

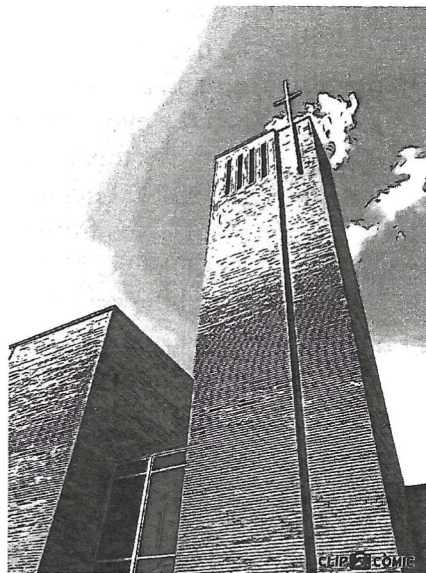
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March 26, 2023

+Order of Service+
March 26, 2023
5th Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting One
LSB 151

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Opening Hymn: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** LSB 686

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Introit and Kyrie LSB 152 ff.

Hymn of Praise – Omitted during the season of Lent

Collect of the Day LSB 156

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

Hymn of the Day: **What Wondrous Love is This** LSB 543

Sermon

Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offertory

Communion Liturgy LSB 160

Distribution Hymns:

Your Table I Approach LSB 628

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed LSB 437

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

Nunc Dimittis LSB 164

Concluding Liturgy LSB 166

Closing Hymn: **Almighty Father, Bless the Word** LSB 923

March 12, 2023

Of Our Time: 92

Communion: 80

Giving: \$ 3,684.00

Introit *Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ The family of **Steven Wolf**, brother of Duane and Lynda Meyer who went home to heaven Thursday evening. **Gladys Belgard, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Ron Schultz, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit.** +Our Shut-Ins: **Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** + Our Servicemen: **Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.**

THE ORPHAN Grain Train is looking for volunteers to help pack up clothing after the Rummage Sale at MLHS beginning at noon on Saturday, April 1st.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 3.7:1-14

The 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. (2) And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. (3) And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." (4) Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. (5) Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. (6) And 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." (7) So 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. (8) And 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. (9) Then 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." (10) So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. (11) Then 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 indeed cut off.' (12) Therefore 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. (13) And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. (14) And 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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (3) For 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, (4) in 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. (5) For 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. (6) For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (8) Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) You, 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. (10) But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) If 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.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

HELL IS a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination. April 2nd Message: "Hell: No One Has to Go There" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler speaks on WCCO (830): 6:05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

REGISTRATION has begun for the 2023-2024 School Year. On the table in the Narthex are brochures and a registration form you can take and give to someone you know that might be interested in our wonderful school. Invite them to a school event, invite them to church, and/or talk to them about our great school and let Mr. Miller know about it so he can follow-up. Thanks in advance!

EASTER LILIES: The Church has made arrangements for bulk delivery of the Easter Lilies. If you pre-arranged your request with Dawn, please submit your payments along with who the flower is in memory of to the church office as soon as possible. The cost is \$ 18.00. There are some extras still available. You're also welcome to bring your own lily, but make sure Cindi has the information well in advance so she can compile the bulletin insert for Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be held on April 9th after the Sunrise Service in the church basement. Everyone is invited to join us in food & fellowship! The Youth Group will be hosting the event. Anyone wishing to donate eggs, ham, pastries, muffins, fruit, milk, orange juice, or money for items, please let Jana Chase (260-246-2145) or Jen Wedel (507-399-1964) know or with any questions. Donations should be brought to the church basement by 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 8th. Proceeds will go toward the Higher Things Youth Gathering trip in July.

THE PTL committee is hosting a Silent Auction and free-will donation luncheon on Sunday, May 21st from 10:30am-1:00pm. Proceeds from this event will go towards the new gym floor and recreation equipment expenses. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in donating to this event, please contact Ashley Freeman (507)399-9249.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The LWML Blue Earth Zone invites all women and men to the LWML Spring Rally on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Truman. The topic will be led By Rev. Craig McCourt. A light supper will be served at 5 PM. **Rev. Craig McCourt** is originally from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

ENROLLMENT for the 2023-2024 school year is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: Partnered with families and congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, Engaged in Excellence. Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th. For more information visit www.martinlutherhs.com. All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

THE MINNESOTA SOUTH Orphan Grain Train is hosting a "Mercy Meals" Food Pack during the Lutheran Laymen's League convention at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop on Saturday, April 15. Several teams of 16 people are needed throughout the day to do the food pack. Form your groups (or partial groups) now and sign up by contacting Doyle Benson at 320-583-7695 or emailing doylebenson321@gmail.com. If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset expenses please send to Darlene Fretham, 611 1st Ave. NW; Winnebago, MN 56098.

Ministry focused breakout sessions include "The Depth of LHM ministry" by Dr. Phillip Johnson, Assistant to the President Mission Formation MN South LCMS; "Best Practices - Rural and Small Town Ministries"; and "LHM Gifted for More!".

A noon meal will be available. The banquet dinner is at 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Principal Paul Steinhaus with music by Jayson Matasovsky. Tickets are \$10 for noon lunch and \$20 for the banquet and should be purchased by April 10. Send registration and payment to Doyle Benson, 24198 100th Street, Stewart, MN 55385.

YOU CAN GIVE to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry while you shop! Use Hy-Vee Cards or give them as gifts! Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase Kwik Trip cards through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Give them as gifts also! They can be used at Kwik Trip and Kwik Star. Special Kwik Trip Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200, which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. ****Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.* Both Hy-Vee & Kwik Trip cards can be purchased from Chris Geistfeld.

TICKETS are on sale for the **OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** that will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview and social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service will be available. A dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with many fine items, experiences, and services on the docket. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by April 15th and are available at area churches, the ML school office and online at www.martinlutherhs.com. Hundreds of new items, gift certificates, theme baskets and handmade items will be up for bids. Donations are welcome. Pictures and notification of donations are appreciated now with delivery of items to MLHS from April 1 until April 10. Call 507-436-5249.

THE SPRING RUMMAGE and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School Thursday, March 30th from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, March 31st, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m. to noon. Set up will begin on Saturday, March 25. Volunteer workers are most welcome to set up, operate the sale and help with take down. Donations of spring and summer clothing (in good condition), household items, and furniture will be accepted Saturday-Tuesday. Your help is essential to our success! Come help when you can and leave when you wish! Volunteers can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CACAA2DA2F94-spring1>. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249.

THE MARTIN Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop National Honor Society is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call the school at 507-436-5249 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter MLHSMN to schedule an appointment.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.	Mar. 26	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Tues.	Mar. 28	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Wed.	Mar. 29	10:00	Chapel
		4:30	After School Confirmation
		7:00	Lenten Service
Sun.	Apr. 2	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Organist: 03/26 Chris

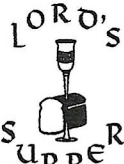
Ushers:

3/26/23 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban
3/29/23 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly
4/02/23 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz,
Gerald Urban, Ken Urban
4/06/23 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban
4/09/23 Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

**LORD'S** Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves.

SUPPER Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**