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“the Christ”

Pastor's Epistle

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” Mark 10:32-34

Beloved of God,

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

Lent marches soothingly onward. Having begun the season with Ash Wednesday, we are moving closer and closer to the suffering passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. Each year we have the blessing in the Church of being able to make this journey. It is blessing, and refreshing.

Personally, I cherish the journey of the lectionary, every single year. We look forward in the beginning of the Church Year with Advent, as we are reminded of our Lord's First Advent, looking forward on that basis too his Second Advent. We watch the Lord Jesus as he begins to grow up and wax strong, leaving the manger, brought to the temple, swept away from Herod to Egypt, his return to the Land of Promise.

The we also have the start of his Mission to Save the World, his Baptism in the Jordan, his being tempted in the wilderness for the 40 days. Then he begins his work of calling people to repent and believe the Good News, announcing the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. He lives his perfect love for the Father and perfect love for his neighbor, demonstrating he is the fulfillment of the Scriptures of old, with his deeds and wonders, healing the sick, the blind, lame, the sick; cleansing lepers, delivering the demon oppressed, raising even the dead. He feeds the hungry, walks on water and calms storms with just a word; he forgives sins, calls men to follow him. All of this is pointing to something else tough— why he is here....

The Lord Jesus has come to save the world. And this season, this beautiful, wonderful season for our hope and salvation marks his steady, faithful approach to his final destination for that goal— Jerusalem.

There, as the Gospel states, he began telling them—***“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”***

Of our Lord Jesus’ mission, it was why he was sent by the Father, why he was given in God’s great and unsurpassable love— to lay down his life to redeem us, to rescue sinners from sin, death, the devil and everlasting condemnation. And in his death, he would destroy death for us. In his rising, having conquered sin and death on the cross, he will be the firstborn from the dead. He will give us second birth, and new life.

No other religion, or religious figure, in all the world, comes anywhere close to this wondrous gift, that God is love, and God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes will not perish, but have everlasting life. And this month, of this season. We are blessed in the reminder again, and the journey we are taken on through Holy Scripture to behold the Christ and his great love for us!

One of the reasons the Church’s seasons and yearly walk through the Scriptures are so rich is that a person and a congregation are less likely to become mired in a theological agenda. Another is that we need these reminders. The Lord is ever caring for us in our faith, and our growth in holiness. And there are other treasures with this season.

A very important one is with the focus on the

upcoming passion of our Savior, we have the opportunity for a greater contemplation on the riches of Jesus’ love for us which is built on more and more as we are brought closer to his suffering on our behalf, his shedding of his blood unto death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection for us all.

And of that blood which he shed, of that sacrifice which he gave to redeem us, to atone for us, to wash away all of our sins, to reconcile us to God the Father, it is finished! Our Lord paid our debt. Our Lord destroyed thereby the power of death for us. The evidence is his resurrection which we will also celebrate this month!

And there is something else which we will celebrate on the Sunday of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. It is celebrated every Sunday here at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. That something is treasure we have been given. It is the Eucharist, the cup of blessing, the cup of our Lord Jesus’ blood, and the body of our Lord we also receive, both for the forgiveness of our sins.

We have this incredible gift of the Lord’s Supper, the Sacrament of Holy Communion which our Lord has given unto us as the New Testament in his blood for the Forgiveness of all our sins, as we are told in the Word.

We have this because of his suffering and sacrifice shedding his blood unto death— yea death on the cross. But we also have it because of his resurrection! If Christ had not risen, his sacrifice for us upon the cross would have been to no avail. But his resurrection shows that his sacrifice is sufficient for the forgiveness of our sins and our eternal life. He is risen, showing that he is the Son of God.

And there is more. Because he is the Son of God, and risen and glorified, he is able to give us his body and blood in the Blessed Sacrament, for in the attributes of the Divine nature

Jesus Christ is able to share with us and every Christian on earth his body and blood – in, with, and under the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. The supper we bless and give thanks for we have had given to us as an unshakable testimony from our Savior about his sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. And when he hands himself to us, and says, this is for you, his word conveys all of what he offers, that it may be received by grace through faith.

What a gift. It is humbling. It is priceless. It is divinely blessed to be a blessing to us. And we are also blessed here at the Lutheran Church of the God Shepherd to have carried down to us from our Synod's founding, and the time of the Reformation, and to the time of the Apostles, and from our Lord Jesus himself this treasure.

This is also our rich heritage. We retain this in our worship services, where God comes to us with his Means of Grace, his Gift of salvation, and he conveys that to us with all of its miraculous eternal life bestowing and sustaining power.

It is no accident that our Lord Jesus Christ on the night in which he was betrayed gave us his gift to us. For what was ahead of him yet to come that night, and continuing that day in his sacrifice, and then the third day of his resurrection, with the Cup of Blessing which we Bless, the Eucharistic Meal, the Lord connects us this Lenten season, and every Sunday, and every service in which we have the Sacrament, we are taken back into time to the night in which Jesus was betrayed, and to his suffering, to his cross, his death and burial, and to his resurrection.

The sacred story continues for us. And it continues this month, and every week. Our transcendent God comes to us with gifts. How wonderful is that? And he preserves us in our coming and our going, now and

into and through forever more.

Thanks be to God. For we still need this. We have a now-not-yet tension of life here and now. While still in this world's current era, we still have the struggle of our own sinful nature, we still see and experience life in a yet sinful world. We still face the work of the evil one and its forces.

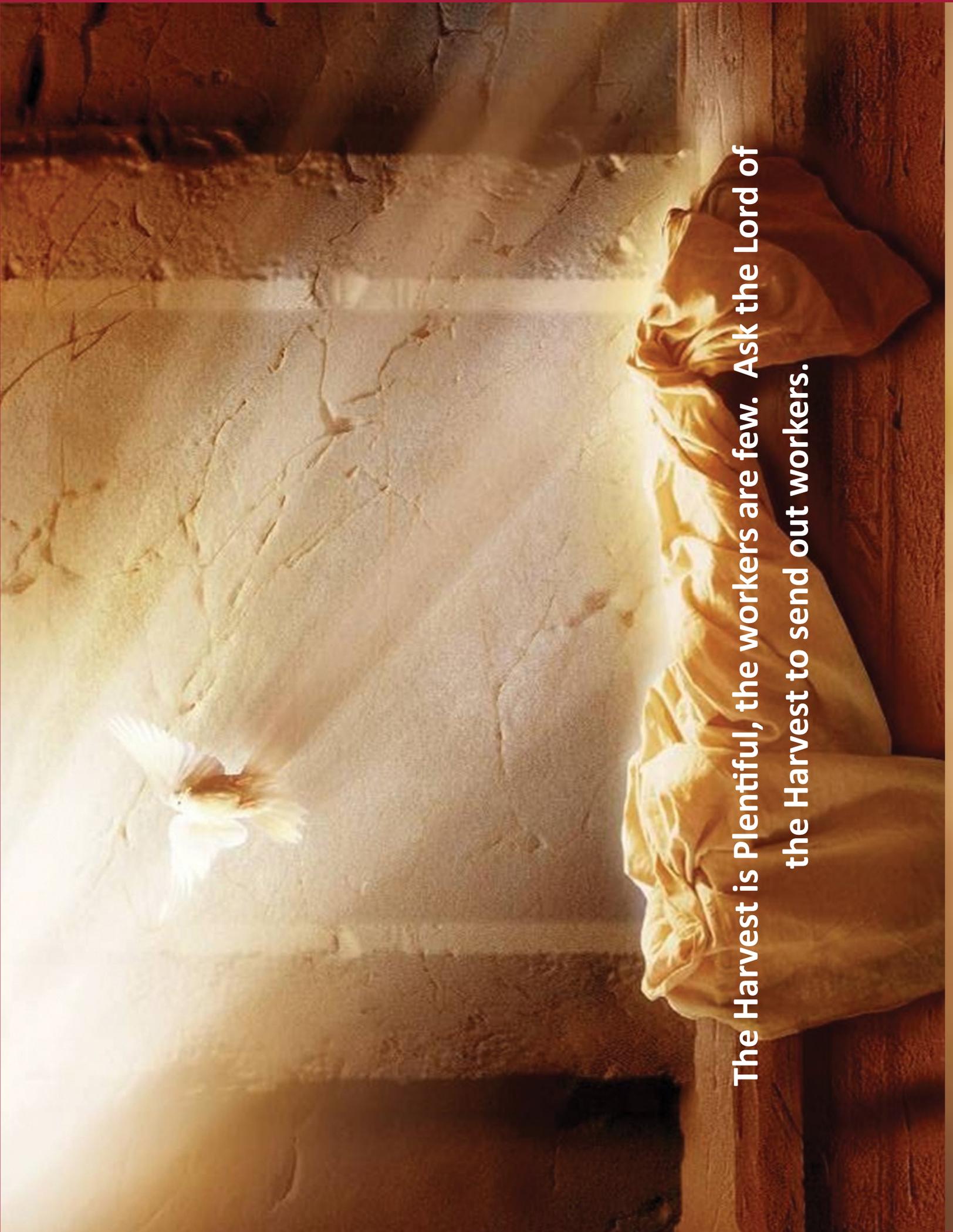
Our Lord has equipped us for this though with his gift of himself for us and our salvation. He equips us for every good work unto his glory. He gives us the weapons of our warfare with his Word and Spirit.

This is another wondrous aspect to this season and the Passion of the Christ, and his Resurrection. In this season, we are heading to the launch of the eschatological (last times theology) era. With the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the final period of God's work to save the world, to reverse the fall, has finally taken place.

We are part of that! If you can imagine back to the time of the people of God who witnessed Jesus' suffering sacrifice, death, and resurrection, then after 40 days his Ascension, and then the Day of Pentecost, the people of God from that time have their story told in the Holy Scriptures. But that era is still going on.

Let me say that again. The era of the New Testament is still going on! We are in it. You can find us in the Book of Revelation, for instance. Because Jesus is Risen, because his sacrifice was sufficient to save us, we have a living and glorified Savior whom we serve. And he is with us on the journey.

That journey is the Exodus of the Church here and now. We are in the world, but not of it anymore. We have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light. And we are on a mission. That mission is the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Harvest is Plentiful, the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers.

What the Lord gives us is supernatural. His gifts are Divine in origin. They are blessing to us. And while we are on our journey, serving him and serving each other, we also are a blessing to the world.

Through us, on our exodus journey, we bring the Word of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ to all the world. We bring as well deeds of mercy. We bring the Good News to a world in peril, a world still suffering and in need of rescue, a world awash in its own sin and the effects of sin, a world in bondage under the curse, and to death and the devil.

But the work for the Church, and through you and your part in that work, the Lord God brings hope, and not just hope but powerful hope and freedom for the captives, through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice! So the Lord through us does this amazing work. He sows the seed of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Grace. And he waters it, prunes, nurtures it, and brings it to a blessed harvest.

He does that work through us together. For we are the Body of Christ. We are the Church, the Called out Ones, the People of God, the Royal Priesthood of Believers. Is this not a marvel? For to the world, we look like nothing. But with us and leading us is the Good Shepherd, our Savior and Lord.

He fills us with good things. He has sent his Holy Spirit to dwell within us as his Holy Place temple. He sends his Holy Angels to guard and keep us and to minister to us. So when we walk upon the dusty trails of life, when we enter a room, and come into contact with the lost of humanity in this world, we are not alone.

The Lord the Holy Spirit comes in with us, dwelling in us, his angels also are there. The transcendent, immortal, invisible, God accompanies us, and he is guiding us, sanctifying us, and giving to us even the words to speak.

These also are part of the mysteries of our faith. Think with the mind of the spirit reborn and in faith. Behold the wonder of the sacred story again. What took place two thousand years ago with Christ's passion on behalf of us, part of that you are given to hold in your hands, his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and then we place

him in our mouth upon our tongue, and take and eat and drink, because he was crucified and is risen for us.

And our risen Lord through his Divine attributes is yet also at the same time at the Right Hand of the Father and he is ever interceding for us. What a marvel as well! He is our advocate. He is our Lord. He is our God, the Only Begotten, who came from the Father full of grace and truth.

And wonder at this— the eschatological day which he began for us at his cross, one day we will see him with our own eyes. He will be returning on the clouds of heaven with glory power and his heavenly host in his train. Every eye shall see him. And every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

And in that moment at that last great trumpet blast, we will all be raised. In the flash, the twinkle of an eye, we will be transformed. And then the books will be opened. And the Lord will render his verdict. And for we who by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone through Scripture alone will hear with unspeakable joy the verdict of God for the sake of his Son: "Not Guilty. Thou art righteous."

And our every tear shall be wiped. And there will be no more sin, or suffering, no more wars, no more terror, no more crime, no more broken families, or hurt children, and no more death. It is almost impossible to imagine. But it is a promise from God, it is a promise of our risen and reigning Savior.

This promise we have the honor to share, along with the reason— our Lord Jesus Christ— for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

God bless and keep you this month. I hope and pray to see you in worship, and Bible study to learn more together about our beautiful Savior, and to be equipped for the work of the Kingdom of God— making disciples together.

Amen.

Pastor. ILYCD



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Please
come
and join
us!

Take me out
TO THE



Ball Game

On Sunday, March 17th, it is the LWML annual fundraiser dinner, the theme this year is Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Hotdogs, chips, baked beans, brownie, and a drink. Tickets are on sale for \$8.00, one hotdog and \$10.00 for two hotdogs.

Thank you to our school students for making our signs for this event.

Tickets on sale in the back of the Church.

LWML Meeting Minutes Feb. 11, 2024

The meeting began at 1015 am. We enjoyed food prepared by Judy W and Joyce. We recited the League Pledge and JudyM. led us in prayer. Becky W. led the Devotion.

Secretary's Report: Read by Peggy. Thank you to Judy W for subbing for me. Moved and 2nd to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Teresa. Our biggest Bake Sale earnings so far were in Jan. was \$151.50. Our Spending Balance is \$1,295.11. Moved and 2nd to approve.

Old Business: Our Jan. The School Supplies Project was a success.

New Business: 1. Our Kitchen Supply request was a success with so many lovely and useful items donated by our ladies.

2. The 100 Palm Crosses have been received and they are beautiful.

3. Our March Project is the Baseball Themed Congregational Meal on March 17 after the 10:00 am, Divine Service . We will set up in the cafe, using our two large roaster pans for beans and hotdogs. Will check with Dez if we can order the food through her school vendor. Judy M found cute Baseball themed napkins, stickers and Cracker Jacks, which we can sell online for \$36. 14. Moved and 2nd to approve. Brownies will be served for dessert. Judy W, Barb, Becky, Peggy and Judy M will each bake a 9 x 13 pan. We have food containers, cutlery and cups in the pantry.

4. Our next Bake Sale is March 10. Feb. Ladies Luncheon is Feb. 17 at the Blue Dog Grill on Matlacha.

5. Judy W and Peggy will each bring soup for the Feb.21 Lenten Meal. Barb will bring a dessert and Judy M. will bring bread.

6. The Fall Rally will be Sat. Nov.2 and we will co-host with Trinity. The council has approved this. We will set up in the Chapel and fellowship area the night before. We are hoping the older school students will assist in set-up and that the Elders will serve the food. Our Pastor Davis and Trinity's Pastor will provide the sermon and Bible Study and Holy Communion. Up to 130 ladies are expected to attend. We will pre-sell tickets at a tentative \$10. We might have a Raffle, as well, and will check Thrift Stores for Baseball related items.

7. We discussed using the Blessing Bag money for needed items for our students at the end of the school year.

Our next meeting will be Mar. 9. Barb will do Devotions, Charlotte and Teresa will provide refreshments. Also, thank you to Sharon Zimmerman for the beautiful Valentine gift for each of us.

Moved and 2nd to approve adjourning.

Pastor led us in The Lord's Prayer.

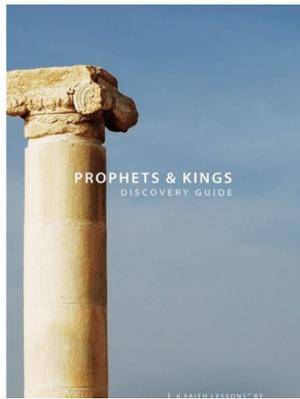
Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Fjelsted

Κατα Μαθθαιον
According to Matthew



“Matthew”

A study of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew,
drawing from the original languages
of the Holy Scriptures.



Wednesdays at 10:15 am, all are invited as we continue with a new series on the Gospel According to Matthew. This incredible Gospel account is full of the deepest and most wonderful of meaning for our faith and salvation and our lives as we follow Jesus. Join us! And on Sundays at 9:00 am, we have started a new series, “Prophets and Kings” It has some definitely thought provoking things for our times. Join us for this as well, and you will find Jesus throughout! This series is rooted with a video supplement.

And Elder Russ has a new series: *Who never died but went straight to heaven riding a fiery chariot? Who fed himself, a widow and her son for three years with one jar of flour and one jug of oil? Who raised that widow’s son from the dead? Through the power of God, Elijah did all of this and much more. God does display Himself in mighty works of power and judgment, such as wind, fire and earthquakes. But God also relates to us intimately and personally, such as a quiet whisper. Elijah alternately demonstrates victory and defeat, followed by recovery. He knew exultation and depression – human, like us. We will usher in the new year with a new Bible class on Elijah on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 10:15 a.m. in the back of the church. Elder Russ Brown will be the discussion leader. All are invited.*

Ladies of Good Shepherd - including Teachers and Staff,

You are invited to participate in our Ladies Luncheon that takes place every 3rd Saturday of each month, at a new location each time. Bring a dollar that will be collected, and a name will be drawn, from the group of ladies. The person’s name that is drawn will receive the money that will go towards their meal and will choose the next location. A fun way to get to know each other.

If interested, please sign-up on the provided sign-up sheets in the back of the church, so we know how many will be going and we can reserve a table.

Hope to see you there!

LADIES LUNCHEON

March 16th at noon

The Rum Bucket

5150 Buckingham Rd., Ft. Myers, FL 33905.

Phone number: (239) 288-6975.

Please remember our Food Pantry if you know of someone with an emergency need. They may contact pastor or the church office by phone at 239-995-7711, or email pastor at pastordavis@goodshepofnfm.com. Also, if you have food to donate, please let us know.

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

(Matthew 25:40)

PALM SUNDAY

Witnesses to Christ

The Passion of
our Lord begins

The series continues

You are invited to begin Holy Week with
us on Sunday, March 24, 2024

Services at 10:00 am and 11:30 am

Rejoice greatly...

*thy King cometh
unto thee.*

Witnesses to Christ
The Passion of our Lord



The Night our Lord
Was Betrayed

You are personally invited to
This very special
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm

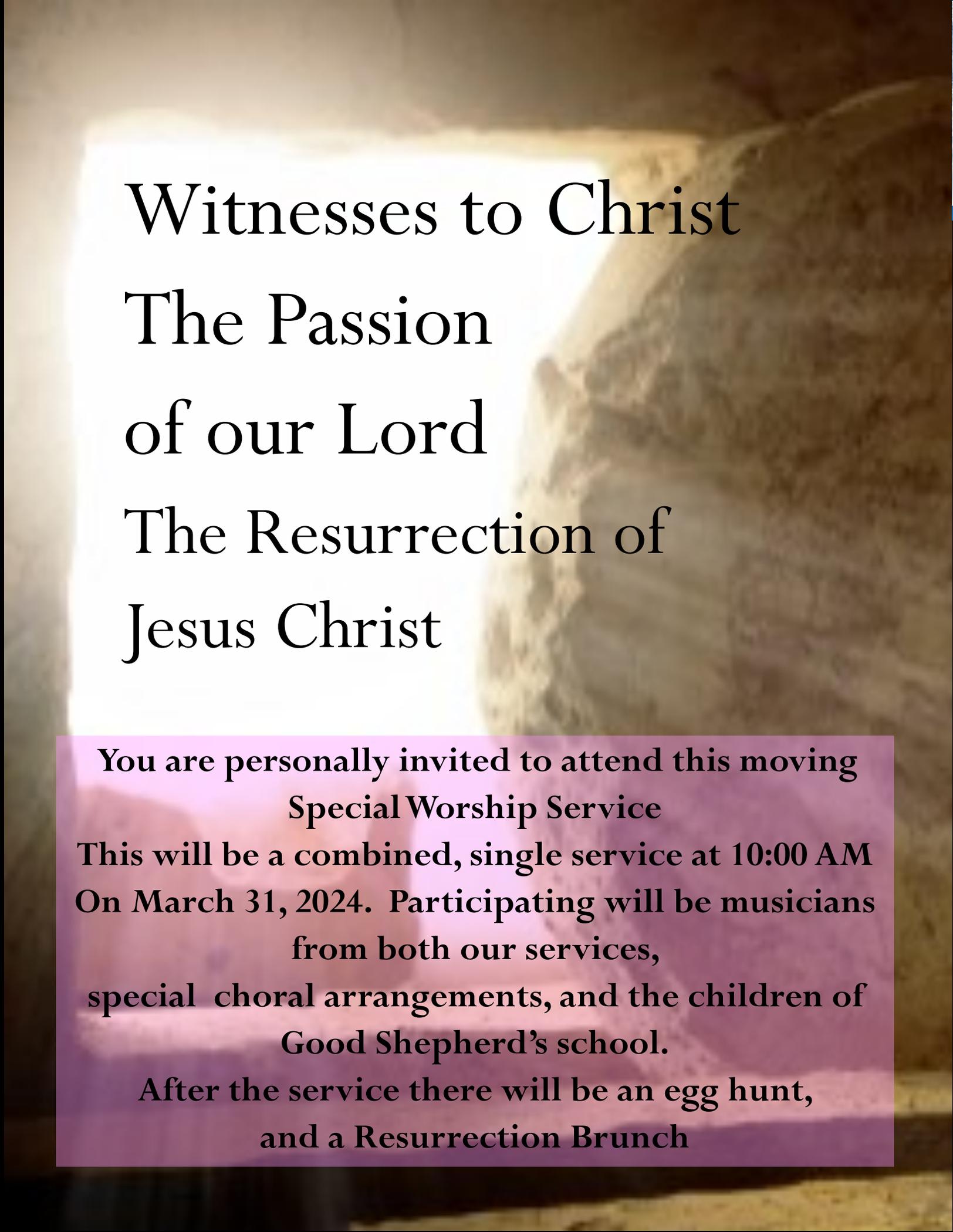
Witnesses to Christ The Passion of our Lord



The Crucifixion of our Lord The Service of Darkness

You are personally invited to attend this moving
tribute to our Savior— Jesus Christ.

Please mark your calendar and bring someone to
Christ this evening— March 29th, 2024 at 6:00 pm



Witnesses to Christ
The Passion
of our Lord
The Resurrection of
Jesus Christ

**You are personally invited to attend this moving
Special Worship Service**

**This will be a combined, single service at 10:00 AM
On March 31, 2024. Participating will be musicians
from both our services,
special choral arrangements, and the children of
Good Shepherd's school.**

**After the service there will be an egg hunt,
and a Resurrection Brunch**



Welcome to
**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**



Welcome
to Open House!



Open Enrollment begins March 1st, 2024. On March 9th will be our OPEN HOUSE from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will have Food Trucks, a Bounce House! And more. Also, gently used uniforms will be on sale.

Lectionary summaries for the Sunday of the resurrection of our Lord

EASTER SUNRISE (31 March 2024)

Exodus 15:1–11; 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–18

The Risen Lord Jesus Is Our Strength and Our Song, for He Has Become Our Salvation

O come, let us “sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously” (Ex. 15:1). By His cross, He has shattered the enemy, crushing sin and death beneath His feet; in His resurrection, He has brought us out of Egypt into the freedom of the Gospel. He has called us out of darkness into light, and led us from confusion, fear and weeping into the joy and gladness of His resurrection. He is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation (Ex. 15:2). Thus do we hear and respond to His voice of the Gospel, as He calls each of us by name. We enter His tomb by our Baptism into His death, and just as surely as He has risen, so we also “must rise from the dead” (John 20:9). “Let us therefore celebrate the festival” (1 Cor. 5:8), not in the revelry of self-indulgence or in the debauchery of lust, but in sincere faith and genuine love. For “Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). He has thereby set us free from sin and death, and now He feeds us with Himself unto life everlasting

EASTER SUNDAY

(31 March 2024)

Isaiah 25:6–9

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Mark 16:1–8

The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud “that is spread over all nations” and “cast over all peoples” (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to “be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast “of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined” (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, “dressed in a white robe” of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received “by the grace of God” is also “delivered to you” by the preaching of Christ, “in which you stand, and by which you are being saved” (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

February 2024 Stats:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Date	Day	Attendance 1st	Attendance 2nd	Total Attendance	Giving 1st	Giving 2nd	Giving Total
02/04/2024	Sunday	34	19	53	\$1,423.00	\$41.00	\$1,464.00
02/11/2024	Sunday	66	23	89	\$1,938.00	\$650.64	\$2,588.64
02/14/2024	Wednesday	38	0	38	\$339.00	\$0.00	\$339.00
02/18/2024	Sunday	56	19	75	\$1,780.00	\$785.00	\$2,565.00
02/21/2024	Wednesday	26	0	26	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$335.00
02/25/2024	Sunday	90	0	90	\$4,560.00	\$0.00	\$4,560.00
02/28/2024	Wednesday						
Total	02/29/2024				\$10,375.00	\$1,476.64	\$11,851.64

Average Attendance for Sundays in March: 77

Giving total all types for March: \$11,851.64

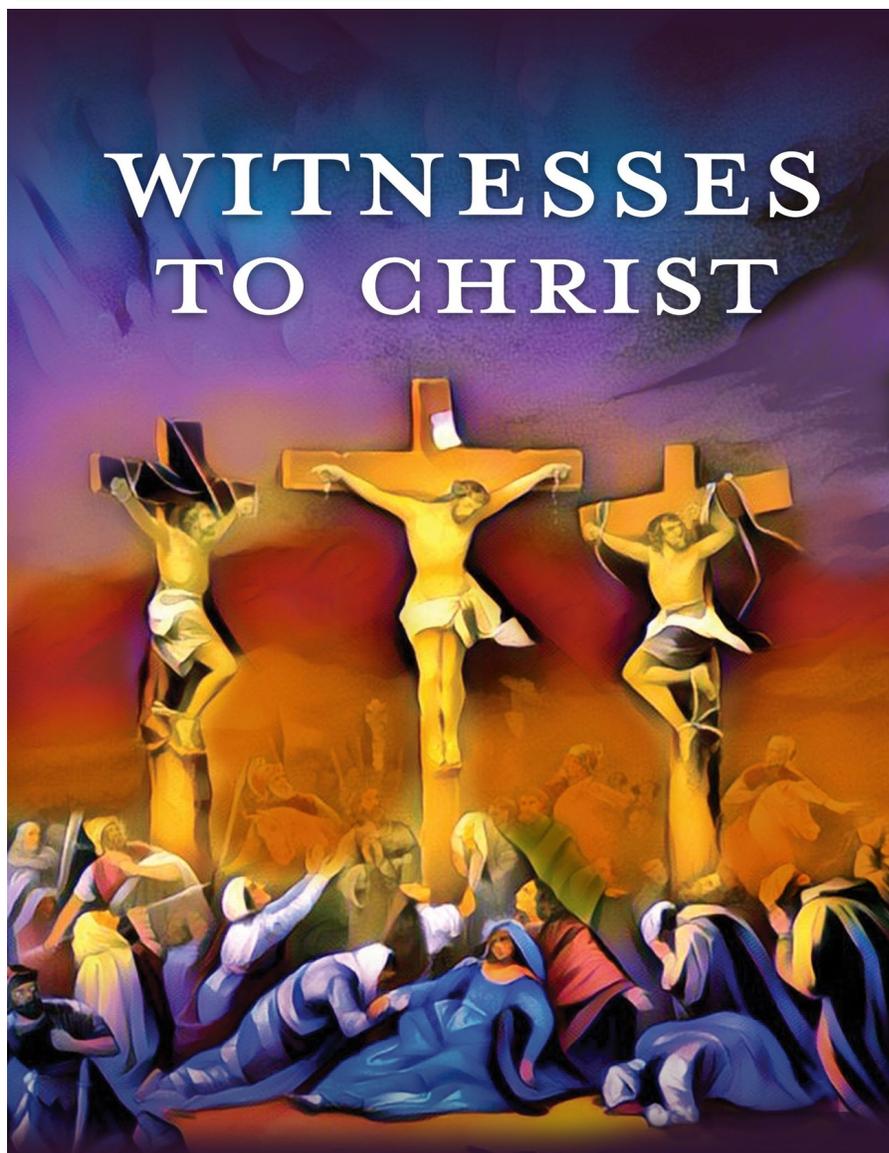
	Mar. 3	Third S. in Lent	Ex. 20:1–17	Psalm 19	1 Cor. 1:18–31	John 2:13–22 (23–25)
	Mar. 10	Fourth S. in Lent	Num. 21:4–9	Psalm 107:1–9	Eph. 2:1–10	John 3:14–21
	Mar. 17	Fifth S. in Lent	Jer. 31:31–34	Psalm 119:9–16	Heb. 5:1–10	Mark 10:(32– 34) 35–45
HOLY WEEK	Mar. 24	Palm Sunday /	Zech. 9:9–12	Psalm 118:19– 29 <i>or</i>	Phil. 2:5–11	Mark 14:1– 15:47 <i>or</i> Mark

		Sunday of the Passion		Ps. 31:9–16		15:1–47 <i>or</i> John 12:20–43
	Mar. 28	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Ex. 24:3–11	Psalm 116:12– 19	1 Cor. 10:16–17	Mark 14:12–26
	Mar. 29	Good Friday	Is. 52:13–53:12	Psalm 22 <i>or</i> Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14–16; 5:7–9	John 18:1– 19:42 <i>or</i> John 19:17–30
EASTER	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	Ex. 15:1–11	Psalm 118: 15– 29	1 Cor. 5:6b–8	John 20:1–18
	Mar. 31	The Resurrection of Our Lord <i>Easter Day</i>	Is. 25:6–9	Psalm 16	1 Cor. 15:1–11	Mark 16:1–8

THE LCMS LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH, 2024:

CHURCH NEWS

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES continue, AND SOUP SUPERS BEGIN THIS MONTH!



WITNESSES TO CHRIST

WE WILL BEGIN OUR SERIES ON MARCH 6, 13, and 20th. with a Soup Supper at 5:00 pm, and worship will follow at 6:00 pm.

About the Theme

This year's series paints a stunning portrait of Jesus through the eyes of the witnesses of His Passion in St. John's Gospel. John tells us he wrote his Gospel: "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30–31).

This Lent, strengthen your faith with the

witness of those who were present as part of Jesus' journey to the cross.

Please join us. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, too, and to make new friends. So, bring a friend to church with you. Though they may have a church they attend on Sundays, we have a chance to share our church on Wednesdays this season, too.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – March 2024

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

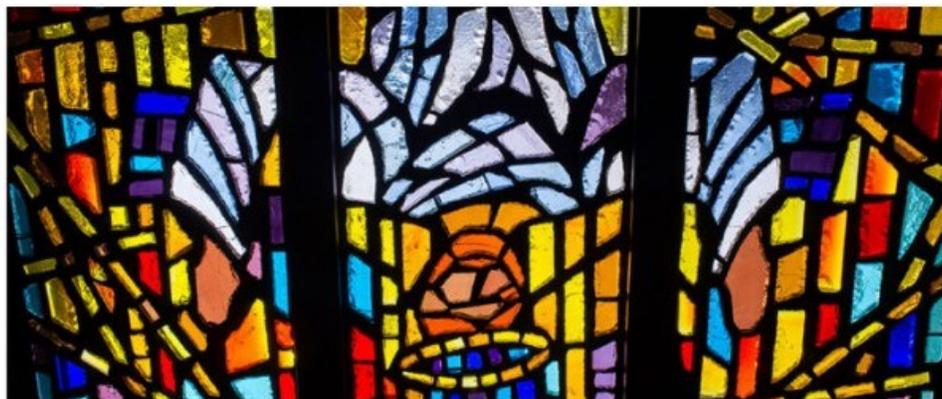
“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.



CALENDAR: MARCH 2024

*** SUNDAYS, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 WORSHIP**

9:00 am _____ BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 am _____ FIRST SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:30 PM _____ SECOND SERVICE OF WORSHIP

****SUNDAY, 3/31 WITH BIBLE STUDY AT 9:00 AM, AND ONE COMBINED WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK AND EGG HUNT**

***WEDNESDAYS MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY at 10:15 am, on
3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (NO CLASS HOLY WEEK)**

***Wednesday, Midweek Services, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 with Soup Suppers at 5pm,
and worship at 6:00 pm. NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON HOLY WEEK**

***THURSDAYS ELIJAH BIBLE STUDY WITH RUSS, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 AT 10:15**

***THURSDAY**

- 3/7 Elders 5:30 pm
- 3/14 School Board at 5:30 pm
- 3/21 Church Council at 5:30 pm
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:00 pm

***FRIDAY, 3/29 Good Friday at 6:00 pm**

***SATURDAY**

- 3/9 LWML 10 AM
- 3/9 OPEN HOUSE
- 3/16 LADIES LUNCHEON AT 12:00 PM