

The Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024



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§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving March 3rd at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Anthony Cortesini, Fred Brady
	Michelle Jones, Brian Strong

Asst. Minister	Don Edie
Greeters	
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	The Ironic Gospel

The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

Confession and Absolution

Please rise. 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.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

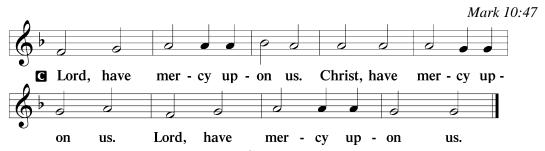
Service of the Word



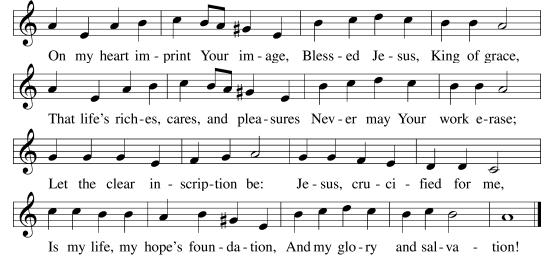


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Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Please be seated.

A The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, chapter 20.

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

 2 "I am the \bar{L} ORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Antiphon the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing | the heart;* the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening | the eyes;

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,* and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

²Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor | are there words,* whose voice | is not heard.

⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,* and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,* and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviv- | ing the soul;* the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the | simple;

8the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing | the heart;* the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening | the eyes;

9the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for- | ever;* the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous alto- | gether.

10More to be desired are they than gold, even | much fine gold;* sweeter also than honey and drippings of the | honeycomb.

11Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;* in keeping them there is | great reward.

12Who can dis- | cern his errors?*

Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion | over me!*

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great trans- | gression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
 O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Antiphon the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing | the heart;* the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening | the eyes;

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Holy Gospel John 2:13–22

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

and was made man:

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



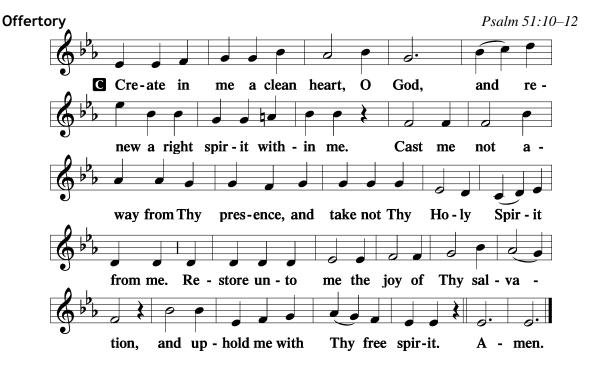
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Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Please rise.



Please be seated.

Offering

Please rise.

Prayer of the Church

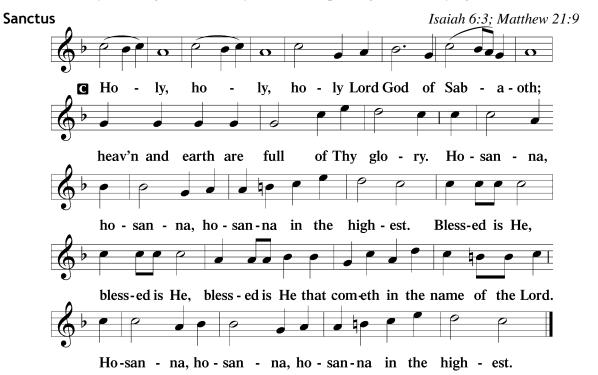
- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A That our jealous God would save the third and fourth generations who will come after us from His punishment, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For zeal this Lent, that following Christ we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to Him alone, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- A That our heavenly Father would preserve and bless all Christian households; that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other; that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in the fear of the Lord; and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A That the Lord of the perfect Law would bless all who govern us; that He would make them wise in His ways and uphold justice; and that He would help us serve and obey them in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the Family of Klaude Miller, for those listed in our bulletin, and for all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them; and that God would deliver them in His steadfast love, granting them healing, comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A That our Redeemer would declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults and keep us back from presumptuous sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who come before the Lord's presence to eat Christ's body and blood on this holy day, that we would boast not of ourselves but of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That our God, whose true temple was destroyed by wicked men yet raised up again after three days, would grant us and all the saints to share in the glory of His Son's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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.

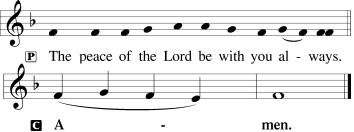
The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

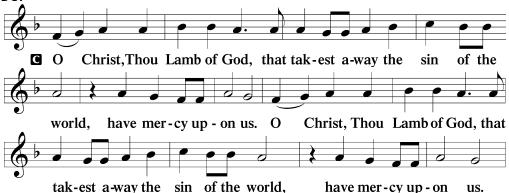
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

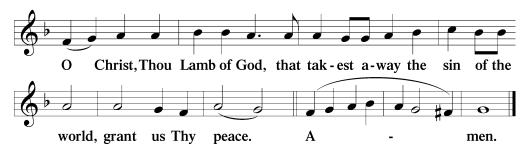
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





Agnus Dei



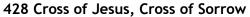


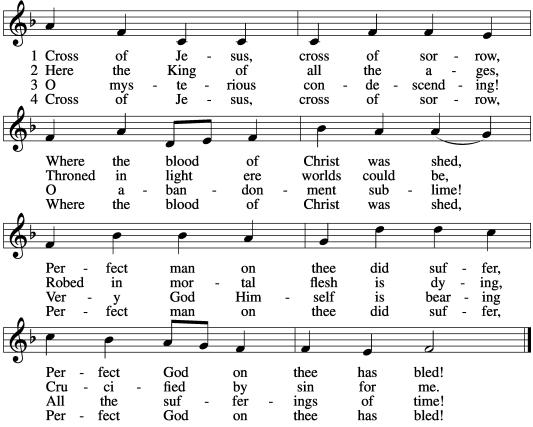
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Communing at Faith

Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.





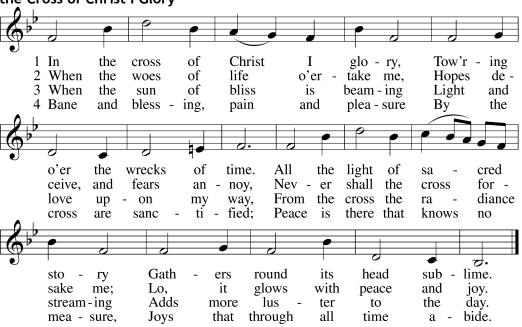
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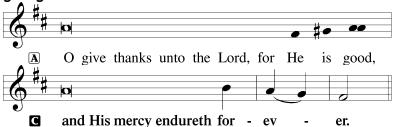
Please rise.

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



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.







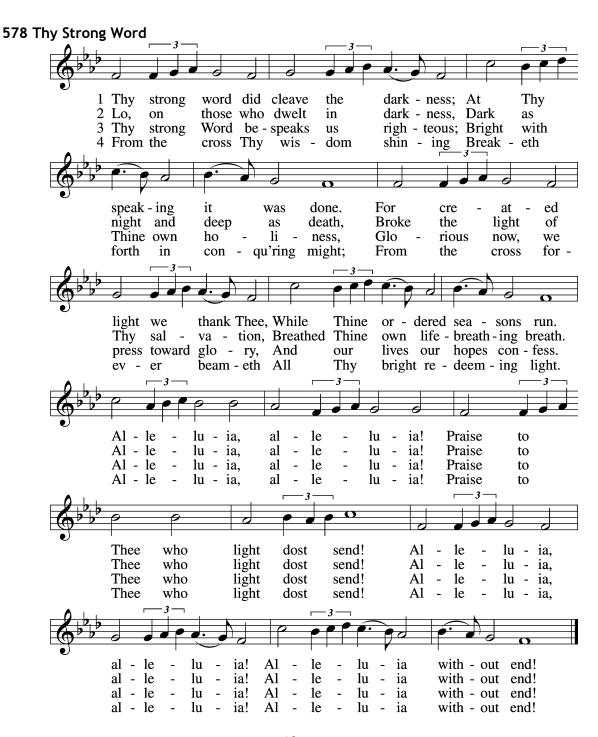
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Requesting Prayers

Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser †Franklin LaLonde †Chris MacMurray †Jacob Gan †Anthony Isaac †Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†

†Michael Parris (China) †Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)

Current Events

†Pray that we and the nations put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus †Natural disasters recovery †Prayers for Peace and Justice †Prayer for Nation's Leaders and illness; prayer for the Lord to do His will through local, state, and national elections †Health Workers

†Health Workers †Educators & Students

†All new military visitors and families

Thanksgivings

†Mike & Michelle Jonesfirst time grandparents †Asa & Jessica Reedhealthy baby boy born

†Samantha †Shelby

†Free Women's Center

Immediate Needs

†Kenneth Drees †Marcia Euren †Peggy Gregor †Judy Keeth †Dawn Kubinski †Tim Matthews †JD Mattison †Ingrid Ozee †Donna Jo Stillwell †Richard Teague

†Roberta Thornsberry †Jami Turner †Chaya Velasquez †Dave Wainio †Sharon Wilson †Timothy Wolf

Long Term Needs

†Kristine †Sheri

†Ann Marie Boerner (Capps) †The Boettger Family †Barb BonGiovanni

†Dan Boorom †Ray Crosby †Madison Ford †Duane Green

†Finnigan Heine †Mary Jones †Liz Joyce †Marge Kohl †Irene Leitgeb †Marie Matthews †Ken Merrill †Sydney Merrill †Jenny Miessler †Marion Munson †Judy Neff

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†Pastor Ben Schumacher †Ben Paul Schumacher

†Mary Smith †Becky Vogel †Ron Weaver †Jerome Welliver †Lisa Weinhold

Comfort Facing Death

†The Family of Dorothy

Alexander

†The Family of Dex Boorom †The Family of Klaude (Tony)

Miller

FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

Sunday	9:00 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation
-	10:30 AM	Divine Service
		Elder's Meeting
Monday	10AM-2PM	Piece Makers @ Schumacher's House
	3:30 PM	Zoom Bible Study – Isaiah 1-12
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Philippians with Pastor Ben
•	6:30 PM	Ladies of Faith
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Lent Service @ FELC
		@FLW Main Chapel
	5:30 PM	Dinner
	6:15 PM	Classes
		@ FELC
	6:00 PM	Lent Supper
	7:00 PM	Lent Service
Thursday	9:00 AM	Ezra and Nehemiah
	12:30 PM	Ladies Aid Meeting
Saturday	8AM-12PM	E2 Conference in Springfield – Encouraging and Equipping
Sunday	9:00 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation
-	10:30 AM	Divine Service
		Voter's Meeting

THE MEN'S CLUB has begun a new study on the Life of David. The Men's Club strives to meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month starting at 8:00AM. If you have any questions, talk to Brian Strong.

FREE WOMEN'S CENTER diaper drive is happening now through March 17th. The sizes needed most are 4, 5, 6 and sizes 2 & 3 in Pull Ups. Please see Suzanne Vaughan if you have any questions.

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: Are you ready to SHINE!, Missouri District? Registration is now open for our annual servant event, this April 12-21, 2024. Groups of all sizes and skillsets are encouraged to live out Matthew 5:16 by showing the love of Christ to their neighbors through service during this timeframe. As is our tradition, participants will be outfitted in matching t-shirts...and in 2024 these shirts will be red. Head to mo.lcms.org/shine to learn more about SHINE! and place your shirt order. Please note: the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, March 12 (or for as long as supplies last).

A NEW FLOWER CHART is up for 2024. Sign up to bring flowers for the altar on Sunday in recognition of a special event or loved one.

GREETER AND ALTAR GUILD sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

HAVE AN UPDATE TO THE PRAYER LIST? Let the office know so we can keep it current.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is getting ready for their Spring Play! Sets are being built, roles have been handed out, and lines are being memorized!

FELC's two SPLHS students are a part of this year's production as well! Finlay Adkins has a role in the play and Eden Perling is the Student Director.



Saint Paul Lutheran High School students will perform The Internet is Distract--OH LOOK A KITTEN! by Ian McWethy. Performances will take place Friday, March 15 at 7 P.M. and Saturday, March 16 at 7 P.M.

Summary of the Show:

"Micah only has forty-five minutes to finish her paper on The Great Gatsby. She just needs to check a few facts on the internet first. Unfortunately, the web is a nefariously wacky place where boxing cats, Russian spies, and competitive streaming services threaten to take over Micah's schoolwork, or worse. Will she finish her paper and escape with her life before the school bell rings? A high-octane comedy that explores the rabbit hole of distraction we all go down every time we go online." – taken from Playscripts, Inc.



The Singing Saints will also have their Home Concert @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO on Sunday, March 17, 2024, from 7pm-8pm.*

Livestreamed concerts can be watched on the SPLHS Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/SPLHS.SingingSaints