

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

Divine Service Setting Four *LSB pg. 203*

## Confession and Absolution

### 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*LSB 685*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 116:1– 4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 43:1*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | He has heard  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because He inclined His | ear to me,  
therefore I will call on Him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

For You have delivered my | soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

### Pew Edition

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*

**C** Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him,

"You are My Son,  
today I have begotten You";

<sup>6</sup>as He says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Psalm

*Psalms 119:9–16 (antiphon: v. 10)*

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his | way pure?  
By guarding it according | to Your word.

<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I | seek You;  
let me not wander from Your com- | mandments!

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up Your word | in my heart,  
that I might not sin a- | gainst You.

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are You, | O LORD;

teach me Your | statutes!

<sup>13</sup>With my lips | I declare  
all the just decrees | of Your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>In the way of Your testimonies | I delight  
as much as in all | riches.

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on Your | precepts  
and fix my eyes | on Your ways.

<sup>16</sup>I will delight in Your | statutes;  
I will not for- | get Your word.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35–45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

<sup>36</sup>And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

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

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

## Nicene Creed

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**G** **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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **430 My Song Is Love Unknown**

*LSB 430*

- 1      My song is love unknown,  
         My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
         That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
         That for my sake  
         My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
- 2      He came from His blest throne  
         Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
         The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
         My friend indeed,  
         Who at my need  
His life did spend!
- 3      Sometimes they strew His way  
         And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
         Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
         Is all their breath,  
         And for His death  
They thirst and cry.
- 4      Why, what hath my Lord done?  
         What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
         He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
         Yet they at these  
         Themselves displease  
And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5      They rise and needs will have  
         My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
         The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
         To suff'ring goes  
         That He His foes  
From thence might free.
- 6      In life no house, no home  
         My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb

But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Sit*

## Offering

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

## Sanctus

LSB 208

**G** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

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- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

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

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

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

**G** **Amen.**

### **453 Upon the Cross Extended**

*LSB 453*

- 1      Upon the cross extended  
      See, world, your Lord suspended.  
          Your Savior yields His breath.  
      The Prince of Life from heaven  
      Himself has freely given  
          To shame and blows and bitter death.
- 2      Come, see these things and ponder,  
      Your soul will fill with wonder  
          As blood streams from each pore.  
      Through grief beyond all knowing  
      From His great heart came flowing  
          Sighs welling from its deepest core.
- 3      Who is it, Lord, that bruised You?  
      Who has so sore abused You  
          And caused You all Your woe?  
      We all must make confession  
      Of sin and dire transgression  
          While You no ways of evil know.
- 4      I caused Your grief and sighing  
      By evils multiplying  
          As countless as the sands.  
      I caused the woes unnumbered  
      With which Your soul is cumbered,  
          Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
- 5      Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
      Your head with thorns surrounded,  
          You died to ransom me.  
      The cross for me enduring,  
      The crown for me securing,  
          You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6      Your cords of love, my Savior,  
      Bind me to You forever,  
          I am no longer mine.  
      To You I gladly tender  
      All that my life can render  
          And all I have to You resign.
- 7      Your cross I place before me;  
      Its saving pow'r restore me,  
          Sustain me in the test.  
      It will, when life is ending,  
      Be guiding and attending  
          My way to Your eternal rest.

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### **622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

*LSB 622*



- 1      Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
        This feast for our salvation;  
        It is Your body and Your blood,  
        And at Your invitation  
        As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
        We come to You for needed rest,  
        For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2      Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
        Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
        And in Your presence they behold  
        Your glory, all excelling,  
        And though Your people shall not see  
        Your glory and Your majesty  
        Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3      Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
        To any habitation;  
        But You are present even now  
        Here with Your congregation.  
        Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
        Unmoved by any daring hand  
        Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4      We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
        Your precious Word believing  
        That Your true body and Your blood  
        Our lips are here receiving.  
        This Word remains forever true;  
        All things are possible with You,  
        For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5      Though reason cannot understand,  
        Yet faith this truth embraces:  
        Your body, Lord, is even now  
        At once in many places.  
        I leave to You how this can be;  
        Your Word alone suffices me;  
        I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6      Lord, I believe what You have said;  
        Help me when doubts assail me.  
        Remember that I am but dust,  
        And let my faith not fail me.  
        Your supper in this vale of tears  
        Refreshes me and stills my fears  
        And is my priceless treasure.
- 7      Grant that we worthily receive  
        Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
        And, truly grieving for our sins,  
        May prove by our behavior  
        That we are thankful for Your grace  
        And day by day may run our race,  
        In holiness increasing.
- 8      For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
        Be praised throughout all ages!  
        Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
        The world against it rages.

Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## Post-Communion Collect

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

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

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1 The Son of God goes forth to war  
A kingly crown to gain.  
His blood-red banner streams afar;  
Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below—  
He follows in His train.

2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye  
Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw his master in the sky  
And called on Him to save.

Like Him, with pardon on His tongue  
In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for those who did the wrong—  
Who follows in his train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few,  
On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew  
And mocked the cross and flame.  
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,  
The lion's gory mane;  
They bowed their necks their death to feel—  
Who follows in their train?

4 A noble army, men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,  
In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n  
Through peril, toil, and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n  
To follow in their train!

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### *In Our Prayers*

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Fern Harding			

Lucille, Deb Thompson's mom	Dave, Mitch Jacobs dad
Aiden Meeker, grandson Mark & Shari	Gabe's nephew
Fred Concepcion, Nelly Clark's father	Sharon, Pastor's friend
Kathy, in a coma, Rose's cousin	

#### Others:

Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute  
Our Armed Forces: Sgt Kaleb Karssen

## Stewardship Corner

**TIME- ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**      Worship Services 90

**TREASURE** Gifts received for budget: Mar 10, 2024 \$4,398.00 (Envelope/plate)

\*\* Monthly amount needed for operating budget: \$18,550- for March that is \$3,710 weekly in giving.

\*\* Currently our Building Renovation Fund has \$80,420.36

## **Announcements**

*To the best of our ability, all Worship Services and Bible Studies will be recorded and placed online on our Facebook page, our You-tube page and on our website.*

**Life Quote for March 17** "God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome*

**Knife & Scissor sharpening.** If you have knives and scissors that need sharpened, Bob Donley would like to assist. Please drop off any cutlery that needs sharpening to the church office and Leah will make sure your items are labeled and secured. The plan is to return any items the following Sunday (after received), nicely sharpened. Mr. Donley is doing this as a free-will donation fundraiser for the Building Renovation Fund.

**IF YOU HAVE A KEY(S) TO THE CHURCH BUILDING** please talk to Leah and let her know your key numbers. We are trying to update our list. Thanks.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** need to be designated by March 31st if you have them! You can call Thrivent or Jennifer DeWolfe if you need assistance!

**Board of Education Committee** will meet Sunday, March 24th after the service for a brief meeting.

**Easter Egg donations**— Please return the filled eggs into the yellow bucket by Good Friday of Holy Week. The youth will again host an easter egg hunt between service on Easter morning.

**Choir will sing on Maundy Thursday and Easter.** We would LOVE to have you join us! We will practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:20pm-5:45pm. (Please eat supper right at 5pm!)

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June on entryway table

**Preschool fundraiser** Our preschool is currently selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits as their spring fundraiser. We receive \$6 from each kit. Flyers are on the entryway table... or talk to Leah in the office. Order and payment due by April 14th!

**Don't forget to vote this Tuesday!** We are grateful to live in a free country where we can vote for our officials! Our very own Fred McGunnigal is running!

**Our final Lent service is on Wednesday** with dinner at 5pm and a service at 6pm service. Wednesday, March 20th: Misconceptions, Rev. Umbarger

## **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday, March 24th

8:45am Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, March 28th: Respite

6:00pm Worship Service

Good Friday, March 29th: Evidence

6:00pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday, March 31st: Vindication

7:00am Sunrise Service

8:30am Easter Breakfast /egg hunt

10:00am Worship Service

## **Learn by Heart: Week of March 17, 2024**

**Sunday School Memory Verse:** A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17