



*Those  
who lose  
their  
life*

*for my  
sake  
will  
save it*

MARK 8:35



+ Second Sunday In Lent +  
**February 28, 2021**

**AS WE GATHER**

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, “Remember Your mercy, O Lord.” Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because “He has remembered us; He will bless us.” Indeed, God’s promises to Abram in today’s Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today’s Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

*The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend (and major festivals).*

**Liturgical Color:**  
*Purple is the color of humility and repentance.*

*Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!*

**Prelude** ..... Cody Clemons  
    (“What Wondrous Love Is This”)

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn** ..... “Praise to You and Adoration” #692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with  
 share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
 me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,  
 From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
 And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your  
 joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
 life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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*Stand*

## Matins

Opening Verses..... *page 219*

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon..... page 220

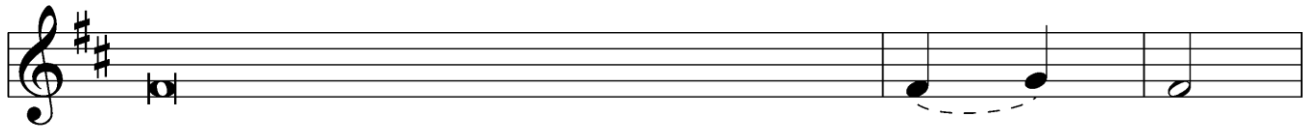


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

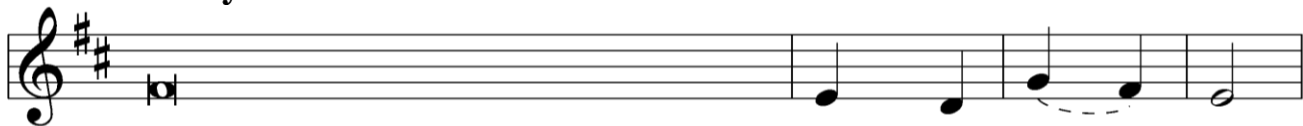


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

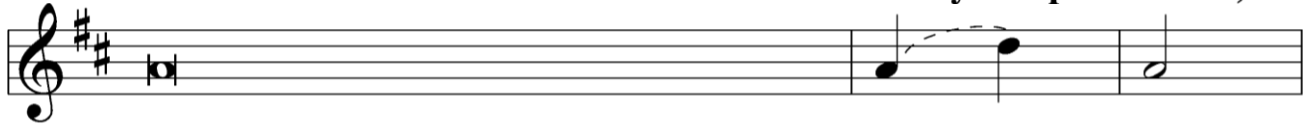
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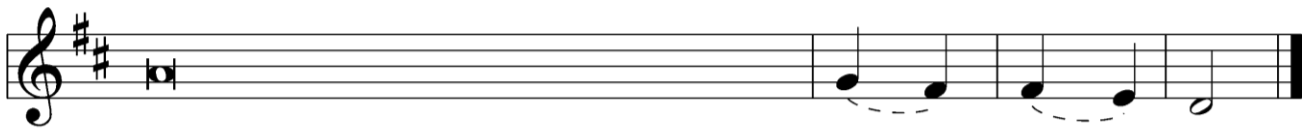
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
  
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
  
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Antiphon**..... *page 220*



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Psalm 22:23-31** ..... (*spoken in unison*)

You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
 For he has not despised or abhorred  
 the affliction of the afflicted,  
 and he has not hidden his face from him,  
 but has heard, when he cried to him.  
 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
 my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
 May your hearts live forever!  
 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
 and turn to the LORD,  
 and all the families of the nations  
 shall worship before you.  
 For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
 and he rules over the nations.  
 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
 even the one who could not keep himself alive.

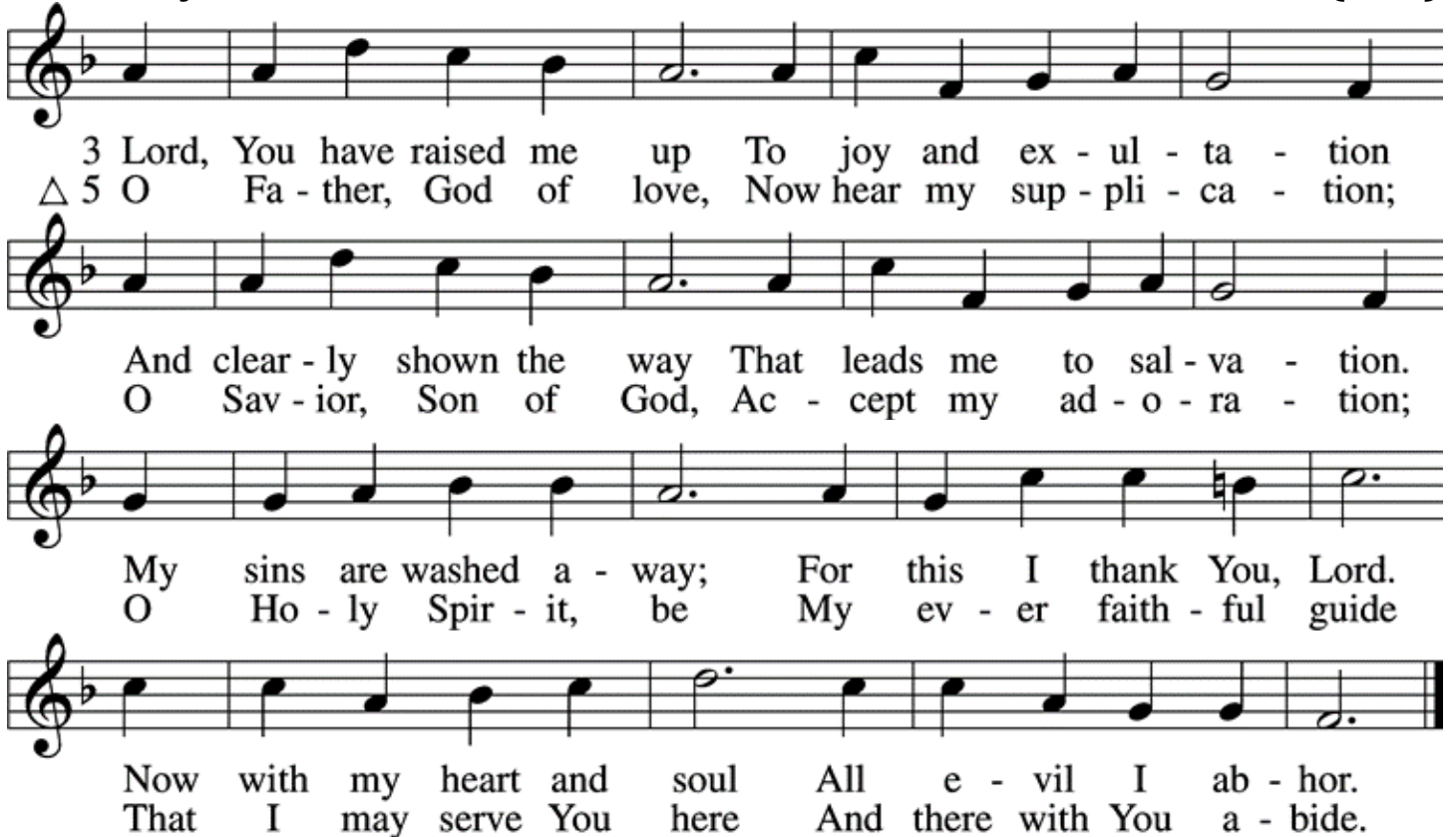
Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

*Sit*

**Office Hymn** ..... *“How Can I Thank You, Lord” #703 (3, 5)*



3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion  
△ 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli - ca - tion;  
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.  
O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac - cept my ad - o - ra - tion;  
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.  
O Ho - ly Spir - it, be My ev - er faith - ful guide  
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.  
That I may serve You here And there with You a - bide.

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## Readings

**Old Testament Reading** ..... **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading ..... Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel ..... Mark 8:27-38**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter





From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.

I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
 Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:

And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
 All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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## Offering

*Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.*

*"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)*

**Kyrie**.....page 227

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

**Lord's Prayer** .....page 227

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Collects**.....page 227



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day *(in unison)*

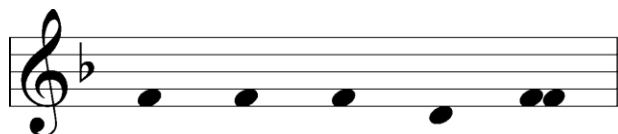
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Additional Collects ending Amen.**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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**.....page 228



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

**Sending Hymn**..... *"At the Name of Jesus"* #512 (1, 4, 7)



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,  
 Δ 7 Glo - ry then to Je - sus, Who, the Prince of light,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.  
 Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,  
 To a world in dark - ness Brought the gift of sight;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,  
 Praise to God the Fa - ther; In the Spir - it's love



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.  
 Praise we all to - geth - er Him who reigns a - bove.

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**Dismissal** ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

**P** Grow in Christ,

**C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

**Postlude** ..... Cody Clemons

(“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”)

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**Next week’s readings:**

**Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25**

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**Attendance Last Saturday: 18** **Attendance Last Sunday: 50**

**Lenten Midweek Service: 33**

**Total Offering: \$5,667.57**

**Missions: \$100.00**

**Home Use: \$5,491.00**

**Benevolences: \$76.57**

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**Serving us today:**

Elders/Ushers ..... Willie Crespo

Musician ..... Cody Clemons

Altar Committee ..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,  
Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker

Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Sheree Moody

**This Week’s Schedule**

- Sunday 1:00 p.m. Youth Catechesis
- Monday 10:00 a.m. Moms and Tots
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
- 7:00 p.m. “Jesus’ Final Week” —Zoom Bible Study
- Friday 4:30 p.m. Manna Harvest Meal
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
- 9:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at [www.blchurch.com](http://www.blchurch.com), under the Sermons tab)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—Jr. and Sr. Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Prayers**

**For Catechumen** Amy Martin as she prepares for Confirmation and reception into church membership on Saturday, March 20. The Lord’s grace and peace to her as she grows in the way of Christ’s cross and resurrection with us!

**For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision**—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization & rehabilitation: Don Apprill (Cindy Schnell's dad), Leora Baack (Charlene McCarter's mother), Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Kelley Corzine (Melvin's Theroff's granddaughter), Carie (Julie Crespo's friend), Crystal McDaniel (Diane McComas's daughter) Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Roy Hillmann (Bonnie Rich's father), Sharon Hochsprung, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (Pr. Jesse Kueker's son—Trinity, Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Troy McCarter (Lloyd McCarter's brother), Kathy Marshall, Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy, Bryan Tebbenkamp, Lynne Trimble (Kaye Fair's sister), and Paula Willis (Bonnie Rich's friend). *We remember as well all who are dealing with COVID—19, especially the healthcare providers who are working to prevent, stem the spread, and treat those who are ill!*

**For Pregnant Mothers**, especially Brittany Brown as she and her husband Joe await childbirth this year. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

**For Seminarian** Jonathan Sharp (and his wife Bridgette) as he continues his studies and prepares to receive his vicarage assignment at the end of April.

**For Military Members**—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

**Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care**—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

### **Worship Services (Masks required at all services)**

**Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m.** You can also watch it live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at [blchurch.com](http://blchurch.com).

**Saturday Services are at 5:30 p.m.** The order of worship is the shorter service of Early Evening Prayer. Holy Communion is observed on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekends of the month, as has been our regular practice.

**Re<sup>+</sup>lent** means “to give up or abandon—to become less severe, to soften” and is of central importance to the passage from Joel that sets the tone for Lent: “Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding

in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?" (2:13b-14). **Re-** is a prefix meaning "to go back or retrace to the original—to do again." In the season of **Lent** (which has its origin in the root of the word "length"), we head through lengthening daylight toward Easter/spring and find that as we face what darkens our lives. Join us for the following Wednesday Services as we discover anew the blessing of loss and gain through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. **Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.—March 3-Lambasting, March 10-Excess, March 17-Negativity, & March 24-Trashing.**

**Irish Music Anyone?—On Sunday, March 14th**, the Clan o'Martin, Bethlehem's very own Irish ensemble, will be providing preservice music (beginning at 10:15) and post service music, as well as some during the service. You will recognize some that actually come from our...wait for it...hymnal! We hope you can join us for our first get together in a year. Be sure to join us, ready to tap your toes. 🍀🍀🍀

### Service Opportunities

**Music Gifts?** The music committee seeks you, your time, and your gifts! 1) If you would like to help in the process of selecting the hymns for our worship services, you could be part of the rotation. It can be a devotionally enriching experience. 2) ANYONE interested in playing for any service is more than welcome to do so! Students preparing for recitals or contests, former church musicians who want to get back in the swing, new learners who want to expand their abilities (this certainly includes visiting grandchildren!), and so on are encouraged to participate. This could even be a selection or two during the service or beforehand. We applaud Cindy Smith and Penny & Abby Humphrey for their recent musical offerings on Saturday evenings. To find out more or ask any questions, please call Paula Easterwood at 660-441-0493. Thanks for your consideration and contact!

**Food Center Needs:** pouch tuna, canned meats, cake mixes and icing, diapers, jelly in squeezable bottles. Other staples are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off at 137 E. Culton, **T & TR, 1-4 pm & Saturday, 9-11 am** or left at the north church entrance in the round barrel by the bulletin board.

### Faith Discussion and Bible Study

**Sunday Youth Bible Study**—Jeremy VanWey will be starting a **new one on March 7th** that will be exploring C.S. Lewis's classic on the wily ways of evil, *The Screwtape Letters*. Make sure to make it, and spread the word to others so that a good group can be gathered!

**Zoom Bible Study—Open to Everyone.** This Bible study began is being held weekly on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** We're looking at "**Jesus' Final Week**" from Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the trial to Jesus' death and resurrection. Focusing on these events will bring new understanding to who Jesus is and how he loves us. **Please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class so that we can get materials out to you.** It's not too late to join!

**Resuming Romans Study on Sunday Mornings!** To all who attended the Sunday Bible study last year and didn't think we'd finish Romans by the end of the year, you were right! We will, however, be **resuming on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:10 a.m.,** keeping it a bit shorter while still packing a lot in. We'll be meeting in the conference room, unless you hear otherwise. Please consider joining us!

### [Mary Martha Guild](#)

**Easter Lilies—Starting the first week of March** the flower committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies. There will be forms available in the Tidings, Bulletins, Emails and at each entrance of the church. Please consider purchasing a lily this year in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost of the lilies will be \$8.00.

### [Miscellaneous](#)

**Grief Share Group** will be starting a new session on **Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m.** This will be an **online class** through the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg. If you would like to be a part of the group, you can register by calling 816-309-5381 or go online to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/121678>. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Melvin Theroff.

### [Offerings](#)

**Thrivent Choice Dollars Alert**—Members with 2020 Choice Dollars available need to designate these funds before the end of March or they will expire. You may direct your Choice Dollars to Bethlehem or your choice of another organization on the Thrivent list. Choice Dollars may be designated at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4835 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice".

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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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