PROPERS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 17 MARCH 2024

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 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!

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- \mid ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP

March Ushers

8:00 a.m. Thom DeBolt & Kent Strahm

10:30 a.m. Kevin Berning & Mark Scheumann

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship located in each pew either before or after the service.

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visitors are kindly asked to read the communion statement below.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Confessing the Word of the Lord in love for all who worship here, and acknowledging the biblical truth that unity with Christ at His altar in Holy Communion embodies Christ's gift of unity in faith and practice, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all who are communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation. Communicants are asked to register their participation in the "Record of Fellowship," noting their home LCMS congregation if other than St. John, Bingen. If you have any questions about our communion practice, or the Lutheran faith in general, please speak with our pastor after the service.

St. John Weekly News + March 17, 2024

The 2023 Annual Report is available as you leave church today. The audit was completed on Saturday, February 24.

This Wednesday's Lenten Meal begins at 5:15 p.m. The Classics will be serving a taco bar.

2023 Deficit As noted in the letter you received from the Board of Christian Stewardship, we ended 2023 with a deficit of \$28,927.44. As of our last count on 2/26/24, we have received \$26,787 toward eliminating the deficit. The amount will be updated with each count.

<u>Thank You</u> to all who attended the baby shower last week, and for your generous gifts to support our growing family! We continue to be greatly blessed by the Christian kindness at St. John Bingen. – Isaiah and Audrey Armbrecht.

<u>Annual Springtime Church Grounds Cleanup</u> Saturday March 23rd beginning at 8a.m. We will need rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. Please plan to join us.

<u>Fish & Tenderloin Dinner</u> all you can eat. Today March 17th, 10:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Wyneken cafetorium. Adults \$14, Children (6-12) \$10, 5 and under <u>free</u>. Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a free-will bake sale. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the cafetorium. All are welcome to donate.

Middle School Youth Events

March 31; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast

Each congregation customarily has a youth-sponsored Easter breakfast. Details will be provided by your church if applicable. Please take advantage of this opportunity to serve.

Sunday, April 14; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown Entertainment

We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 to carpool to Georgetown Entertainment. There we shall bowl. We shall also enjoy the 4D Dark Ride Theater (whatever that is) and the Augmented Rock Wall and the Spin-Zone Bumper Cars. Oh, and there will be food. All of it will be included for \$10 per youth. We plan to be back at Bingen by 6 p.m. Parents, as always, we need drivers, who get to play and eat for free. Please let Pastor Brock know if you're willing.

High School Youth Activities

March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday); 5-8:30 p.m. – The Passion of the Christ

Chris and Tina Caston will again host a movie night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733). In connection with the start of Holy Week on that day, Palm/Passion Sunday, we will be viewing *The Passion of the Christ*. Parents and youth please note: This film contains extended, frightening, and intense scenes of graphic violence and gore, and has been rated R by the MPAA for such sequences. The pastors will be in attendance to answer any questions and lead discussion following the film. **Please note the start time of 5 p.m.**

March 31; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast -see details above.

Sunday, April 7; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

Sunday, April 14; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown Entertainment -see details above.

<u>The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board Of Education</u> seeks a middle school language arts teacher to begin in the 2024-2025 school year. Individuals who are experienced, have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Those interested in this teaching position are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Principal Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

<u>The Wyneken Childcare Program</u> would like to thank members of St. Paul, St. John, and Zion for the prayers and support these past several months. We now have openings in our infant room! If you are in need of childcare services for your infant, please contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064.

+ STEWARDSHIP CORNER +

Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.