INTROIT - our entrance Psalm of worship

P Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*

a strong fortress to | save me!

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;* in your righteousness de- | liver me!

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!
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.

P Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- P O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

GRADUAL - the historical seasonal response to hearing God's Word

Psalm 9

Psalm 31

- The Lord is a stronghold for | the oppressed, * a stronghold in times of | trouble.
- And those who know your name put their | trust in you, * for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those | who seek you.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:31–43 Jesus healing the blind man

Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors— it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

Praver List – members:

Mary Lingo (cancer), Ron Swartz (cancer), Kim Howell (surgery), Julia Cordes (broken arm, surgery), Ken France (broken arms)

- family & friends:

Jordan Fuerst (nephew of Suzette Mack, cancer) Jon Carder (father of Kevin Carder, dementia) Madison Schoen (student at RSCA, surgery)

Duncan Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, surgery) Rev. Brian Drebes (friend of Erick & Sarah Bohndorf, cancer)

Chad Grimmet (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) Velvet Miller (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) James Scott (father of Ashlynn Kasunic, cancer)

Sonja Jansen (mother of Robert Jansen, cancer)

Moira Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, cancer) Linda Deffenbaugh (sister of Frances Brown, hospice)

Matthew Albright (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer) Tyler Brown (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer)

Jéri Matzeder (family of Steve & Marsha Albright, health issue) Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health issues) Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)

Kelli Scott (friend of Emily Newman, inoperable cancer)

Souper Bowl Party, begins 4:30 pm, kickoff is 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite soup in a crockpot to enter into the Souper Bowl Contest by 5:00 pm to win our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Bring your own food, beverages if you wish; but in addition to the soups, a variety of snacks and beverages are provided. The game will be on a couple of our TVs. Children may play in the gym or other games.

Lunch with Pastor, all invited, Monday, noon, Kelley's Grille, 155th & State.

Pfann-Kuchen Tag (Pancake Day) Feb. 13, 6-7 pm, the day before Lent begins. Pancakes, sausage, sweets and races.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8:30 am & 7 pm Divine Services. No evening meal, but meals will be served the next 5 Weds.

Midweeks in Lent – Feb. 21,28, March 6,13,20 **Supper** served: 6:00-6:45 pm, by the LWML or Youth Group

Services: 8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

Katie's Sisters, Ladies night out, all women invited Thursday, 6:30 pm. **Tea Party.** Our February gathering is our annual Tea Party. Dress up! Hats encouraged. Secrets sisters are revealed. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Games planned.

Men's Basketball, Sundays, 8 pm, through Mar. 17

Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, **Feb. 18,** after the 10:30 Service. Agenda available Feb. 11.

For our potluck, members last name:

A-M: bring a main dish;

N-Z: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread.

Blood Drive, Feb. 27, Tues., 1-6 pm. Sign-up in the Narthex.

Germany Trip, Sept. 13-24, 2024. See LutherTours.com. Printed copies in the Narthex. Members along with people from the nation are welcome to join. Please sign up soon if you plan to go. If you do not have a US Passport, make application soon.

CALENDAR					
Today	8:00 a	Divine Service			
	9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all			
	10:30 a	Divine Service			
	11:45 a	Vocal Choir			
	4:30 p	Souper Bowl party			
Monday		Risen Savior Classical Academy			
	Noon	Lunch with Pastor, Kelley's Grille			
	6:30 p	Board of Elders/Call Committee			
Tuesday		ken Tag (Pancake Day)			
	6:00-7 p	Food & festivities, races			
Ash Wedi		Lent begins			
	8:30 a	Divine Service			
	9:00 a	No Bible Class for all			
	7:00 p	Divine Service			
Thursday		Katie's Sister – Tea Party			
_	6:30 p	Youth Chorale			
Saturday		Private Confession & Absolution			
	6:00 p	Divine Service			
Sunday	8:00 a	Divine Service			
	9:15 a	Sunday School/Bible Class for all			
	10:30 a	Divine Service			
	11:40 a	Congregation Potluck			
	12:20 p	Quarterly Voter's Assembly			
	5:00 p	New Member class			
	8:00 p	Men's Basketball			

Upcoming Events

Feb. 21,28, Mar. 6,13,20 Lent Midweek,

Services 8:30 a, 7:00 p; Meal 6:00-6:50 pm

Feb. 27 Next Blood Drive

March 8 Confirmation Retreat March 15 40 Days of Life vigil

March 23 Spring cleaning March 24 Palm Sunday, Confirmation, Holy Week begins

March 28 Holy Thursday, 7 pm Divine Service March 29 Good Friday, 7 pm Tenebrae Service

March 30 Easter Vigil, 7 pm Vigil and Divine Service

March 31 Easter 7 am, 10 am Services. Breakfast 8-9:45 GTEWADD COID

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Date	Attendance	Offering +	Special Funds			
2/4	274	\$9837	\$450			
1/28	272	\$9809	\$475			
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Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving upon the baptism of Krista Wright from Tim & Janise Selbe. See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.

Financial Reports are posted in Church Office. On-Line Giving. Our Vendor is: Vanco, Download the App.

There is also a link on our website.



QUINQUAGESIMA MEANING ABOUT 50 DAYS FROM EASTER

FEB. 11, 2024

Welcome to the Lord's House. Faith Alone. The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life. The Lord bless this Divine Service.



Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.