

+The Third Sunday in Lent+

March 20, 2022 | 10:15 am



The Tower of Siloam, the Fig Tree, and Repentance

Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Luke 13:1—9

The Divine Service

Liturgy Note: throughout the season of Lent, we will pray Divine Service Setting IV, a setting with less chanting and more speaking, to highlight the solemn and penitential nature of the season, thereby to aid our Lenten observance.

The following may be prayed before the Divine Service:

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells.

Ps. 26:8

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

Ps. 42:1

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Ps. 84:10

Almighty God, heavenly Father, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way straight before my face. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for thou art the God of my salvation. Amen.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Opening Hymn | 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Introit (spoken)

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

**The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.**

You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

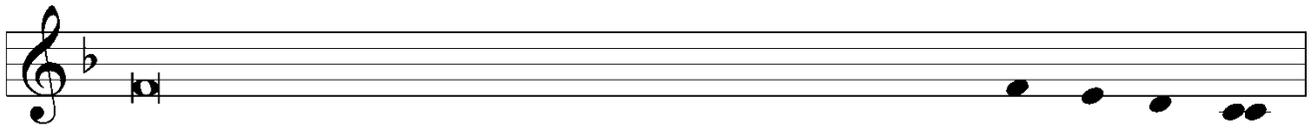
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

**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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

The Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

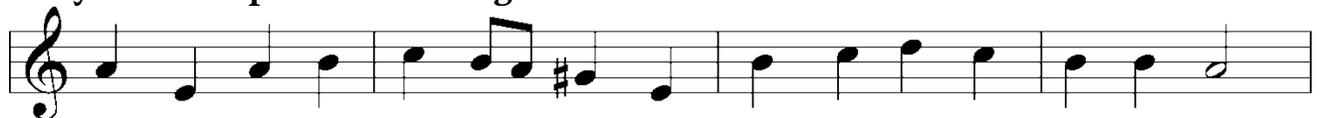
⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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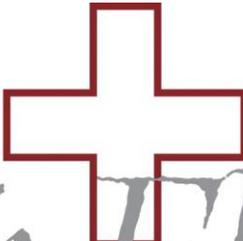
Hymn of the Day | 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

Stand

The Prayer of the Church


Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **✝** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **✝** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

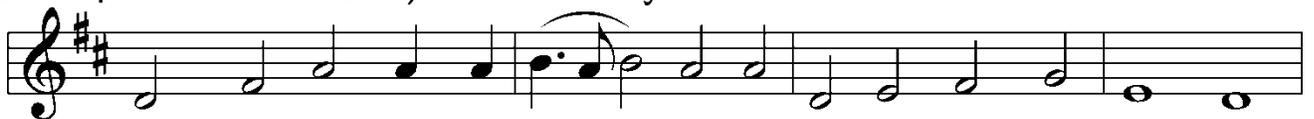
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today.

Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

Distribution Hymn | 613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

Distribution Hymn | 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart | 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!

Announcements

St. Paul

Lenten Midweek Services, and Lenten Suppers. Over the next three Wednesdays, we will observe midweek services of Lent with a service at 7PM and a supper at 5:45PM. *There is no Lenten Supper for Holy Week.* The Midweek Series for this year's Lent is called *God's Three Estates: Our Place in the World—the Family, the State, and the Church.* This Wednesday, the meal will be served by John and Claudia, Jim and Karen Schueler, and Nolan and Corene Schuemann.

Individual Confession/Absolution will be offered through the Sundays in Lent at 6:30-7:30am. For those sins that you know and feel in your heart, come and hear the Absolution pronounced. No appointment is needed—enter when the person before you leaves. Pastor is bound by his office to never divulge the sins confessed, but to pronounce God's Absolution in obedience to God's command, the forgiveness of sins, as from God himself. You are invited to avail yourself of this holy practice not only throughout the season of Lent but throughout the Church year, by appointment with Pastor (260-226-0375).

Noodles, the threequel. We all love a good trilogy. The third movie in the series is always the best. You doubt this? Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Rocky III (the one with Mr. T and Hulk Hogan). Any questions?? As the ground thaws and some of our migratory ladies make their way back to God's country, the crossroads of America, the home of cheese toasties and John Cougar Mellencamp (he was a Lutheran for a minute... [that "small town" he was born in was Seymour and the place where he was taught to "fear Jesus" was a little place called "Immanuel Lutheran Church"]—bet you learned something new in Church today...) duty calls, and the ladies will return again to the kitchen for part III of this year's noodlepalooza, where once again they will be mixing together their four parts flour, two parts eggs, and one packet awesome-sauce powder into that dough that can only be described as Preblelicious perfection. Still not impressed? You try to make food with a bed sheet and a box fan and tell me how far you get, brother! **Come help us make noodles March 24th and 25th starting at 7AM each morning and stay as long as you would like.** Never made noodles before? They will be glad to have you as their apprentice until you get your black belt and become a noodle master too. And they will feed you. Come join in the fun!

Gemutlichkeit has been cancelled for the month (noodle-prep). Come and join us for making noodles! There is always lunch provided.

Flowers. Anyone interested in donating flowers throughout the year, place your name on the chart in the narthex and contact a Ladies' Aid committee member assigned to that month for assistance. These flowers will be placed on the altar on the Sunday requested.

Office of Deacon. We are going to install an informal, three-month rotation of four assistant deacons for winter (January to March 15), four assistant deacons for Spring (March 15 to the Sunday prior to Memorial Day), two assistant deacons for summer (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend) and four assistant deacons for fall (Sunday after Labor Day to the end of the year). *If you think you would be able and willing to help your Church for this part-time, limited three month stretch of time, please talk to Pr. Yeager.*

Youth

High School Youth Activities

+Sunday, March 20; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Movie & Card Night at Caston Home

Chris and Tina Caston will host another movie and card night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733).

+Sunday, March 27; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

Wyneken

Congratulations! We celebrate with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (resource teacher) for 45 years of service, Mrs. Julie Smith (grade 4 teacher) with 15 years of service, and Mrs. Courtney Butcher (2nd grade teacher) with 10 years of service in the teaching ministry. We also give thanks to God for Cheryl Reinking (Wyneken Childcare and business assistant) for 5 years of faithful service. Praise be to our Lord and Savior for devoted teachers and staff who serve at Wyneken!

First Grade Teacher. The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board of Education has offered the position of grade 1 teacher to a roster eligible candidate. We ask the Lord to bless her deliberation and prayerfully await her decision.

GRANDPARENTS / VIP DAY: We are excited to welcome grandparents and special guests to Wyneken on Friday, April 1 from 7:45-10:45am.! Invite your loved ones to pre-register and check out the schedule for our special day using the link below. Registration and check-in will start at 7:45am. Classroom visits for Kindergarten-8th grades only will take place from 7:45am-10am with a Chapel service to follow in the main gym. Dismissal of guests will follow the Chapel service. A link for information for Grandparent's Day can be found on our website – www.wyneken.org). All attendees are encouraged to pre-register for the event. We hope you are able to join us! If you are unable to register your guests on-line, you may call the office with your guests' names.

St. John Bingen annual **Fish and Tenderloin Dinner** is Sunday, March 20, 2022 held at Wyneken memorial School, 11565 N US 27, Decatur from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Adults \$12.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00 5 and under free. DINE IN or Drive thru Takeout. CASH or CHECK: NOT accepting credit cards this year. Contact Kevin Brown 260-639-6178.

Do you have a love for children? The **Wyneken Child Care** has some part-time positions open. If interested, please contact Christine Cornett, Director , at 639-6064.

District, Synod, Other

Lutherhaven. Registration for summer camp at Lutherhaven has begun! It may not seem like it, but summer is right around the corner. Have you made plans yet? Camp Lutherhaven has something for everyone: campfires, swimming, making paracord bracelets, Wacky Olympics, or just spending time with friends and family. There are programs for kindergarten all the way through High School, as well as some time for the whole family! Register online at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information 636.7101.

Last Supper Drama Group. Scott Marbach is a member of the Last Supper Drama group of Ft. Wayne and plays St. Thomas. For information about schedule and events, check out the website for the Last Supper Drama Group: lastsupperdramafw.simplesite.com.

**A MIDWEEK SERIES
FOR THE SEASON OF LENT:**

God's Three Estates

Our place in the World: the Family, the State, and the Church

**Join us for the midweek Lenten Series
Wednesdays at 7PM**

***+A supper will precede each midweek service at 5:45PM+*
(With the exception of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week).**

The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday | March 2, 7PM
Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes

Lent Midweek 1 | March 9, 7PM | Vespers
God's Three Estates: an Introduction

Lent Midweek 2 | March 16, 7PM | Divine Service
Divine Hierarchies and Love

Lent Midweek 3 | March 23, 7PM | Vespers
The Estate of the Family

Lent Midweek 4 | March 30, 7PM | Divine Service
The Estate of the State

Lent Midweek 5 | April 6, 7PM | Vespers
The Estate of the Church

Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7PM

Good Friday, April 15, 7PM

Easter Sunrise, April 16, 6AM

Easter Breakfast, April 16, 7:30-8:45AM

Easter Day, April 16, 9AM

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 3/20

The Third Sunday in Lent—Matins, 8am
Bible Class, Sunday School 9:15am
The Third Sunday in Lent —Divine Service, 10:15am
Public School Confirmation, 11:30-12:30pm
High School Youth @ Caston Home, 6:30PM

Monday 3/21

Visitation, Faye Keuneke, 12-5PM at Zwick & Jahn
Visitation, Faye Keuneke, 9:30-10:30 at St. Paul
Funeral, Faye Keuneke, 11AM at St. Paul

Tuesday 3/22

Bible Class at St. John, 9:30-10:30am

Wednesday 3/23

Lent Supper, 5:45PM
Lent Midweek 3, Divine Service, 7PM

God's Three Estates—The Estate of the Family

Thursday 3/24-25

Noodles, starting 7AM each morning (Thurs. and Fri.)

Sunday, 3/27

The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Divine Service, 8am
Bible Class, Sunday School 9:15am
The Fourth Sunday in Lent —Matins, 10:15am
Public School Confirmation, 11:30-12:30pm
Youth: Wyneken service night, 6:30PM

Prayer of the Church

- +**Those who mourn:** the family of Faye Keuneke. Visitation from 12-5PM today at Zwick & Jahn and 9:30-10:30 at St. Paul tomorrow. Her funeral is tomorrow at St. Paul at 11AM.
- +**The sick and recovering:** Evelyn Keuneke, Ron Selking, Anita Spiegel, Ken Germann, Marge Merriman, Pr. Brege.
- +**The Homebound:** Edna Mesing (Woodcrest); Marge Merriman (Woodcrest Assisted Living); Wilda Scheumann (home); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Ted Reinhart (home); Don Haines (home).
- +**Birthdays:** Emilie Reinking, Jeremiah Lenegar, Dean Gallmeyer, Brooks Gerke, Beth Merriman, Marcy Gilbert, Connie Jeffrey, Braelle Brune.

Attendance

Wednesday 3/9 75 Sunday 3/13 185

Acolytes 3/20

8am Clayton Minnich 10:15am Max Nussbaum

Stewardship 3/13

Weekly Goal: \$7,194.23 Current Week: \$3,070.00 Online Giving: \$902.03
vs. Weekly Goal: -\$3,139.20 Giving Year to Date: -\$13,890.23



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