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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 151
Opening Hymn: 430 sts 1-4
Sermon Hymn: 430 sts 5-7
Distribution: N/A
Closing Hymn: 548

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am - Divine Worship
10:30am SS/Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL Preschool
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL Preschool
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL Preschool
12:30pm-Lenten Service
5:00pm-Singers
5:00pm Swaddling Clothes
5:15pm-CC Classes
6:00pm-Ringers
7:00pm-Lenten Service

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study
8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool

FRIDAY

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED

(Front doors will unlock 3-5pm if you need access. Otherwise, doors will be locked and no one will be available to answer the doorbell) If you have a key you will be able to get in.

8:15am-LL Preschool
12:00pm-LL Preschool

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Worship

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00am - Divine Worship/Palm Sunday
No Bible Study today
LWML Egg Bake 10:45am-12:45pm

In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Dorothy Kester
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Janice Hackett
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Lynette Bossart
Sandra Fiala
Sherry Richardson

Baptismal Birthdays:

Sheila Freeman-March 21
Courtney Kopp-March 23
Jan Altemeier-March 24
Karen Kastendieck-March 27
Emelyn Madison-March 27

Attendance – 86

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$2,100.80

Lent-\$585

Mission Central-\$20

Online-\$350

Swaddling Clothes-\$136

Total of all Gifts: \$3,191.80

Elders in Charge of Communion:

N/A

Acolytes

3/22-Garrett Begalle & Lukas Ferry

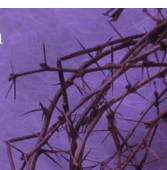
Organist/Pianist

3/21-Judy Zoch
3/22-Mandy Kastendieck

March Ushers

Rich Neumann
Darrell Sturtz

The Fifth
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of Lent



The Endowment Committee has a total of \$25,000 to award this year to any individual or group with special needs or projects (should not be for ordinary operating expenses for the church). **Application forms can be picked up at the church office and must be submitted by April 20, 2026 to be considered.**



The Swaddling Clothes Ministry would like to thank you for all of your donations on Ladies Night Out. We collected 24 boxes of diapers, 18 packages of wipes and \$136 in monetary donations. We really appreciate all of your support!

Easter Lilies

We will need Lilies for our Easter Services. If you would like to provide one, please bring it in During Holy Week.
-Thank you in advance.



Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of his saints.

P: I love the LORD, because he has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of his saints.

Collect

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WORD OF GOD VERSE

833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.
²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Holy Gospel cont...

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

CAMP OKOBOJI AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The day of the Annual Meeting, April 11, the Auxiliary hosts the Grocery Shower (to support the dining hall), the Theme Basket Auction (to support camper scholarships) and the Bake Sale (to support miscellaneous expenses).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT CAMP OKOBOJI!

Registration information is available on our website at
campokoboji.org.



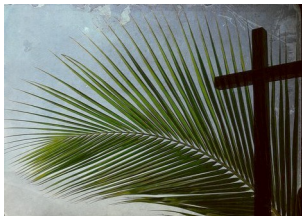
MEMORY VERSE

Since we have been
justified by faith,
we have peace
with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:1

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The **LWML Egg Bake** will be on
Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Serving from 10:45-12:45.

Proceeds will go to the LWML's adopted
Seminary Student.

Breakfast



Don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars through Thrivent Financial. Simply go to: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call **1-800-847-4836** before March 31st and say "Thrivent Choice." They will ask for your phone number and date of birth. Choice dollars can be directed to Good Shepherd or other Lutheran non-profit organizations.

MIDWEEK OF LENT 5 WEDNESDAY 3/25

JESUS FORETELLS HIS OWN BETRAYAL, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION IN TODAY'S TEXT (MARK 8:31-9:1).

THIS SHOWS US THAT THE WAY OF SALVATION ONLY COMES THROUGH THE PATH OF SUFFERING (HEBREWS 2:10). JESUS' SUFFERING, HIS PASSION, DOES NOT SIMPLY MEAN THAT HE SYMPATHIZES WITH US. RATHER, IT MEANS THAT HE PARTICIPATES IN OUR SUFFERING, AND WE IN HIS. HIS BETRAYAL, THE CROWN OF THORNS, THE SHAMEFUL CROSS—ALL OF THESE LEAD TO HOW JESUS "GAVE HIS DYING BREATH," AS WE SING IN THE SERIES HYMN. IN THE PASSION READING, WE WILL ALSO HEAR HOW HE DIES (MARK 15:33-47) AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR US TODAY.

FOR US



Stewardship Corner:

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

Building Healthy Families:

“Wrinkles merely indicate where smiles have been,” suggested Mark Twain in a nod to the prestige of old age. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we understand our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We’re valuable – even as the number of our limitations (or wrinkles) increase with each passing year – because Jesus says we are and demonstrated it by giving His life as a ransom for ours. If you’re experiencing concerns with aging, chronic illness, disability, or any life transition or limitation and would like to talk to a confidential, experienced, caring counselor who shares your Lutheran faith and worldview, call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at: www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn’t meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder,

a bitter consequence of sin’s curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC)* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life**
<https://lutheransforlife.org/>

“Meeting You Where You Are” Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been.

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Hear about it on the Lutheran Hour WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.

Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 25

We will have a service at 12:30pm and at 7:00pm

St. Paul will have a 2:00pm and a 7:00pm also.

