

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 3, 2024

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

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## **AS WE GATHER**

### **The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord**

The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “no other gods” before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is “jealous” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “a house of trade” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “the temple of his body” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes “wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born* (arr. Healey Willan)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 981 – To Your Temple, Lord, I Come



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

5 While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.

7 From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
“I have walked with God today.”

6 While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

*(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.  
**C** Amen.

† † † **WORD** † † †

**INTROIT – Psalm 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9**

*Leader:* For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
 and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.



- C** **Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;\***  
**let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.**

*Leader:* Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,\*  
 or the pit close its mouth | over me.

- C** **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;\***  
**according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.**  
**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.**  
**For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\***  
**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.**

**KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy**



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.





**EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** – We preach Christ crucified.

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** – *Joel 2:13b*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**HOLY GOSPEL** – **John 2:13-22** – Jesus cleanses the temple.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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



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

### 8:00 am – NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 10:30 am & 5:00 pm – APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.

10:30 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 579 – The Law of God is Good and Wise



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God’s Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light And should be done as good and right.  
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
 Its holiness condemns us all;  
 It dooms us for our sin to die  
 And has no pow’r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
 Who from the curse has set us free,  
 And humbly worship at His throne,  
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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SERMON – *God’s Will for Our Lives* – Exodus 20:1-17

OFFERING – *Variations on May God Bestow on Us His Grace* (arr. Robert Lind)

OFFERTORY – *Psalms 51:10-12*



☐ 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- A** ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- A** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

**10:30 am and 5:00 pm** – Continues with the **Lord’s Prayer** (page 9) and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** (pages 13-14).

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠  
 8:00 am– LSB 194

**PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

**For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord’s command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord’s Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.



**SANCTUS – LSB 195 – Holy, Holy, Holy – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9***



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

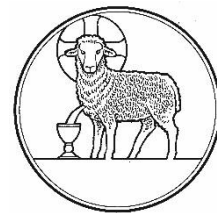
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19***

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

AGNUS DEI – LSB 198 – Lamb of God - John 1:29



**Distribution Notes:**

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Anthem** – *The Tree of Life* (arr. Walker Williams)

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| <p>1 <i>The tree of life with ev'ry good<br/>In Eden's holy orchard stood,<br/>And of its fruit so pure and sweet<br/>God let the man and woman eat.<br/>Yet in this garden also grew<br/>Another tree, of which they knew;<br/>Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned<br/>Against whose eating God had warned.</i></p>     | <p>3 <i>What mercy God showed to our race,<br/>A plan of rescue by His grace:<br/>In sending One from woman's seed,<br/>The One to fill our greatest need—<br/>For on a tree uplifted high<br/>His only Son for sin would die,<br/>Would drink the cup of scorn and dread<br/>To crush the ancient serpent's head!</i></p>      |
| <p>2 <i>The stillness of that sacred grove<br/>Was broken, as the serpent strove<br/>With tempting voice Eve to beguile<br/>And Adam too by sin defile.<br/>O day of sadness when the breath<br/>Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,<br/>Its awful poison first displayed<br/>Within the world so newly made.</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Now from that tree of Jesus' shame<br/>Flows life eternal in His name;<br/>For all who trust and will believe,<br/>Salvation's living fruit receive.<br/>And of this fruit so pure and sweet<br/>The Lord invites the world to eat,<br/>To find within this cross of wood<br/>The tree of life with ev'ry good.</i></p> |

## LSB 624 – The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
 As at the rail on bended knee  
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
 The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
 A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim  
 Our voices join the endless hymn,  
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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# LSB 824 – May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -

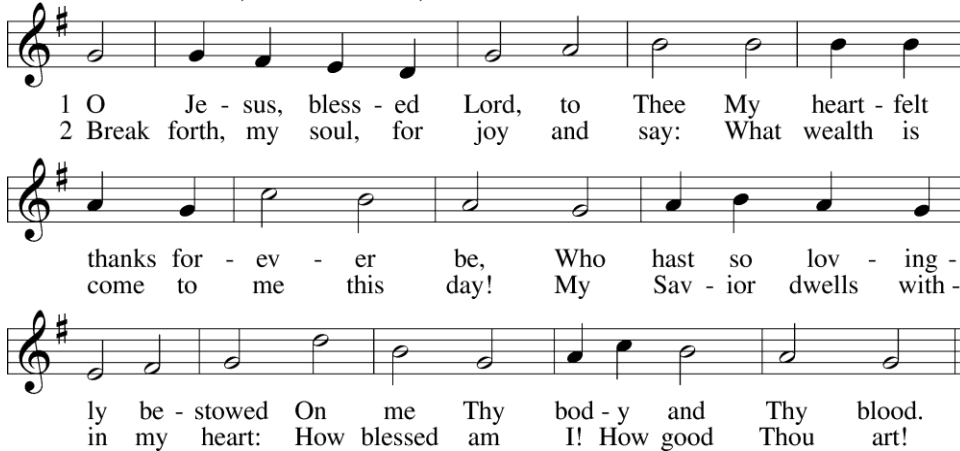


mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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## LSB 632 – O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

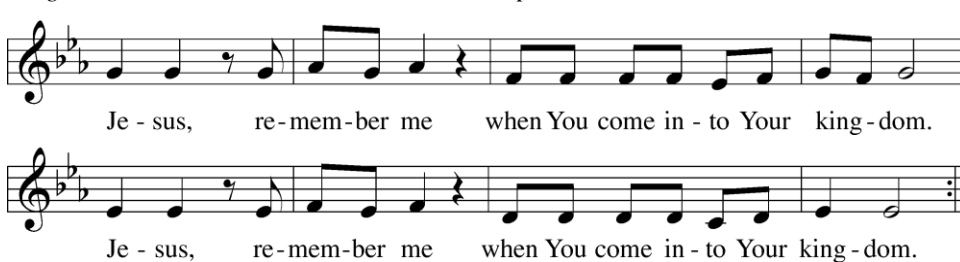


1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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## POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

*Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.*



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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## THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image



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!

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Variations on May God Bestow on Us His Grace* (arr. Robert Lind)



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### **TODAY, March 3**

**9:15am** Sunday School + Confirmation + Youth

Bible study: *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament*

**6:00pm** FLY (*Saturday Morning on Sunday Night*)

### **MONDAY, March 4**

**6:30pm** Stewardship Ministry Team

### **TUESDAY, March 5**

**1:00pm** Fellowship Ministry Team

**5:15pm** First Steps in Music

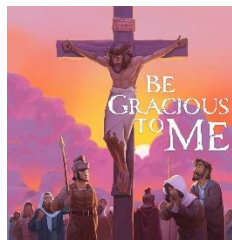
**6:15pm** Children's Choir

**6:30pm** PPC

### **WEDNESDAY, March 6**

**Midweek Lenten worship** (*see schedule on back page*)

**7:45pm** Senior Choir (sanctuary)



### **THURSDAY, March 7**

*Gym resurfacing begins* – **GYM CLOSED** through Sunday, March 17

**7:00pm** *What Do We Believe?* class (Zoom)

### **FRIDAY, March 8**

**6:30pm** Ladies' Night Out (Grand Hall)

### **THURSDAY, March 21**

**11:30am** JOY Group (Irish Lion)

### **SATURDAY, March 23**

**6:00pm** Fundraiser Dinner for Generosity Feeds (ULu)

### **SATURDAY, April 13**

Generosity Feeds

Christian Babysitter Class

### **SATURDAY, April 20**

LWML Zone Gathering (Shepherd of the Hills, Morgantown)

### **MONDAY-THURSDAY, June 10-13**

Spirit Camp

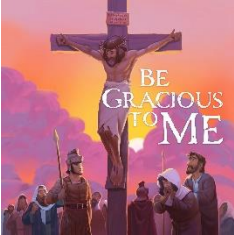


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## Lent - Easter 2024



### **Wednesdays through March 20**

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✝ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✝ 7pm **Worship**

✝ **Personal confession/absolution** in the office ✝  
30 mins before & immediately after each service



## Holy Week

### **Palm/Passion Sunday – March 24**

8 & 10:30 am **Procession with Palms**

**Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

11:30 am **Easter Egg Hunt**

5 pm **Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

### **Maundy Thursday – March 28**

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

### **Good Friday – March 29**

Noon **Stations of the Cross**

8 pm **Tenebrae** (Service of Darkness)



## The Resurrection of our Lord

### **Easter Vigil – March 30**

8 pm at University Lutheran Church

### **Easter Sunday – March 31**

8 & 10:30 am **Festival Worship** (*Holy Comm.* & special music)

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**

5 pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*