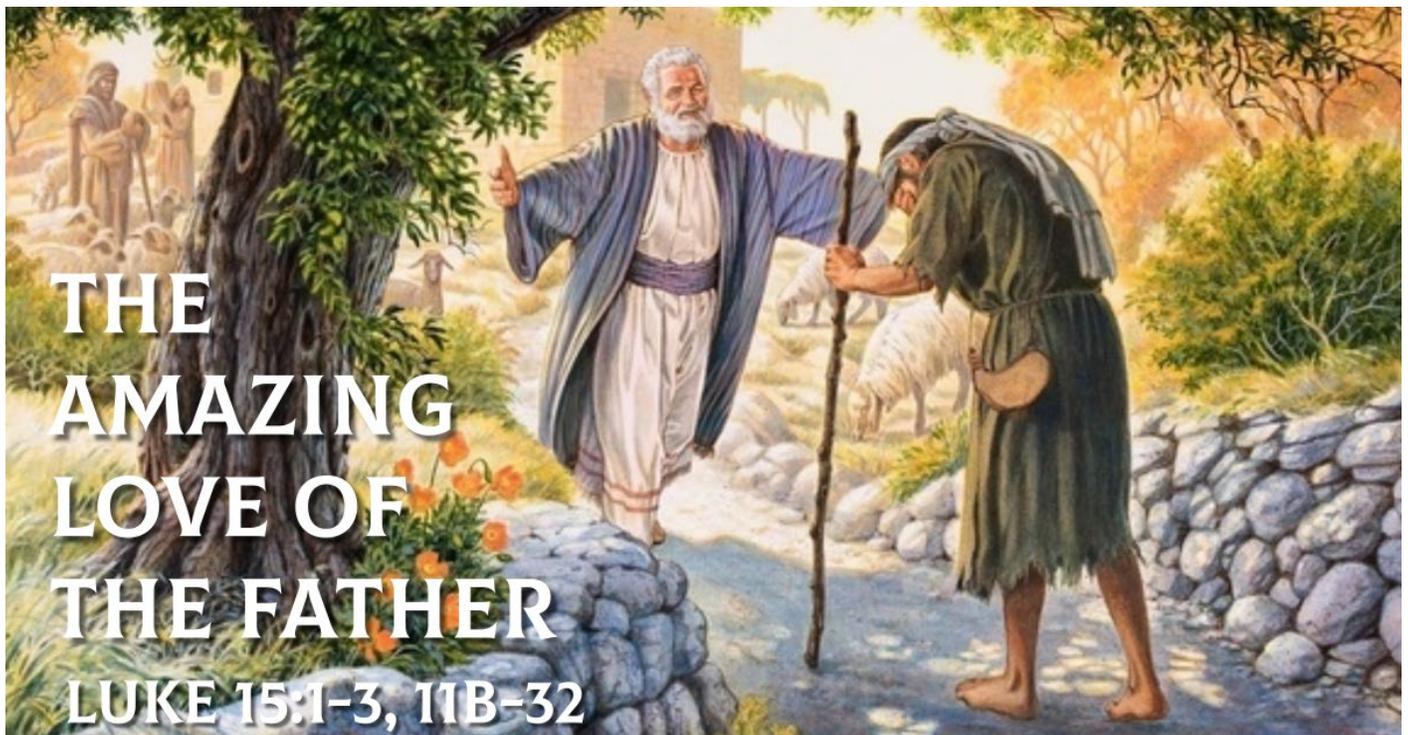


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†Fourth Sunday of Lent † March 27, 2022 †



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 today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.*

In the Lord's service today:

*Rev. Martin Kaufmann, vacancy pastor*

*Edith Clary, organist*

300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL

Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

# Opening Hymn

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.  
Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857  
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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

**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. *Hebrews 10:22*

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

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

*Psalms 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalms 32:5*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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. *John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 51: 2-6; antiphon: v. 1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**  
For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

*Mark 10:47*

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 189*

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:  
 “I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
 for though you were angry with me,  
 your anger turned away,  
 that you might comfort me.  
<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
 I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
 for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
 and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
 call upon his name,  
 make known his deeds among the peoples,  
 proclaim that his name is exalted.  
<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
 let this be made known in all the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

Epistle

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

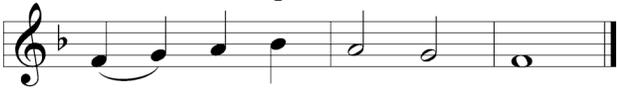
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



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

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

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!

Text: Heiliges Litten- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
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## Offertory

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12



**C** 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.

## Offering

### Offering Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit-given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.

### Prayers of the Church

*2 Timothy 2:1-4*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*



**G** Thanks be to God.

**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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

*LSB 435*



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87

# Church News

## PALM SUNDAY

The Sunday School children will carry palms into church on Palm Sunday, April 10. If there are enough children, we will also sing during the service.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise service will be held at 7:30 AM on April 17 followed by the traditional Easter Sunrise Breakfast. Sunday School will be held at 10:00 AM with special Easter activities including an Easter Egg Hunt. Walther League members, Sunday School children in grade 6-8 and college youth are invited to participate in the service as well as assist with breakfast. Parents, we need your help as well!

## WALTHER LEAGUE MEMBERS AND PARENTS

Brief meeting today after church to discuss plans for the Easter Sunrise Service. Youth from grade 6-college students are welcome to participate. The meeting will be in the church basement.

## LITTLE DRESSES FOR MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Little Dresses Servant Event. *Did you see pictures of the event on Facebook??* 13 lovely dresses were created to be delivered to the Orphan Grain Train at the LWML District Convention at the end of April. Let's see if we can have at least 30 dresses in total to send!! Help achieve our goal by joining the next Little Dresses Servant Event on **Saturday April 2nd** from 9:30 to 12:30. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus in sharing the good news of his love for us all. If you have questions, please contact Christina Lions.

**1 pillowcase + some trim + 1 ½ hours = Hope for 1 little girl**

## LITTLE DRESSES SPECIAL REQUEST

With all the Little Dresses being made we are in need of **Bias Tape - extra wide double fold** in any color. Joann Fabrics will have the bias tape on sale - buy 3 get 2 free - from March 31 to April 2. No coupon needed. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Christina Lions. Thank you for your support.

## PASTORAL CANDIDATES

We have received information from District President Miller for the pastors that are on our call list. The names of those pastors are Aaron Bird, Michael Boothby, Michael Borgstede, Neil Carlson, Daniel Clemens, Brandon Froiland, Kory Janeke, Lannon Martin, Eric Moquin, Jeffrey Ross, Jonathan Rusnak, Jacob Stuenkel, and Justin Whitmore. Pastor Aaron Bird has recently accepted a call and was therefore removed from our list for further consideration.

Information about the candidates for the position of pastor is available for review. This information must stay within the church. If you would like to review this information, Anna Lauderback is available after church or can set up a meeting with you. She can be reached by phone at (217) 341-3997 or by email at [Anna.Lauderback@gmail.com](mailto:Anna.Lauderback@gmail.com).

## PRAYERS FOR THE CALL COMMITTEE

Please include the Call Committee on your prayer list. We fervently pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this committee in this important task.

## MARY-MARTHA NEWS

Mary-Martha ladies will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 7th. Betty will lead devotions and be our hostess. Roll call will be a Confirmation memory-bring a picture if possible. Do you know your Confirmation verse? We will be discussing last-minute information about the District Convention to be held the last weekend of April. Hebrews 10:25 is the theme for our time together. Registration is encouraged by April 8th. Bring your vote suggestions for the Mission Grant Proposals and Candidates for election (including our own Cheryl Long).

Orphan Grain Train has a Wish List included in your convention packet. Some items on the list include cloth and disposable diapers, new coloring books and crayons, toothbrushes, bar soap, pens, and pencils. All ladies are welcome to join us "in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields..."

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

“A Centurion Converts” was the title for this week’s lesson. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God’s angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all kinds of animals. The instruction to “kill and eat” confuses Peter, since many of the animals on the sheet are considered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius’s home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gospel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. For discussion at home this week: “*Peter commanded all who heard Him, including the Gentiles, to be baptized. What gifts do we receive in Baptism?*”

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at [socialmedia@stjnb.org](mailto:socialmedia@stjnb.org) or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

**KFUO**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Repentance in the Augsburg Confession Article XIII on Concord Matters (4/2 at 10:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 19-20 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/30 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Psalm 129-131 and Psalm 19-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app.

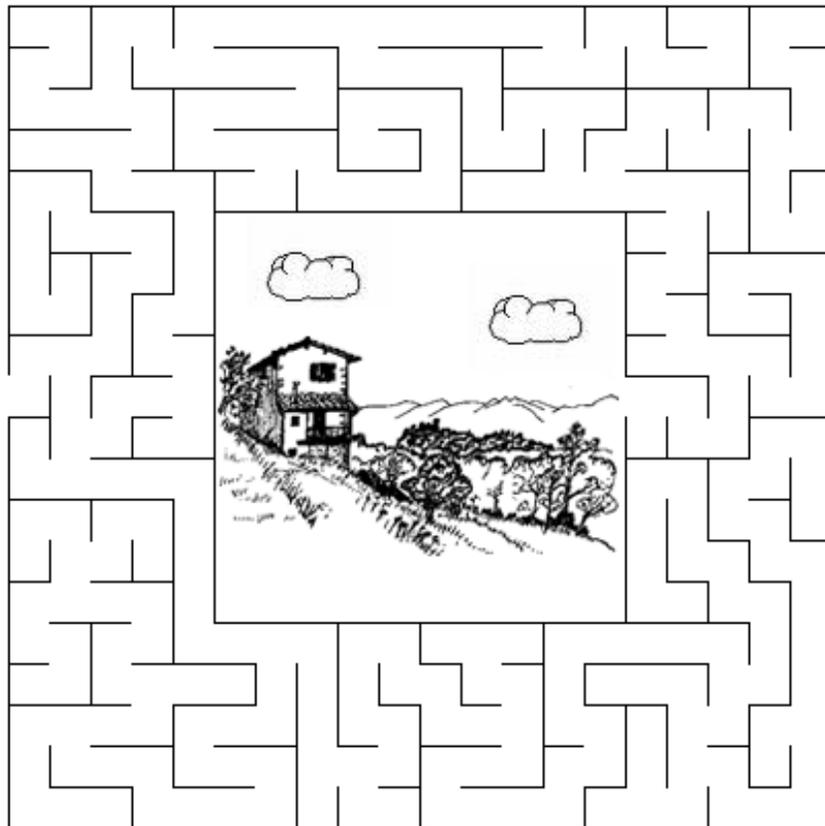
**PASTOR KAUFMANN’S OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours are 10:00 AM – noon on Mondays.

**PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS**

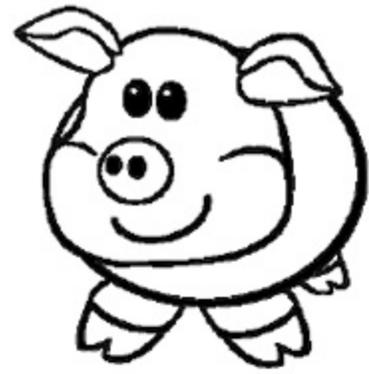
Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865  
Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

**Help the Prodigal Son find his way home.**



**The Parable of the Lost Son  
Luke 15:11-32**

# The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

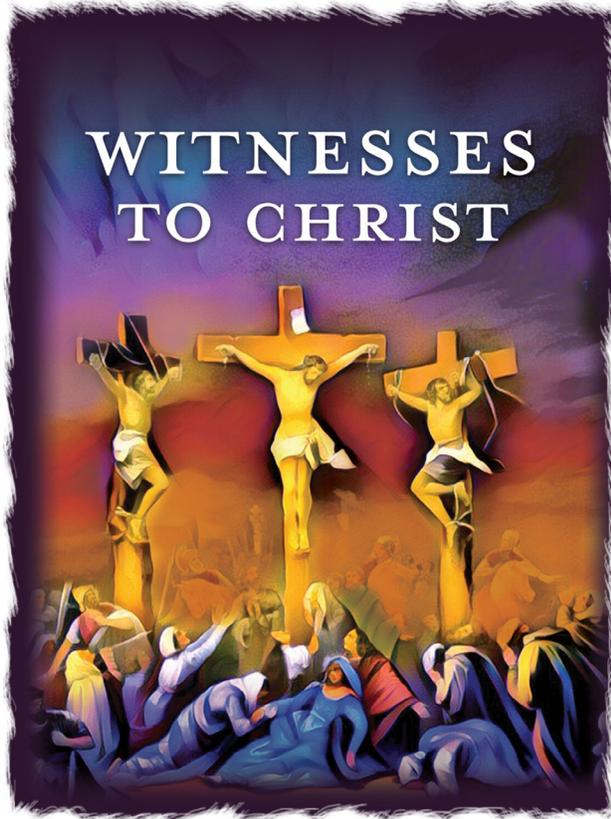
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# LENT 2022



- 02** **ASH WEDNESDAY: JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
MAR PASTOR ROBERT BARTH | 7:00 PM
- 09** **MID-WEEK 1: BARABBAS**  
MAR PASTOR JOSHUA TRAXEL | 7:00 PM
- 16** **MID-WEEK 2: MARY, MARTHA'S SISTER**  
MAR PASTOR BRENDAN HARRELL | 7:00 PM
- 23** **MID-WEEK 3: MALCHUS**  
MAR PASTOR KEITH PEREIRA | 7:00 PM
- 30** **MID-WEEK 4: PONTIUS PILATE**  
MAR PASTOR JEFFREY GROSS | 7:00 PM
- 06** **MID-WEEK 5: PETER**  
APR VICAR JOEL SPRINGER | 7:00 PM
- 14** **MAUNDY THURSDAY: JUDAS ISCARIOT**  
APR PASTOR ROBERT BARTH | 7:00 PM
- 15** **GOOD FRIDAY**  
APR PASTOR ROBERT BARTH | 7:00 PM
- 17** **SUNRISE SERVICE**  
APR WALTHER LEAGUE--TIME TBA
- 17** **EASTER SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION**  
APR PASTOR MARTIN KAUFMANN | 11:00 AM

*New Berlin Micro-Pantry Needs*

The pantry is still in need of the following items:

- macaroni and cheese  
(with premixed cheese sauce included)
- pasta sides
- soups
- kids' cereals