

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 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 10th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Leroy Tronstad, Chris Myers
	Tom Dunn, Fred Brady

Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Greeters	
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	Saving Faith

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 

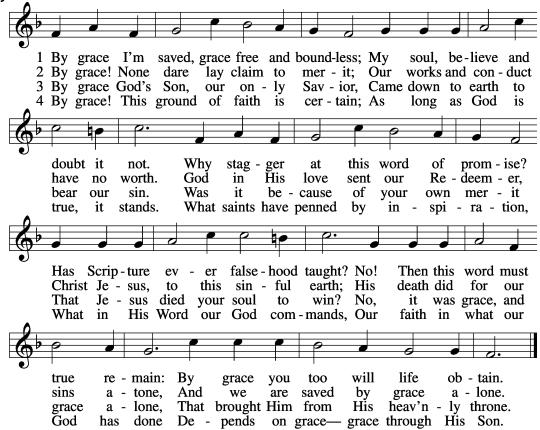
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **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





- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
  In tribulation's furnace tried,
  By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
  The Father's heart is open wide.
  Where could I help and strength secure
  If grace were not my anchor sure?
- By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
  In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
  For though I know my heart's condition,
  I also know my Savior's voice.
  My heart is glad, all grief has flown
  Since I am saved by grace alone.

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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.

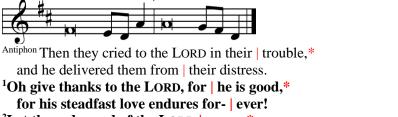
# **Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 21:4-9

A The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from Numbers, chapter 21.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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



<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,\*

whom he has redeemed from | trouble

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in | from the lands,\*

from the east and from the west, from the north and  $\mid$  from the south.

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<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in | desert wastes,*
finding no way to a city to | dwell in;
<sup>5</sup>hungry and | thirsty,*
their soul fainted with- | in them.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

<sup>7</sup>He led them by a | straight way*
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the | longing soul,*
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

<sup>Antiphon</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
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Epistle Ephesians 2:1–10

The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2.

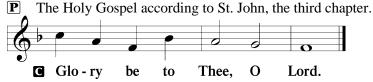
¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁴and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ¬so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ³For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ¬not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are his

workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

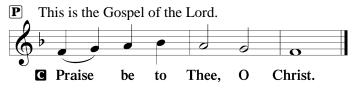
Please rise.

Holy Gospel John 3:14–21



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."



#### 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 made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

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,

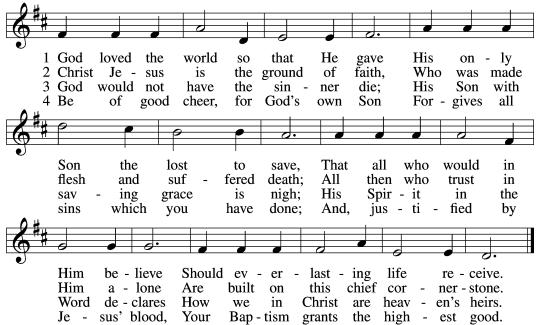
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

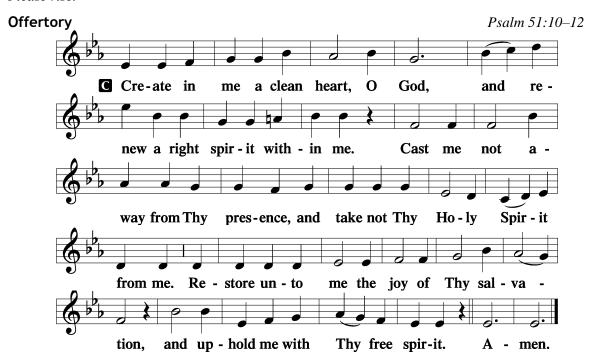


5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. △6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

# Sermon

- 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.

# The Litany

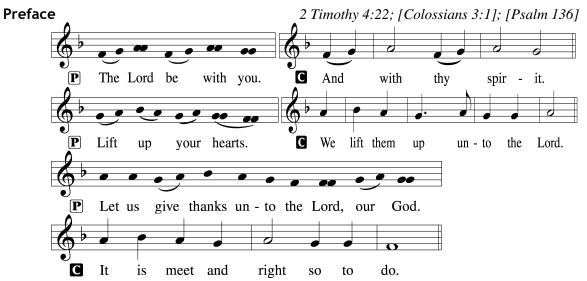
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P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	have mercy.
P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	hear us.
P	God the Father in heaven,	C	have mercy.
P	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	C	have mercy.
P	God the Holy Spirit,	C	have mercy.
P	Be gracious to us.	C	Spare us, good Lord.
P	Be gracious to us.	C	Help us, good Lord.

- **P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
  - by Your holy nativity;
  - by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
  - by Your agony and bloody sweat;
  - by Your cross and passion;
  - by Your precious death and burial;
  - by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- P We poor sinners implore You
- C to hear us, O Lord.
- To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.

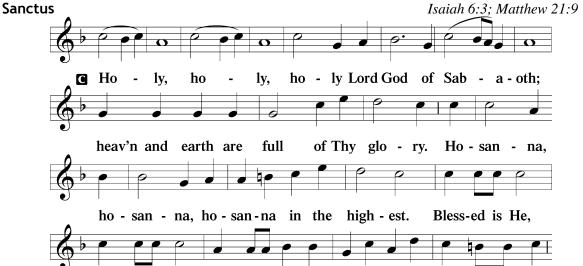
- P O Christ,
- P O Lord,
- P O Christ,
- P O Lord,

- C hear us.
- **C** have mercy.
- **C** have mercy.
- **C** have mercy. Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament



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



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

# 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

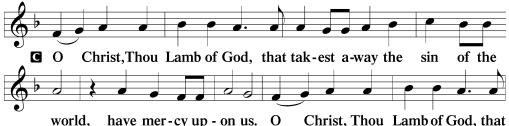
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

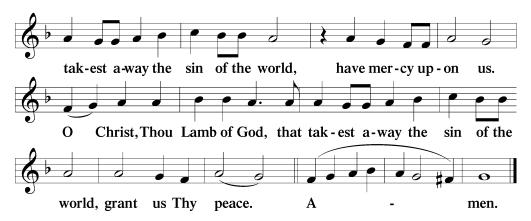
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini









Please be seated.

#### Distribution

### Communing at Faith

Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.



- Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
   Ever will Your truth abide.
   Then in You I will confide.
   Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
   My salvation is to me
   Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion,
  Faithful Father, God of grace,
  That with all our fallen race
  In our depth of degradation
  You had mercy so that we
  Might be saved eternally.

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#### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



- Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
  Or we must die despairing,
  Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
  Our human nature sharing.
  He has for us the Law obeyed
  And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
  Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
  And brought to us salvation,
  Each Christian therefore may be glad
  And build on this foundation.
  Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
  Your death is now my life indeed,
  For You have paid my ransom.

- Let me not doubt, but truly see
   Your Word cannot be broken;
   Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
   No falsehood have You spoken.
   Baptized into Your precious name,
   My faith cannot be put to shame,
   And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
  And makes us conscience-stricken;
  But then the Gospel enters in
  The sinful soul to quicken.
  Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
  The Law no peace can ever give,
  No comfort and no blessing.
- Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
   And rests in Him unceasing;

   And by its fruits true faith is known,
   With love and hope increasing.

   For faith alone can justify;
   Works serve our neighbor and supply
   The proof that faith is living.
- △10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
  To Father, Son, and Spirit,
  The God who saved us by His grace;
  All glory to His merit.
  O triune God in heav'n above,
  You have revealed Your saving love;
  Your blessèd name we hallow.

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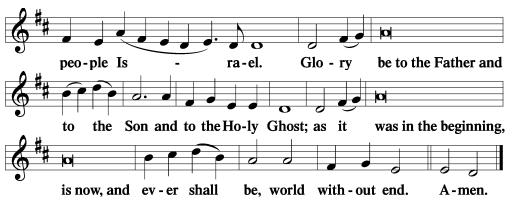
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#### Please rise.

- 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

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





#### **Benediction**

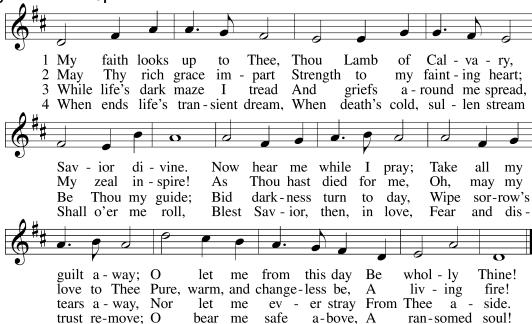
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.



### 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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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

†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

### **Long Term Needs**

†Sharon Wilson

†Timothy Wolf

†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 †Lili Osorio

†Dwayne Richard †Susan Rostad <sup>†</sup>Helen Rostad

†Melvin Rust

†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		
		Voter's Meeting		
Monday	10AM-2PM	Piece Makers @ Schumacher's House		
	3:30 PM	Zoom Bible Study – Isaiah 1-12		
Tuesday	9AM-3PM	Pastor's Circuit Conference @ Faith		
	6:30 PM	Ladies of Faith		
Wednesday 9AM-11AM MOPS		MOPS		
	12:00 PM	Lent Service @ FELC		
	1:15 PM	Widow's Lunch @ Sweetwater BBQ		
	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	@FLW Main Chapel Dinner Classes		
		@ FELC		
	6:00 PM	Lent Supper		
	7:00 PM	Lent Service		
Thursday	9:00 AM	Ezra and Nehemiah		
Sunday	9:00 AM Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation			
-	10:30 AM	Divine Service		

**THE MEN'S CLUB** has begun a new study on the Life of David. The Men's Club strives to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month starting at 8:00AM. They will meet again March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, talk to Brian Strong.

HANS & PEGGY GREGOR invite you downstairs after worship on March 17<sup>th</sup> for cake and ice cream to celebrate Hans' Birthday.

**THE BIRTHDAY LUNCH** is at La Familia on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let LuAnn Clark know if you plan to attend so she can give an accurate count to the restaurant.

**FREE WOMEN'S CENTER** diaper drive is happening now through March 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Some members of our church are collecting items for Genesis House and The Free Women's Center as a SHINE! Project. There are boxes by the bulletin board with more information on what is needed. Please have all donations in by April 14<sup>th</sup> so there is time to deliver them. Let Bev Richard or LuAnn Clark know if you have any questions.

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 been cast in a number of supporting roles in the play and Eden Perling is the Student Director.



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

<u>Livestreamed concerts can be watched on the SPLHS</u>

Facebook page:

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