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The Flowers – To the glory of God in loving memory of Walter Kaiser by his family.

**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. \*\*\* Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

**HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY:** It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord’s Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ’s Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.**

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**A SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**The Lord Feeds His People** The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness. (*Exodus 16:2-21*) He Who is Himself the living Bread from heaven also miraculously provides bread for the five thousand. (*John 6:1-15*) Five loaves become twelve baskets – that is, the five books of Moses (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy – the Torah*) find their goal and fulfillment in Christ Jesus, Whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in prayers and divine worship. (*Acts 2:41-47*) So it is that God's people shall not hunger or thirst. For He abundantly provides for us in body and soul. (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

**A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

*Summary: Just as Jesus blessed the fishes and loaves to provide more than enough food for five-thousand men gathered in a mountain field, so does He bless bread and wine to give His body and blood to countless saints gathered around altars unto the end of the age. There is always more for the next feast.*

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and under the bread and wine, which we Christians are commanded by Christ's Word to eat and to drink. Though the Sacrament is bread and wine, it is not mere bread and wine, such as are ordinarily served at the table. But this is bread and wine included in, and connected with, God's Word. It is the Word, I say, that makes and sets this Sacrament apart. So it is not mere bread and wine, but is, and is called, Christ's body and blood. For it is said, "When the Word is joined to the element or natural substance, it becomes a Sacrament." The Word must make a Sacrament out of the element, or else it remains a mere element.

With this Word you can strengthen your conscience and say, "If a hundred thousand devils, together with all fanatics, should rush forward, crying, 'How can bread and wine be Christ's body and blood?' I know that all spirits and scholars together are not as wise as is the Divine Majesty in His little finger." Now here stands Christ's Word, "Take, eat; this is My body. Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the New Testament." What Christ's lips say and speak, so it is. He can never lie or deceive. (*lcmssermons.com; BOC readings – 1-Year Lectionary; Large Catechism, The Sacrament of the Altar*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** ♪ 143: 1-5, 15

**PREPATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD  
[PAGES 46-48: THE ORDER OF THE CONFSSIONAL SERVICE, PAGE 16: INTROIT TO PAGE 23  
(FRONT OF THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL)]**

**INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)**

**PASTOR:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**CONGREGATION:** Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever;

**P:** Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.

**C:** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**P:** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**C:** The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

**P:** But the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**C:** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! (*Psalms 146:5-10*)

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, Who by Your Son in the wilderness bountifully fed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish: We implore You to graciously visit us also with Your blessing and to protect us from covetousness and cares for this life, that we may seek Your Kingdom and righteousness first, and mercifully be made to know Your generous, fatherly goodness in all our needs of body and soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: FIRST LESSON – EXODUS 16:2-21**

**P:** <sup>16:2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because He has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him – what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup> But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)**

#### **SECOND LESSON – ACTS 2:41-47**

**P:** <sup>2:41</sup> So those who received the Apostle Peter’s word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

<sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 6:1-15**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**P:** <sup>61</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup> “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet Who is to come into the world!”

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

### **NICENE CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 22]**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 347**

### **SERMON: JESUS: OUR TRUE BREAD UPON WHICH WE LIVE FOREVER – JOHN 6:1-15**

*“They all ate and were satisfied.” (Mt. 14:20) Amen.*

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* Imagine a mere five loaves of bread and two fish very quickly, maybe instantly being multiplied into enough food to feed thousands of people. What would that look like? We who believe the eye-witness testimony of Holy Scripture, who trust that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, we know that the Lord always provides! *“For the Lord is good, and His lovingkindness endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.” (Ps. 100:5)* God *“provides food in abundance” (Job 36:31)* and *“nourishes the hungry.” (Ps. 146:7)* As Christians have prayed throughout the ages over their meals: *“The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.” (Ps. 145:15-16)*

One of God’s many attributes – according to the *Small Catechism* – is that He’s good, that is, *“kind, desiring our welfare.” (Small Catechism: 106)* He’s overly-generous, beyond gracious to us! *“Open your mouth, and I will fill it,”* He assures us in Psalm 81:10. This is a declaration that God is for us! And *“if God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?” (Rom. 8:31-32)* We don’t deserve anything good from God as sinners. Yet He lavishes all good upon us due to His tender mercy and love for us in His Son. Remember the *Explanation of the First Article of the Creed*, where God does all good things for us *“only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in [us].” (Small Catechism: 16)*

As the Lord God fed His people Isreal in the Sinai desert with manna, providing for them and preserving them from perishing in the wilderness, so does He provide ample bread and fish for a famished crowd in John 6. Now, in the Age of Christ, God the Father feeds the hungry through His beloved Son! Jesus Christ – God in the flesh – performs this miraculous sign, proving that He’s our all-providing God! In former days, almighty God fed His people with quail and manna from heaven. Now He feeds us through His Son, and feeds us Christ Himself as well!

Jesus’ miraculous feeding of thousands with scant food is a perfect illustration of His overflowing heart toward His creatures. How great is His compassion to all those who’re in need of His godly care and provisions! As He nourishes and enlivens countless people in need of sustenance, the Lord does so for two reasons: So that they’re strengthened in their bodies; enabled to thank and praise God for His goodness to them. And so that they believe

that He, as the Son of God, has been sent by His Father in heaven to “fill the hungry with good things” (see *Lk. 1:53; Psalm 107:9*) and to save His people from their sins – from death leading to the judgment of hell.

The Rev. Luther notes that Jesus is “right on it” when it comes to the growing need of the large crowd gathered around Him that day. He says to Philip: “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” (*Jn. 6:5*) In Luther’s words, “The Lord Christ asks [this of] Philip, before the people complain or ask, in order that we should always let Him care for us and know that He takes our interest to heart more so and sooner than we do ourselves.” (*Luther’s Notes on the Gospels, 300-301*)

Glory be to God, there are those who receive Jesus’ miraculous feeding rightly, trusting that, by this wondrous deed, the Lord shows Himself to be the One sent by God to feed and redeem their bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

Thanks be to God, we’re their spiritual descendants and heirs through our shared faith in Christ the Lord! We, too, believe that Jesus is the “Prophet Who is come into the world,” (*Jn. 6:14*) so that “whoever hears [His] Word and believes in Him Who sent [Jesus] has eternal life.” (*Jn. 5:24*)

But there are, unfortunately for them, those who misinterpret the crystal-clear meaning of Jesus’ miraculous feeding thousands. They refuse to believe that Jesus is the only Son from heaven come to do what only God can do for sinners. To them, Jesus is no heavenly Provider and Savior – definitely not the one true God. In their eyes, He’s just a man sent from God to feed them and rule over them like a David or Solomon. That’s why they – at the close of our Gospel narrative – try, and fail, to take Jesus by force and make Him their earthly king.

Later in John 6, Jesus calls them out for falsely believing and insisting that He’s come to be their “bread king” or He Who’ll keep on multiplying loaves and fish for them all their days. He says: *Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.*” (*Jn. 6:26-27*)

In our *Collect of the Day* we ask our heavenly Father to “protect us from covetousness and cares of this life” because these surely threaten us. All those who only care for their earthly needs to be met in John 6 crave food that perishes. They don’t care for food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man desires above all to give them. Hear and believe Jesus’ feeding of the five-thousand as a son, as a daughter of God whom He specially created, whose body He cares for and provides for, and whose soul He blesses and restores! (*See Ps. 23:3*) Don’t hold onto Jesus for this life only – for your wants and needs of the body alone. Trust in Him; look to Christ alone for the great good of your body and your soul “in this world and the next.” (*Now Thank We All our God: 2*)

It’s so difficult for us earth-bound people to think beyond what we need for our bodies to live from day-to-day. We’re by nature worldly-minded because of our sinful nature, and since we’re so used to living in a fallen world. So our Savior must reach out from the pages of the Bible and “grab hold of us” and help us to see that we’re not just living, moving and having our being for the here-and-now. He feeds five thousand people to teach them and us that He’s come not to just satisfy peoples’ hunger but to also feed, nourish and enliven us unto eternal life!

So it’s not only about our bellies. It’s not always about ourselves in the moment. It’s about our Lord Jesus speaking His Word into us, feeding Himself to us so that we’re now His own, and He is ours – His life is ours. Being reckoned or counted as righteous by God through faith alone in His Son is vastly more important than whether your stomach is full or not.

Thank God we’re no longer slaves to sin so that we only care about ourselves, our gut and this life. We don’t have to live for this life only; we’re not forced to have our stomach as our god or to glory in our shame. (*See Phil. 3:19*) Christ your Redeemer has freed you from your slavery to sin, unshackled you from your captivity to this world, rescued you from your bondage of believing that your bodily needs are your greatest need.

Even so, of our own volition, we look more to ourselves than we do to Christ upon the cross for us. We must answer to God for putting our bodily needs and wants, “creature comforts,” what we desire above what God most desires for us, what He knows we need the most. It’s not a question of whether our focus is more on the bread and fish than it is on the Giver and the Multiplier of these. It isn’t a question of whether the real food of Jesus which endures to eternal life – His Word and His body and blood – isn’t valued and treasured by us as much as it should be. It’s a question of what we do about it. Do we confess these things to God, forsake them in our hearts, run to Jesus for sure-pardon and forgiveness and ask God to enable us to see Jesus more so than less?

It’s a very good thing that Christ doesn’t allow anyone to make Him a worldly king that day or ever. How good it is also that Jesus doesn’t go on feeding His fellow Galileans again-and-again so that they love Him and follow Him as a belly-filler – and that’s it. Christ, the godly, died for you, the ungodly, to bring you to God, to make you His godly Christians. (*See Rom. 5:6*) You’re saints who look to Jesus not only for earthly good – blessings for your day-to-day

lives, but all-the-more-so for the remission of your sins, for peace with God and with one another, for the absolute certainty of your soul's salvation and for sure comfort amidst all hardship and sadness.

The eating of bread and fish which moments before simply didn't exist brings many people to later see and believe that their very lives and salvation are bound up in their Lord crucified for them. Your very life, your salvation is also inseparably tied to your crucified Savior in His anguish, His bleeding, suffering, and dying for you. This is because Christ *"purchased and won [you] from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death."* (*Small Catechism: 16*)

Whether you partake of Jesus your Savior "through the ear" – by believing, living upon, being saved by every Word that comes from His mouth... Or you partake of Christ's body and blood at His holy altar, you're fed His forgiveness, life and salvation – you're literally fed Him out of this world into everlasting life! As always, your Lord says it to you best: *"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."* (*Jn. 6:54*) Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Bringing our thanks, concerns and requests to our gracious and loving God, let us pray to our heavenly Father, asking Him out of His great love and mercy to defend us, His baptized children.

For the Church throughout the world, that she would be kept safe from all dangers that would attack her from without and from all false doctrines, schisms, divisions and hatreds that would attack her from within, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For growth in the knowledge of God's Word, that we would live upon Christ, our Bread from heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christians who are daily tempted to turn from God's living voice to the enticement of false comforts and worldly idols, or because of suffering, temptation and sorrow, that God would grant us His grace and comfort through His Gospel Word and Sacraments until we depart this veil of tears in His peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors, that they would serve their people devoutly and feed them with the Bread of Life; and for all congregations in their care, that they would receive this faithful service with thankful hearts, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, that God would preserve them from indifference toward and neglect of His Holy Word and Sacrament, and from false belief, despair and other great shame and vice, so that husbands and wives, parents and children may live holy lives to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation, that God would strengthen and preserve all homes under His care; and that He would preserve our nation from wickedness and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick and in need, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper, that we may not doubt, but firmly believe that Christ's body and blood are given to all the faithful at His altar, and that free forgiveness is given there to all who believe these words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son multiplied bread and fish for thousands, showing Himself to be the Creator and Giver of every good gift. Multiply the gifts of body and soul You provide from Your gracious hand, and cause us to receive Your benefits with thanksgiving; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]**

### **PROPER PREFACE (LORD'S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER FOR LENT)**

**P:** It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again, and that the serpent who overcame by the

tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** 🎵 311, 159 & 158

**POST-COMMUNION ACCLIMATION FOR LENT**

**P:** As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup.

**C:** Ye do show the Lord's death till He come. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

**CLOSING HYMN:** 🎵 155

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	41	--	13	\$6,073.00
St. James	42	--	4 7	\$1,164.25

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	17,868.00				
Actual	32,342.00		1,875.00		12
Last Week	6,048.00		25.00		

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	32,676.00			32,676.00	
Actual	21,424.25	165.00	60.00	21,649.25	12
Last Week	1,164.25			1,164.25	

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THIS WEEK

- TODAY \*Building Restoration Committee meeting (Holy Trinity) following the service  
2:00PM: LWML Spring Rally (at Holy Cross, Warda)...registration begins at 1:30pm
- TUESDAY 8:30AM: LWML Noodle-making (at St. James parish hall)...Come HELP!
- WEDNESDAY 3:40PM: Week Day School  
7:00PM: Joint Lenten Vespers (at Holy Trinity)
- THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
- FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off
- NEXT SUNDAY \*Building Restoration Committee meeting (Holy Trinity) following the service  
10:30AM: Turkey and Dressing Dinner (Holy Trinity)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++We remember in our prayers:... at Holy Trinity...Charles Winkler, Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;...at St. James...Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt,

*Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Stefanie Raines [wife of Lucas Raines (St. James)], Diane Sommers [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], Zachary Hartfiel [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], Tim Faske [relative and friend of St. James members], JoAnne Meyer [mother of Pastor Meyer], Carole Heller [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], and all of our sick and shut-ins.*

+++**TURKEY AND DRESSING**...Holy Trinity will be sponsoring their annual Turkey and Dressing Dinner next Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30am at their parish hall with drive thru serving only! Each dinner will be \$13.00. Proceeds will be used for Church and Parish Hall improvements.

\*\*\*Holy Trinity...would like to once again express their **THANKS** to Clay Carter Plumbing for their recent donated work to our church!

+++**Easter Lilies**...we would appreciate your donation of an Easter lily (or more) for our upcoming Easter services! **At Holy Trinity**...please bring yours anytime following the Good Friday service. **At St. James**...orders will be taken with each Easter lily being \$15.75. Please find the order form included in the bulletin, fill it out, and return it with payment to either Peggy Raines or Sandra Lay by April 18. Make checks payable to Lexington Country Greenhouse.

\*\*\***HOLY TRINITY**...the Building Restoration Committee will meet after the service **TODAY** and again **NEXT SUNDAY**!

+++**Noodle Making and Fundraiser**: St. James LWML will be making noodles this Tuesday, April 1, beginning at 8:30AM. All volunteers are welcome to help!!! We are also in **need of Gold Medal flour donations**. Please drop them off at the church or parish hall before April 1. If anyone would like to pre-order noodles, we are selling them for \$10 a pound. Place your order(s) with Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay. **GET YOUR ORDER(S) PLACED TODAY!!!** Thank you for your support!

+++**LWML Spring Rally**: All ladies are invited to attend the LWML spring rally hosted by the Mt. Calvary ladies but held at Holy Cross, Warda, **TODAY**, March 30. Registration begins at 1:30, and the rally begins at 2:00. The theme for the rally is "Invited," based on Psalm 66:16. The speaker is Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, CEO of Camp Lone Star. A light meal will be provided after the rally. Hope to see you there!

\*\*\***Sock and Underwear Drive**: St. James LWML is sponsoring a sock and underwear drive for Orphan Grain Train will be extended through TODAY, March 30, to allow time for everyone to get their donations in. We are collecting new socks and underwear for kids ages infant through teen. Thanks for your help!

+++**St. James**...we have Confirmation and Easter cards on display on the table in the hallway, as well as a variety of cards available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

\*\*\***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AND THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**...Our Sunday morning Bible study prior to the Divine Service – for the season of Lent – will take a look at how our Lord Jesus' hands served us in His earthly ministry all the way to the cross. It is entitled "The Hand of the Lord." For our Thursday morning Bible study, we will be journeying through the Book of Acts.

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

\*\*\***QUILTING**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...St. James-Gerdine Boyd, today; Heather Exner, 1; Cullen Wagner, 2; Lindsay Brown, 3.

\*\*\***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Steven & Kathy Moerbe, 4.