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Sunday Bible Class:

9:00 am

Sunday Worship:

10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class

9:00 am

Holy Communion

is celebrated on the First  
Third and Fifth Sunday.



St. John's Lutheran Church  
New Berlin, IL

Welcome

in the name of Jesus!

*We're so glad to have you  
join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us  
for worship today, please  
introduce yourself to our  
pastor and stop by the  
registration book at the  
back of church.*

† 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent †  
February 28, 2021

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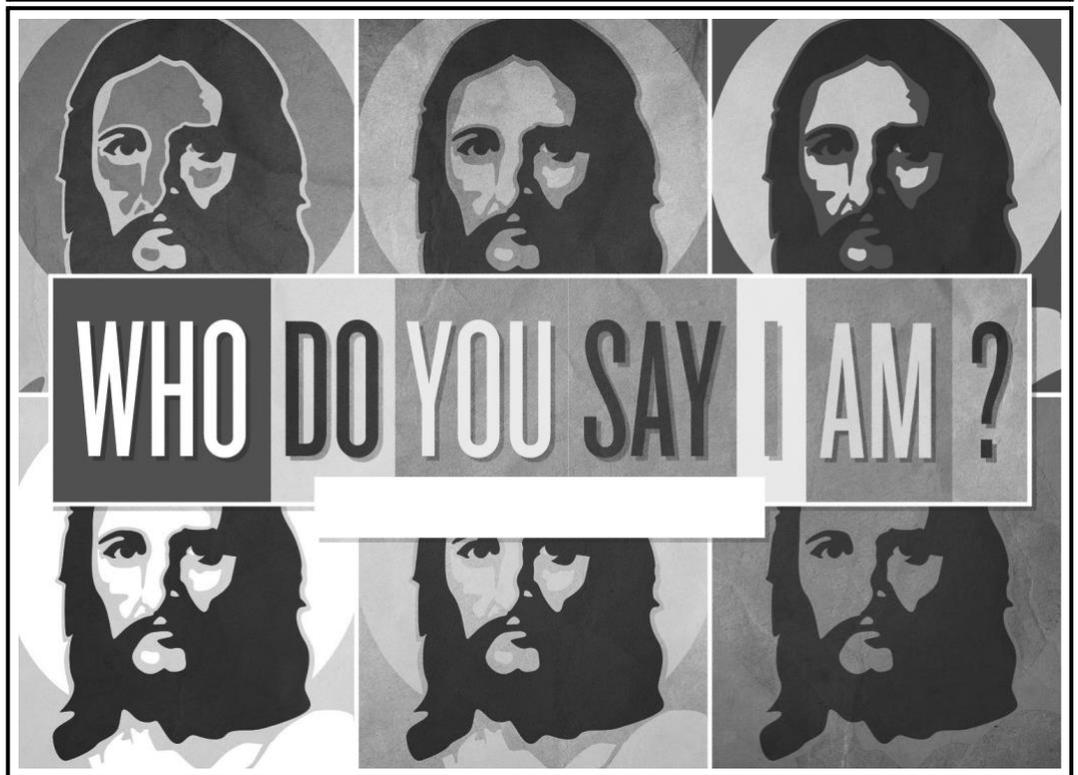
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**Parsonage Hours:**

10:00am-4:00pm m,w,st

Pastor is also available by  
appointment.

For Emergencies 24/7



**As We Gather...** *The picture above asks the question, "Who do you say I am?" This question is found in our gospel lesson for today when Jesus is questioning His disciples on who they think He is. We find out from their responses they really have no clue who Jesus is because they don't know yet why He has come into the world. As Christians, we need to ask ourselves, "Who do people say that I am?" In response to such a question they should say they are a sinful human being ~ forgiven by Jesus.*

**RETURN to the Lord: Online Only**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**

**Opening Hymn:**

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

LSB # 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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**Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

Pastor: 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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalms 124:8*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalms 32:5*

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Gloria Patria (Sung)

LSB 186

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie (Sung)

Mark 10:47

LSB 186

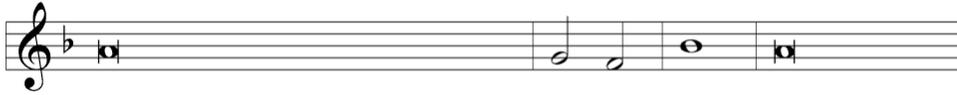
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis (Sung) Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

2 Timothy 4:22

LSB # 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit. (Sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray.

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**     *Romans 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:**

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB#422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 8:27–38*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the Eighth Chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

## Apostles Creed

LSB 192

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the  
dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message:

### Hymn of the Day

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB # 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
treasure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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## Sermon:

*Who Do People Say that I Am?*

Pastor David Benning

Matthew West *Truth Be Told*

Lie number one you're supposed to have it all  
together

And when they ask how you're doing  
Just smile and tell them, "Never better"

Lie number 2 everybody's life is perfect except  
yours

So keep your messes and your wounds  
And your secrets safe with you behind closed doors

Truth be told

The truth is rarely told, now

I say I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine  
but I'm not

I'm broken

And when it's out of control I say it's under control  
but it's not

And you know it

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it

When being honest is the only way to fix it  
There's no failure, no fall  
There's no sin you don't already know  
So let the truth be told

There's a sign on the door, says, "Come as you are"  
but I doubt it  
'Cause if we lived like it was true, every Sunday  
morning pew would be crowded  
But didn't you say the church should look more like  
a hospital  
A safe place for the sick, the sinner and the scarred  
and the prodigals  
Like me

Well truth be told  
The truth is rarely told  
Oh am I the only one who says

I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine but

I'm not  
 I'm broken  
 And when it's out of control I say it's under control  
 but it's not  
 And you know it  
 I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
 When being honest is the only way to fix it  
 There's no failure, no fall  
 There's no sin you don't already know  
 So let the truth be told

Can I really stand here unashamed  
 Knowin' that you love for me won't change?  
 Oh God if that's really true  
 Then let the truth be told

I say I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine  
 but I'm not  
 I'm broken  
 And when it's out of control I say it's under control  
 but it's not  
 And you know it  
 I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
 When being honest is the only way to fix it  
 There's no failure, no fall  
 There's no sin you don't already know  
 Yeah I know

There's no failure, no fall  
 There's no sin you don't already know  
 So let the truth be told

### Offertory (Sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person. One is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

### Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus, You paid the ransom that redeemed us from the sin in our life through Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to show others the payment You have made for us that leads to life through Your living Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

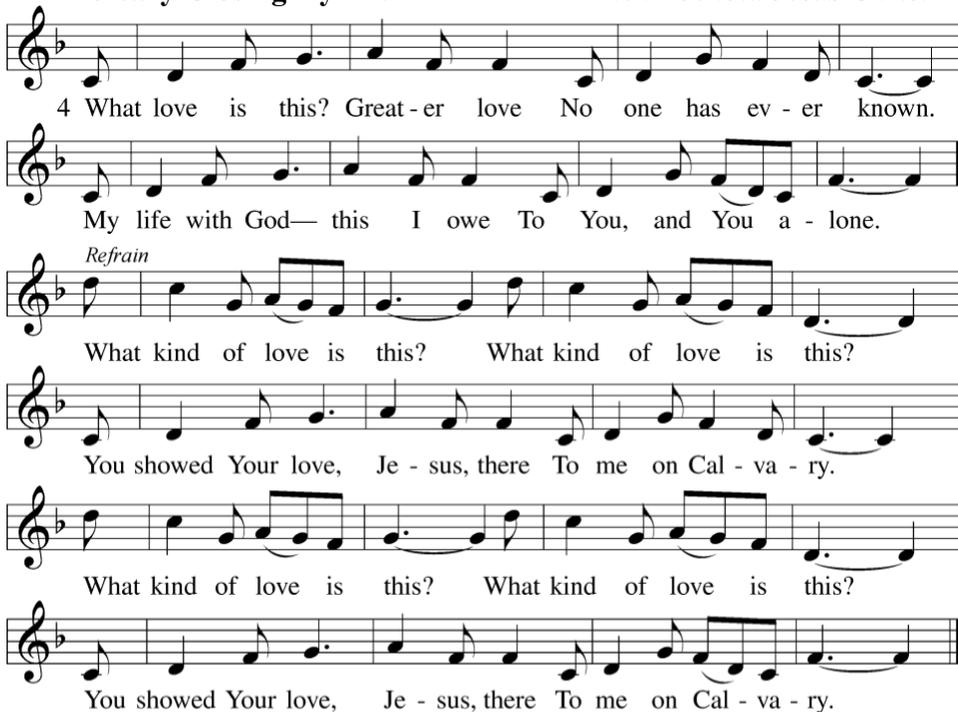
Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **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.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
 People: **And with thy spirit. (Sung)**  
 Pastor: Bless we the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]  
 People: **Thanks be to God. (Sung)**  
 Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26  
 People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

**Anniversary Closing Hymn:** *When I behold Jesus Christ* LSB # 542



4 What love is this? Great-er love No one has ev-er known.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a-lone.  
*Refrain*  
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
 You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.  
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
 You showed Your love, Je-sus, there To me on Cal-va-ry.

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## Church News

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

“The King of Glory” was the title for this week’s lesson. King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God’s blessing on his household and nation. David’s psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King. **For discussion at home this week: " David used his talents of writing and music to serve God. How can you use your gifts and talents to serve God and your neighbor? "**

**SESQUICENTENNIAL FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE**

Favorite Bible Verse: Cheryl Long attended the LWML Convention in Kansas City where the theme was from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The anniversary committee would love to share your favorite Bible verse with all of us.

To share your favorite Bible verse, contact Ron at 729 E. Gibson, New Berlin, IL, call me at 488-6135, or email me [rkrohse@mediacombb.net](mailto:rkrohse@mediacombb.net)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS**

The children will carry palms into church at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service on March 28. Children should meet in the narthex at 9:45 am for a practice. **Families will be grouped together, and children should wear masks.**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Lutheran High School will be holding an open house for families seeking information about Lu Hi, and the 2021-22 school year. The event will be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 27.

### **MARY-MARTHA**

Unfortunately, the March 4th Family Potluck has been cancelled for this year. The ladies will still meet at 6:30 p.m. Cheryl and Nancy will be our hostesses. Mrs. Krohse will lead the Bible study, postponed from the February meeting. The study is found on pages 18 and 19 of the Winter Quarterly. A copy of the Bible study can be found on the shelf at the west entrance of church. Mrs. Krohse will lead the study on how to "Live a Sparkling Life".

### **PRC**

**Please return the bottles to the Church by Sunday, March 7th.** They will be delivered on Monday, March 8. If you would like a receipt for your gift, please write your name and address on the back of the baby bottle tag.

Your donation supports the Pregnancy Resource Center located at 1440 West Walnut Street in Jacksonville.

### **CAMP CILCA POSITIONS**

**Camp CILCA** is seeking servants of God who could fill the following part-time, year-round positions: **COOK**, to prepare food for camps and retreats in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health standards and good taste; **MAINTENANCE**, to maintain the buildings and grounds of the camp, including mowing and minor repairs. Both positions begin at \$13 per hour. Contact Pastor Joshua Theilen at 217-487-7497 or [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) for more information.

### **FOOD DRIVE**

As a congregation, we have the ability to provide much-needed food items to both the Loami and New Berlin Community Micro-Food Pantries. At this time, **canned fruits and vegetables are needed.** Items will be divided evenly between the two locations.

**Items needed this week: chili, spaghetti sauce, sugar, hot chocolate and toilet paper.**

### **FEBRUARY 2021 LWML CID Mission Grant #6**

#### ***Bringing Christ's Light with Lutheran Braille Workers in Peoria - \$5,000***

This grant would enable the Lutheran Braille Workers to share the Good News found in Christ Jesus with people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world. These funds will increase the production of Braille and specialized large print Christian materials and ensure every piece of material is sent to recipients free of charge. The funds will be used for paper, bindings, cardboard and freight charges.

***How can I help? Pray that God provides the necessary materials and people to bring more of His blind or visually impaired children to faith***

### **KFUO**

**This week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org),** hear sacred music for Lent on Joy! with Ron Klemm on 3/3 at 1:00 p.m. CT, worship with us in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/3 at 11:00 p.m. CT, study Mark 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Ephesians 4-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

### **2021 CID LLL District Annual Meeting Promotion**

You are invited to join us to learn from Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour®, in a virtual presentation how we are using new technologies to share the same message of hope to all, especially in these difficult times. Come to the Central Illinois LLL District Convention on Saturday, March 6 at St. John Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson Ave. in Effingham. Registration is \$15 per person, with students and children free. Included in your registration cost is a catered lunch and refreshments. You will also learn more about LHM's Households of Faith resources and materials along with updates from CID LCMS and LWML representatives and Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Register today – check the church office for a registration information or contact Deloris Blessman, by phone (309)361-1461 or by email [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com). For more information you can contact <[church\\_ambassador/CID LLL VP Dale Wetherall](mailto:church_ambassador/CID_LLL_VP_Dale_Wetherall)> by phone 217-259-4728 or by email [dalewet51@gmail.com](mailto:dalewet51@gmail.com). > Registration is due by February 25, 2021.

## **PTO MESSAGE**

This Sunday at church we will hear Jesus ask a most important question. "Who do you say that I am?" What do you think? Who is Jesus?

When Jesus asked, those with him told of some of the answers they had heard around town. What do we hear about Jesus around town?

"Jesus is a mythical figure." This would put Jesus in the same realm as Zeus, Thor, or Luke Skywalker. However, the New Testament Scriptures which talk about Jesus are ancient documents that we have far more copies of than any others. There is overwhelming evidence to their historical reliability. Also, there are some ancient documents that are not Christian in origin that mention Jesus' existence. So, it seems clear that Jesus was a very real man.

"Jesus is a moral leader; a good example." There is some truth to this, but one who is an example is meant to have his example followed. What happens when we fail to put into practice what Jesus has taught? What happens when we come up short? Ultimately that moral leader has to punish or abandon his followers who don't live up to his teachings.

What answer is given by Jesus' followers that day? "You are the Christ!" And who is that? That is, who is Jesus, the Christ? Jesus himself tells us: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again." And that he would win life and salvation to all people through his death and resurrection.

That's who Jesus is: The Christ of God; the Son of God. True man and true God. He is the one who lives perfectly — a perfect example. And Jesus, by that perfect life, makes right all of our imperfections and shortcomings. That is, He takes away our sin.

**Please submit bulletin information by Noon on Thursday.** Email Allicent Smith at [Sallicent@gmail.com](mailto:Sallicent@gmail.com) or call (217) 341-1757. Thank you!



# Take Up Your Cross

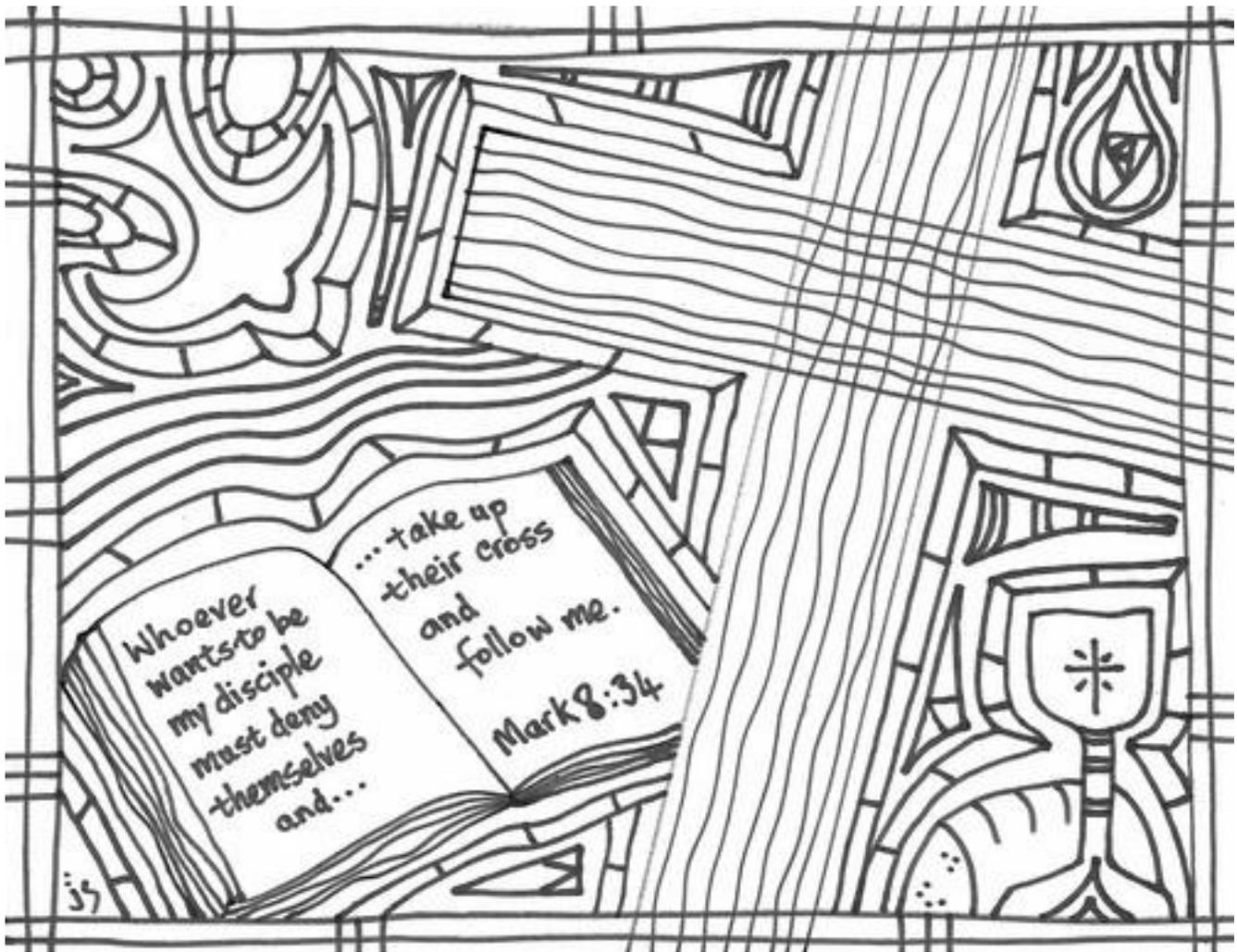
"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



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