent, as we fast from worldly pleasures, we also devote ourselves even more to the heavenly treasures. Such an opportunity is given every Wednesday as we hear and receive more of God's gifts in his Church.

March 6th Matthew 15:1-20
March 13th John 9:1-38
March 20th John 10:22-38

Dinner at 6 pm
Divine Service at 7 pm

thank you

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

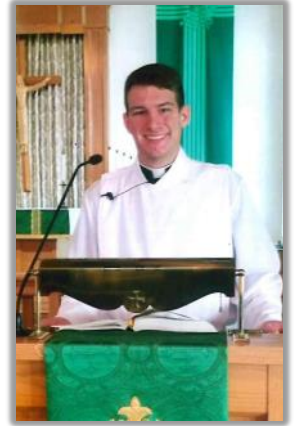
It is with great excitement that I write to thank you all for the extreme generosity, both financially and spiritually, you have charitably exhibited to me. Your support and encouragement in my continued studies at Concordia Seminary are appreciated more than you know, and I cannot truly express my gratitude. God reminds us daily how richly we are blessed by Him, and you have all been an immense blessing to me.

Furthermore, I am excited to update you all on how my studies are going! I recently started my second semester of my first year, and it has been extraordinary the amount of learning I have had so far. I am liking a variety of classes, but the two I am most excited for are Homiletics, the class where they teach us to preach, and Creeds and Confession, where we intricately study the Book of Concord.

My responsibilities at my field work congregation I regularly attend and assist at. As we enter the season of Lent, I will be leading liturgy for the midweek services and will be leading a Bible study for the high school and college youth of the congregation. This has been an amazing opportunity for me to learn from a knowledgeable pastor and get hands on experience.

I look forward to the many ways the Lord will continue to form me this semester and over the coming years as a servant of the Word. I am also happy to continue to share in the blessings of being at seminary with you and will be praying for you all. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

In Christ,
Nathan Bublitz



Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

We deeply cherish your continued support for Luther Classical College. There is no greater support for this mission than from faithful congregations where the Gospel is purely preached and the Sacraments rightly administered.

We're happy to share that your support has blessed us with amazing developments over the past months and year:

- 160+ pre-admission prospective student sign-ups;
- 90 prospective students signed up for the opening class in 2025;
- 40+ prospective students planning to take a gap year between high school and attending LCC
- 32 states represented among these students.

With these encouraging developments and just over a year and half until our grand opening in the Fall of 2025, we are excited to be bringing on an Admissions Coordinator at LCC. She will have a busy year!

Truly none of these developments can come to fruition without the support of committed congregations like yours. Again, thank you so much! Please continue to keep us in your prayers and conversations as we work to make this much needed college a reality.

Your brother in Christ,
Mr. Samuel Preus
Head of Development
Luther Classical College



THE DAILY READINGS

“God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints.”

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

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| Friday, March 1st | Psalm 118:19-24 | Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 | Mark 8:1-21 |
| Saturday, March 2nd | Psalm 2:7-9 | Gen. 27:1-29 | Mark 8:22-38 |
| Sunday, March 3rd | Psalm 129 | Gen. 27:30-45, 28:10-22 | Mark 9:1-13 |
| Monday, March 4th | Psalm 38:13-15, 21-22 | Gen. 29:1-30 | Mark 9:14-32 |
| Tuesday, March 5th | Psalm 105:5-11 | Gen. 35:1-29 | Mark 9:33-50 |
| Wednesday, March 6th | Psalm 31:1-5 | Gen. 37:1-36 | Mark 10:1-12 |
| Thursday, November 7th | Psalm 106:44-48 | Gen. 39:1-23 | Mark 10:13-31 |
| Friday, March 8th | Psalm 49:1-3, 7-10 | Gen. 40:1-23 | Mark 10:32-52 |
| Saturday, March 9th | Psalm 11 | Gen. 41:1-27 | Mark 11:1-19 |
| Sunday, March 10th | Psalm 60:1, 9-12 | Gen. 41:28-57 | Mark 11:20-33 |
| Monday, March 11th | Psalm 3 | Gen. 42:1-34, 38 | Mark 12:1-12 |
| Tuesday, March 12th | Psalm 37:16-20 | Gen. 43:1-28 | Mark 12:13-27 |
| Wednesday, March 13th | Psalm 26:1-7 | Gen. 44:1-18 | Mark 12:28-44 |
| Thursday, March 14th | Psalm 82 | Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 | Mark 13:1-23 |
| Friday, March 15th | Psalm 77:11-15 | Gen. 47:1-31 | Mark 13:24-37 |
| Saturday, March 16th | Psalm 44:1-4 | Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26 | Mark 14:1-11 |
| Sunday, March 17th | Psalm 129 | Exodus 1:1-22 | Mark 14:12-31 |
| Monday, March 18th | Psalm 31:9-14 | Exodus 2:1-22 | Mark 14:32-52 |
| Tuesday, March 19th | Psalm 39:1-7 | Exodus 2:23-3:22 | Mark 14:53-72 |
| Wednesday, March 20th | Psalm 18:6-7, 16-20 | Exodus 4:1-18 | Mark 15:1-15 |
| Thursday, March 21st | Psalm 69:33-36 | Exodus 4:19-31 | Mark 15:16-32 |
| Friday, March 22nd | Psalm 22:1-5 | Exodus 5:1-6:1 | Mark 15:33-47 |
| Saturday, March 23rd | Psalm 78:52-55 | Exodus 7:1-25 | Mark 16:1-20 |
| Sunday, March 24th | Psalm 71:19-24 | Exodus 8:1-32 | Hebrews 1:1-14 |
| Monday, March 25th | Psalm 35:1-6, 9-10 | Exodus 9:1-28 | Hebrews 2:1-18 |
| Tuesday, March 26th | Psalm 88:3-9 | Exodus 9:29-10:20 | Hebrews 3:1-19 |
| Wednesday, March 27th | Psalm 89:20-27 | Exodus 10:21-11:10 | Hebrews 4:1-16 |
| Thursday, March 28th | Psalm 37:1-7 | Exodus 12:1-28 | Hebrews 5:1-14 |
| Friday, March 29th | Psalm 135:1-4, 8-9 | Exodus 12:29-32, 13:1-16 | Hebrews 6:1-20 |
| Saturday, March 30th | Psalm 76 | Exodus 13:17-14:9 | Hebrews 7:1-22 |
| Sunday, March 31st | Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13 | Exodus 14:10-31 | Hebrews 7:23-8:13 |



MARCH 2024

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Pastor's Day Off | 2 9 to 10 am Private Confession |
| 3 <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study | 4 | 5 7 pm Elders | 6 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 11 am Private Confession 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Divine Service Choir Practice | 7 10 am Ladies Aid | 8 Pastor's Day Off | 9 9 to 10 am Private Confession |
| 10 <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study 6 to 8 pm H.S. Catechesis | 11 | 12 | 13 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Divine Service Choir Practice | 14 | 15 Pastor's Day Off | 16 7:30 am Men's Study 9 to 10 am Private Confession |
| 17 <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study | 18 | 19 7 pm Parish Planning | 20 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Divine Service Choir Practice | 21 | 22 Pastor's Day Off | 23 9 to 10 am Private Confession |
| 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study | 25 <i>Holy Monday</i> 7 pm Divine Service | 26 <i>Holy Tuesday</i> 7 pm Divine Service | 27 <i>Holy Wednesday</i> 9:30 am Matins 7 pm Divine Service | 28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7 pm Divine Service | 29 <i>Good Friday</i> 1 pm Chief Service 7 pm Tenebrae Service | 30 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 7 pm Easter Vigil |
| 31 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 8 am Breakfast 9:15 am Divine Service | April 1 st | April 2 nd 7 pm Elders | April 3 rd 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Catechesis | April 4 th 10 am Ladies Aid | April 5 th Pastor's Day Off | April 6 th |

Serving Our Lord in the Month of March

Elders for March

Daniel Reinbold & Aaron Reinbold

Ladies Aid for March

Hannah Haller & Diane Spencer

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Refreshments: Cindy Voss, Helene Weber, Chelsea Worden

Propers Choir: Alberta Reinbold, Daniel Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

Acolyte: Noah Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Melinda & Isabella Reinbold

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Chelsea Worden

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Dinner: Evangelism

Acolyte: Noah Reinbold

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Refreshments: Jennifer Bender, Ashley Bublitz, Sandy D'Addezio

Propers Choir: Joanne Hills, Mary Masker, Susan Pfund

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Alberta Reinbold

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Steven Reinbold

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Dinner: Elders

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Refreshments: Joyce Dickson, Ann Emery, Sarah Hall

Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Chelsea Worden

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Pamela Ill & Alberta Reinbold

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Dinner: Youth

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Refreshments: Hannah Haller, Renee Hecht, Joanne Hills

Propers Choir: Sunday School Children's Choir

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Melinda & Isabella Reinbold

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Laura Starkey

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Friday, March 29, 2024, at 1 pm

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Friday, March 29, 2024, at 7 pm

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Acolytes: Hunter Reid, Erwin Reinbold, Winston Reinbold, Brandt LaPouttre

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold, Winston Reinbold, Brandt LaPouttre, Wayne Seeley

**If your name is not on the refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.

**If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.