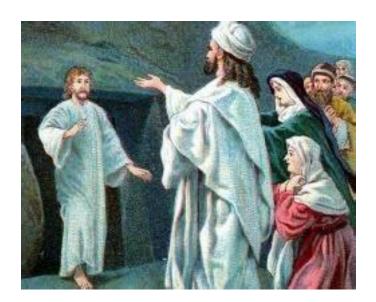
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God In loving memory of James Volk by Barbara Volk

Serving Today

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sen	Robert Hamrick, Organist
Craig	Escude, Choir Director/Cantor
8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Rick Sanborn	David White
Linda Licht	Wendy White
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leger
	Michele Escude`
	Debby Zagone
Serving Next Week	
8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Rick Sanborn	Leah Ryel
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Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

Lani Smith



752 Be Still, My Soul



Confession and Absolution

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.
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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.
- P 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

Stand

Introit

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15 Tone B



Precious in the sight | of the LORD*

is the death | of his saints.

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!"

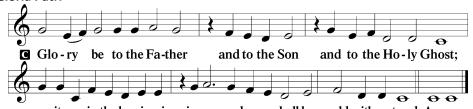
For you have delivered my | soul from death,*

my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

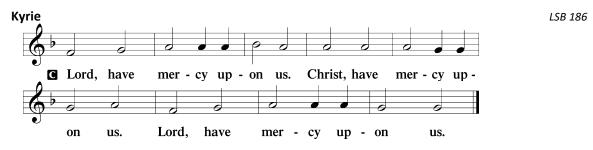
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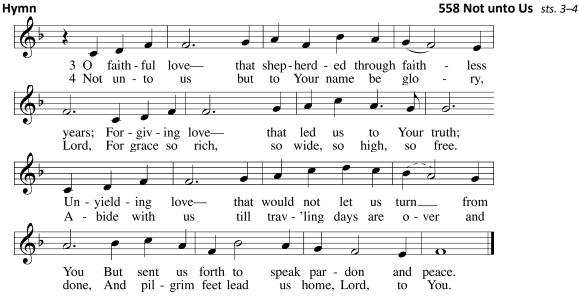
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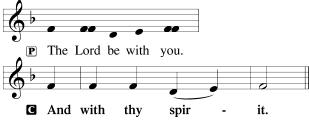


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.











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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

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Psalm
  <sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths*
    I cry to you, O LORD!
  <sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!*
    Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!
  <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
    O Lord, | who could stand?
  <sup>4</sup>But with you there is for- | giveness,*
    that you | may be feared.
  <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
    and in his | word I hope;
  <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
    more than watchmen for the | morning.
  <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
     and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
  8And he will redeem | Israel*
    from all his in- | iquities.
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Epistle Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ³For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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

Holy Gospel John 11:1–45

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he

loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

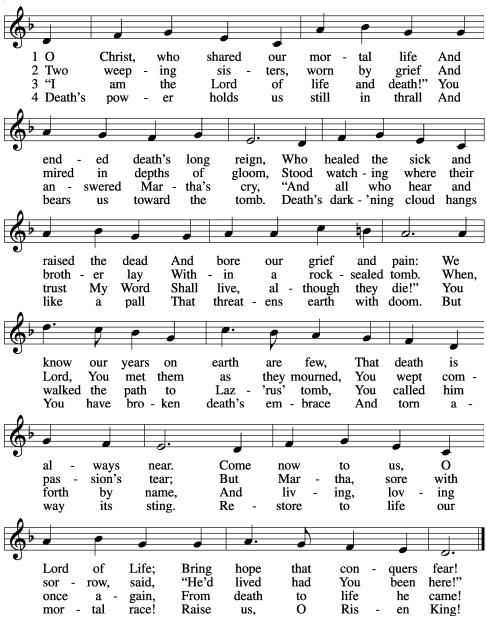
Nicene Creed

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 of the world to come. Amen.





Sermon

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

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory LSB 192



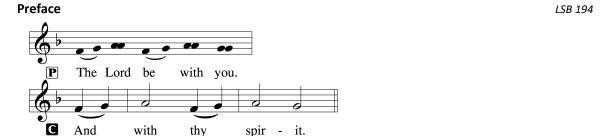
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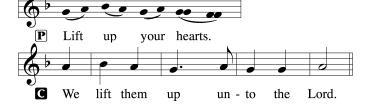
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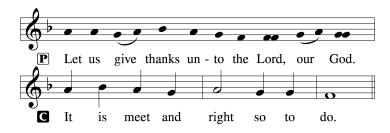
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Prayer of the Church

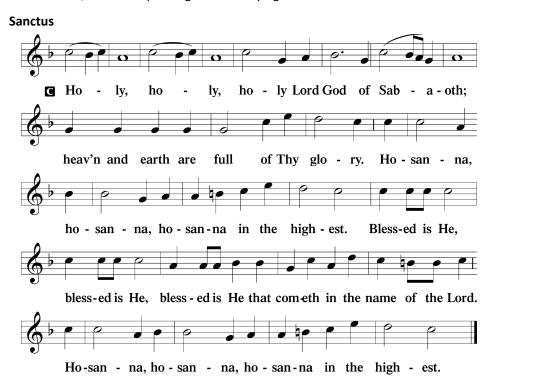
Service of the Sacrament







It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Praver LSB 196



LSB 195



The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

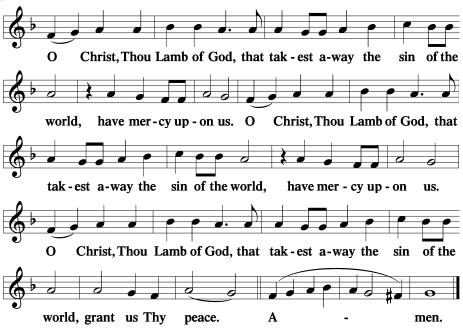
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei



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.





- Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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

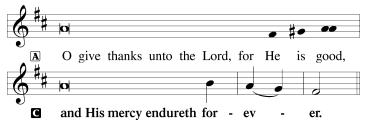
 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving LSB 200



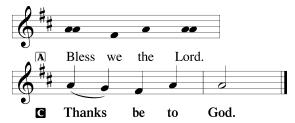
A Let us pray.

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 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.





Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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





Postlude Postlude in F Mark L. Williams

Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Adrienne Paris (Paris)

Michael Terzian (Keeney)

Brian Keeney Joyce (Kruse) Stacy Olson (Ryel) Brenda Ridgeway

(Amato) Gretchen Sweetser

(Mincer)

Mary Coffman (Coffman)

Mike & Suzie Characky

(Steen)

Annette & Jim Bodden

(Heaphy) Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Nona Schmook Joe Gabriel (Amato) Tricia Heiple

Patty Metcalf (Luecke)

Jan Tharp

Mary Hill

Wally Rose Mincer

Agapia Dragan (Luecke

B) Joanne Blanchard

(Clancy)

David Hawthorne

Vicki Fisher Louise Bauer Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

John Renick Sandi Rivers (Ryel)

Wayne & Karen Mathis Linda Rice (McAbee)

Nancy Stang (Steen)

Joann Kapugi Melissa Shipman-Bates Kaufman Family & sons Will & Cooper

Debbie Leger (Amato) Teresa Fisher & children

Colby & Audrey

(Kaufman)

Homebound

Judy Fuchs Jan Nelson Louise Bauer Warna Berryman Joann Kapugi Nancy Stang Albert & Marianne Bugner Sue Smith Suzie Karnatz Kathleen Fox Dianne Luecke Betty Ude

Compassion and Sympathy

Comfort and prayers to the Hand Clercius family (Niece of Pastor Walta, Haiti)

Compassion and Sympathy

Our Preschool staff, children & families
Preschool Abbie Voiln (Montgomery) health concerns
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti
Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)
Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)
Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)
Pastor Delwyn Campbell (Missionary, Indiana)
Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)
Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)
Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

GARDEN UPDATE

A BIG thank you to the 16 people, young and older, who helped refreshen the church gardens, woods, and shed ramp/steps/doors last week! I especially thank those who braved the colder weather on Saturday!!! We have other things to do, including putting down pine needles, planting flowers, and minor repairs. Look for future announcements about dates and types of projects.

Bill Paris, Outdoor Properties

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is planning an Easter Egg Hunt and other activities for our children and youth to take place during Mt. Pisgah's Easter morning breakfast. We will also be distributing treat bags to those children in attendance. If your Easter plans include young family members and visitors, please provide us with their names and ages so that no one goes home empty-handed. Thank you! Linda Licht

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need willing and able bodies to teach, lead singing, and supervise recreation. Please contact Linda Licht so that we can get a head start on planning an exciting, Christ-centered adventure for our children. Thank you!

CAMP LINN HAVEN UPDATE: Work days are scheduled at Camp Linn Haven to get the grounds and facilities ready for another summer of Christian fellowship and fun. Those

dates are April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20. Mt. Pisgah and two other congregations share the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining Cabin 17. We received news that the Board has granted Mt. Pisgah permission to paint the interior of Cabin 17. Please contact Linda Licht if you would like first-hand experience with this ministry.

Parish Life

Parish Life will be hosting a Continental Breakfast on Easter morning (April 9th) between church services. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the signup sheet located in the narthex. We will be collecting a free will offering to offset the cost of the food.

LWML Rummage Sale, Saturday, June 10th

The annual church rummage sale is coming up. This is a great opportunity to clean out your basement and garage for a worthy cause! All proceeds from the sale are used to financially support mission projects throughout the year.

Please start putting aside items now, packed in a plastic tub. Put your name on the tub if you want it back after the sale. If you have things packed in a plastic tub, you can bring it to the church any time prior to the sale. If you do not have a plastic tub, please don't bring your donations until 1 week prior to the sale. We are not accepting clothing or large furniture.

Contact Debby Zagone at (828) 891-2416 if you have any questions.

Outreach & Community Concerns

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

A local nonprofit, that serves thousands of people each year.

The Medical Loan Closet of Henderson County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides durable medical equipment at minimal cost to residents of Henderson County and surrounding counties who are facing recovery from illness, surgery, accident or other medical crisis.

Volunteers and staff at the MLCHC work with clients and their caregivers to help ensure they are loaned medical equipment that suits their needs.

The Medical Loan Closet's inventory of thousands of pieces of durable medical equipment includes: Wheelchairs, Knee walkers, Winnie walkers, Hospital beds, Elevated toilet seats, Commodes, Shower and tub transfer benches and Canes and crutches.

5K RUN FOR LIFE

Open Arms Pregnancy Support Center will host its annual Run for Life 5K run and Fun

Walk on June 3,2023 to raise support for women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies.

The race will be held at The Park at Flat Rock, 55 Highland Golf Dr, Flat Rock, NC 28731 with an

8:30 AM start time. It is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Participants can go to https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/FlatRock/Run4for5k to sign up for the run.

Open Arms provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, pre-natal vitamins, diapers, maternity clothing, baby clothing, and baby equipment free of charge to our clients. Please show your support to our Hendersonville community in this important way.

Choir Schedule

April 2nd Palm Sunday Choir will sing at the 10:45 AM service April 6th Maundy Thursday Choir will sing at the 7 PM evening service April 7th, Good Friday Choir will sing at the 7 PM evening service April 9th Easter Sunday Choir will sing at the 10:45 AM service

Saturday, April 8th

Volunteers are needed to assist with putting up the cross and decorating with lilies. Please meet on Saturday at 9 AM with Paul and Bill.

Haiti News

Hand was the two year old daughter of Wilna Clercius (husband Basil Clercius), the principal and preschool teacher of the Lutheran School of Laotchikit.