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**Weekly Happenings – Week of March 23, 2025**1 message

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*All  
Saints  
Lutheran  
Church*



Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE INFORMATION

Attendance

Week of March 16

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- **Greeter** -March 23-Donna Taylor
  - **Usher** -March 23-Paul Blixrud
  - **Altar Guild**-March 23-Sara Meyers
  - **Readers**-March 23-Pastor Kent Duebner
  - **Communion Assistant**-March 23-Vacant
  - **Acolyte**-March 23-Vacant
  - **Tech**-March 23-Gary Antes
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## Welcome

You are absolutely invited into this sacred space. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. All Saints recognizes that we are all unique and beloved children of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has given us. We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because

of race, ability, age, or culture. We are committed to working towards anti-racism in ourselves and our community. We affirm the sacredness of all those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together, we will experience God's presence in new and real ways.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Monty Health Concerns (May 15)
- Paul Health Concerns (May 31)
- Carla (Pr. George's wife) Health Concerns (June 26)
- James & Family Health Concerns (September 11)
- Betty F (Sara's friend) Health Concerns (September 23)
- William and Family Health Concerns (September 25)
- Becky H Health Concerns (October 28)
- Meagan Health Concerns (November 12)
- Donna Health Concerns (November 18)
- Matt Health Concerns (November 18)
- Becky W Health Concerns (November 18)
- Larry Health Concerns (December 16)
- Helen Health Issues (January 14)



- Stephen Health Concerns (February 27)
- Jennifer Health Concerns (February 27)
- Kyle Health Concerns (March 18)

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- Please pray Border Servant Corps
  - Please pray for the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.
  - Please pray for the people of the Sudan.
  - Please pray for the Homeless.
  - Please pray for the families of the victims that were affected by the tragedy of plane crashes.
  - Please pray for legal & illegal immigrants & those seeking asylum or citizenship.
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## VIRTUAL SERVICES

If you haven't made it to our physical services on Sundays you can still check out our services online. You can find us on [Facebook Live](#) every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.

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## BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE NEWS

The BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE is very appreciative of your continued support of your neighbor.

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## IMPORTANT DATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 23 Coffee with Council
- March 25 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- March 25 Bells Practice
- **March 26 ASLC Hosts Lent Services\* Sandwiches and Pot Luck**
- March 30 Fifth Sunday of Conversation
- April 01 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- April 01 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 08 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- April 08 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 12 Men's Breakfast IHOP 8:00 am by Walmart
- April 13 Palm Sunday/Spring Workday
- April 15 Creative Friends 1:0 pm
- April 15 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm
- April 18 Good Friday-Office Closed
- April 19 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm
- April 20 Easter Service & Breakfast-Bells Jubilant Fanfare

- April 20 Newsletter Deadline
- April 22 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- April 22 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 23 Church Council 6:30 pm
- April 26 Project Comfort 9:00 am-Noon
- April 27 Hot Times in the Heartland after Worship
- April 29 Creative Friends 1:0 pm
- April 30 Bells Practice 6:30
- May 04 Congregational Meeting
- May 12-15 Pastor at Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta
- May 18 Coffee with Council
- May 19 Grain Valley High School Graduation
- May 21 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 24 Vigil
- June 05-07 Synod Assembly
- June 18 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 07 Kansas City Pride Parade 11:00 am
- June 08 Pentecost
- June 19 Juneteenth-Office Closed
- June 22 Coffee with Council
- July 04 Independence Day-Office Closed
- July 13 Ice Cream Social after Worship

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**“The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)**

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
 With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
 Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
 A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
 Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
 Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
 Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
 The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
 “Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she  
 With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,  
 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

([poets.org](https://www.poets.org))

This poem was written by **Lazarus in 1883** as part of the fund-raising efforts for a base for the Statue of Liberty. It is cast on a plaque that is mounted on the inside of the base of the statue. Lazarus was an activist and advocate for Jewish refugees fleeing from Russian pogroms in the 1800s, and wrote the poem as a way to express empathy for Russian Jewish refugees to the US.

The statue was intended to be a symbol of republican (anti-imperialist) values; however, Lazarus' poem gave it a new purpose, turning it into a symbol of welcome for immigrants and refugees at the front door of the country. (Wikipedia article on "The New Colossus")

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Join us for our midweek **Community Lenten Series!** Our theme this year is **"In This Together."** As we have in previous years, we will meet for a **light supper at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:40.** Here is the schedule for worship this year:

- **March 19**
- Host: Good Shepherd Christian Church 111 SW Woods Chapel Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Galles

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- **March 26**
  - Host: All Saints Lutheran Church 421 SW 19th St, Blue Springs, MO 64015
  - Preacher: Rev. Dr. Andrew Florio

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- **April 2**
  - Host: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection  
1433 NW R D Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Preacher: Rev. Louie Lowe

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- **April 9**
  - Host: Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church 3108 U.S. Hwy 40, Blue Springs, MO 64015
  - Preacher: Rev. Steve Crandall

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**We often think about baptism as a one-time event: I was baptized. We don't think about it as an ongoing event: I am baptized! And so we often don't celebrate our baptismal birthdays in the way we**



**celebrate the anniversaries of our birth, with yearly celebrations. But we have every reason to remember and celebrate the day of our baptisms, the day in which we became members of the body of Christ!**

We are beginning a project of collecting baptismal birthdays. Please complete one of the baptismal birthday sheets and place in the offering plate.

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**If you feel called to do something to help, Lutheran World Relief is providing aid to civilians caught in the crisis in Israel and Palestine. You can donate directly at [lwr.org/israel-gaza](http://lwr.org/israel-gaza).**

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All members are welcome to attend regularly scheduled council meetings. Additionally, the Council would like to remind you that the most recent Council reports and minutes are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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- If you need anything in the weekly happenings it should be submitted no later than Monday.

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## **YOUTH NEWS**

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**



Facebook is the place to find updated information that didn't make it to the newsletter or for new information.

You can find us on [Facebook Live](#) every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.

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# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Lutheran Church

We have moved our live Videos to YouTube. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsLutheranChurch-bs/streams>\*

## SIMPLY GIVING

To provide the best possible equitable income for ASLC, we encourage you to participate in "Simply Giving", a program offering electronic donations to be provided directly from your bank account. Sign up is easy. Fill out the form located in the narthex, or you can find the form on our website by clicking [here](#) and giving to the church secretary.

For more information, you are welcome to discuss with any council member.





## **Birthdays**

- March 25 David Fast

## **Anniversaries**

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## Pastor Sarah's Link to her Sermon & Questions for Discussions

1. Neither of these tragedies – the murder of the Galileans in the Temple while they were making their sacrifices, or the deaths of the residents of Jerusalem in the collapse of the tower in Siloam – are reported in history, but they are representative of two different kinds of tragedies: random acts of violence, such as a mass shooting, and natural disaster, such as an earthquake, flood, or hurricane. From a legal perspective, they're very different. As far as the victims are concerned, do you think they are different from a theological perspective? Why or why not?
2. Theodicy, the attempt to explain how God can be loving and also allow suffering to exist, is a real and challenging topic to tackle – in a sermon, in a conversation, anywhere. But it's an important one to wrestle with, because otherwise, we can fall back on platitudes like "God needed another angel," which is the polar opposite of the argument that the person who brings the issue up seems to be making, but which Jesus tells us clearly in this morning's Gospel text is just wrong. I don't think having an answer is important, but I do think wrestling with the question is important.
3. This text is less obviously about discipleship than our text last Sunday was, but I think it's in there with the parable about the fig tree. We are called to be fertilized by God, to allow ourselves to bear fruit. One commentator that I read this week pointed out that we shouldn't boast of any abundance that we have; maybe we should think about it in the opposite way – we might have needed extra "fertilizer" to get us to the point where we were able to bear our fruit??? I don't know how I feel about that, but it's food for thought.
4. I went in a direction for my sermon that left off the last section of the text, but I think it's important to at least give you a question or two to think about. Jesus tells the Pharisees that he won't reach Jerusalem until his ministry is complete. Calling Herod a "fox" is an insult; and then he plays on it a little bit with the image of being a mother bird gathering her babies (a "mother hen gathering her chicks" is how this is often translated), because foxes are natural predators of chickens, so he wants to guard Jerusalem, and by extension the church, against Herod, and by extension, Rome. Gathering the children together can also be seen as an ingathering of exiles, a sign of the age of the messiah. In Luke's Gospel, this is the mission to the Gentiles. Lastly, the end of verse 35, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!" is from psalm 118:26, from the Hallel Psalms, recited on festivals. There are some partly coherent thoughts that will maybe point you in a direction (or two or three?) if you want to reflect on or discuss the last 4 verses of our text.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKdwdmSPJdndwhKYV9jwsEQ/>  
featured

ReconcilingWorks strives to ensure RIC communities have what they need to continue their journey of welcome and I encourage you to bookmark this site or download and keep these resources handy.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BxSVXGUZxCCqQ1pudWpyRTE3SmM?resourcekey=0-5LxvtlMTdT\\_--7mcKNGHig&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BxSVXGUZxCCqQ1pudWpyRTE3SmM?resourcekey=0-5LxvtlMTdT_--7mcKNGHig&usp=sharing)



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