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Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025

**Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, April 6**

**9:30 a.m. Worship service**

**"What's In It For Me?"**

**Philippians 3: 8-14**

**10:45 Bible Study/Sunday  
School**

**AS WE GATHER**

The fact that God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (Isaiah 43:18). "the old rugged cross" of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits.

**Monday, April 7**

**5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 8**

**10:15 a.m. Bible Study**

**Wednesday, April 9**

**5:45 p.m. Lent Dinner in gym**

**6:30 p.m. Midweek service**

**WWJD- Walking after  
Death**

**7:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers**

**Practice**

**Saturday, April 12**

**10:00 a.m. LWML**

**Sunday, April 13**

**Palm Sunday**

**9:30 a.m. Worship service**

**"Hosanna!"**

**John 12:12-19**

**10:45 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday  
School**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your attendance in our worship service allows us to broadcast your image in our live streaming and recording of today's service. If you do not want your image broadcast, please sit in the back pews. Please be aware that your image **will** be broadcast during communion. On communion Sundays, if you do not want your image to be broadcast you will need to sit in the back pews. Please let a communion usher know, and communion will be brought back to you.

## Welcome and Worship Announcements

### Opening Hymn "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

LSB No. 678



1 We sing for all the un-sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,  
2 Though un-in-scribed with date or place, With ti-tle, rank, or name,  
3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be-reft of earth-ly fame,



Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong  
As liv-ing stones their sto-ries join To form a hal-lowed frame  
Those faith-ful ones who have re-ceived A more en-dur-ing name:



Through all the dai-ly griefs and joys No chron-i-cles re-cord,  
A-round the mys-t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac-ri-ficed,  
For they re-veal true bless-ing comes When we our pride ef-face



For-get-ful of their lack of fame, But mind-ful of their Lord.  
The Love that wrest-ed life from death, The wound-ed, ris-en Christ.  
And of-fer back our lives to be The ves-sels of God's grace.

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## INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## KYRIE

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 3: 8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesu

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 20:9–20*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.  
People: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise be to You, 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.

# **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **“Fight the Good Fight”**

**LSB No. 664**



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



## SERMON

## “What’s in It For Me?”

## Philippians 3:8-14

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to You for Your whole world of nature and that You continue to sustain it in summer and winter, in seedtime and harvest, through times of trouble and in times of peace. We pray for peace continually that we may attend to Your Word and worship and proclaim Your majesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We give You thanks especially for our redemption from sin and everlasting death. Though even as You count us as Your redeemed people, still we struggle to be faithful. In Your mercy, You remain true to Your promises and continue to provide the everlasting invitation, salvation, and healing through the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. Bless and empower Your whole church on earth with steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for all those in the authority of government, that they may be guided in the way of truth and justice, providing for the peace and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray also for all who are ill, the hungry, those in bondage, and all who travel. Grant that the prayers of all who turn to You in their need graciously come before You, so that they may receive Your help, provision, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. For all Your works of mercy of old, we praise You. For Your gifts of deliverance, renewal of life and hope, and the promise of eternal life through the cross and resurrection of Your Son, we praise You. Hear us for His sake, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

*LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

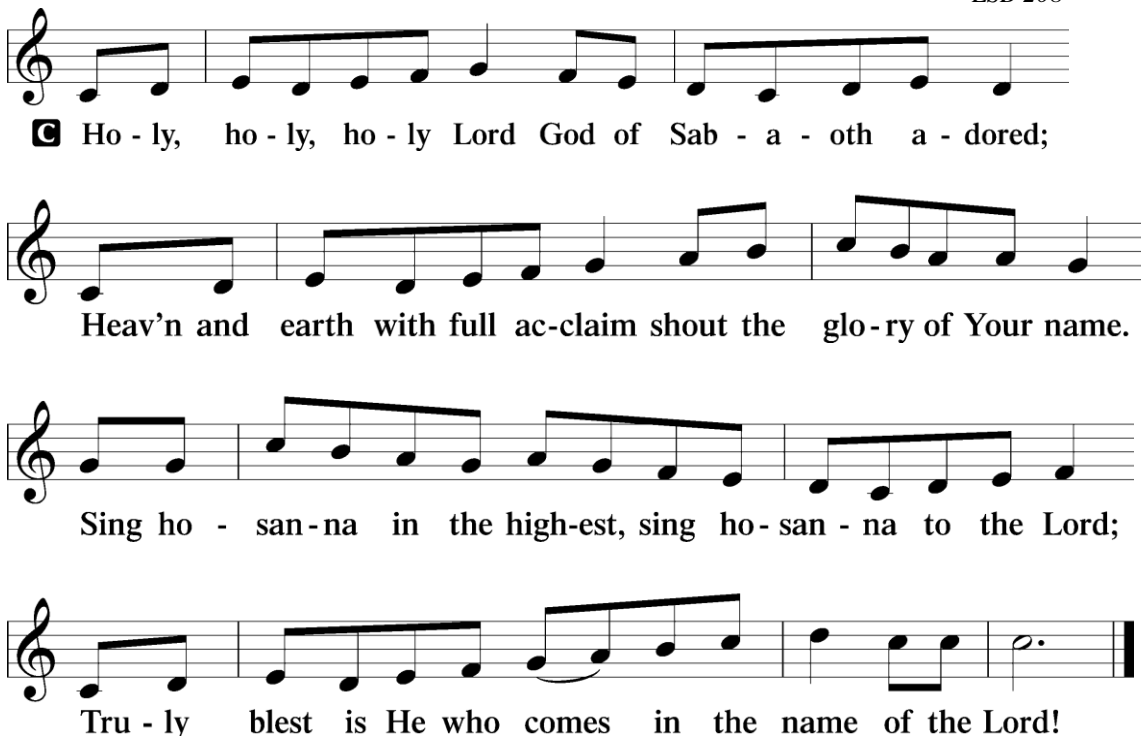
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and



archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify  
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Pastor: For all the things we don't know how to pray for, for those things that burden us, stress us out, and keep us awake all night; for the prayers where we don't even have the words to say, hear those prayers as we pray as the Lord Jesus taught us...*

**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**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor:     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**

Pastor:     The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:     Amen.**

# AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

sts. 1-4, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with  
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.  
 deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou  
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.  
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\frac{1}{11}$  give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

**#LSB 918**



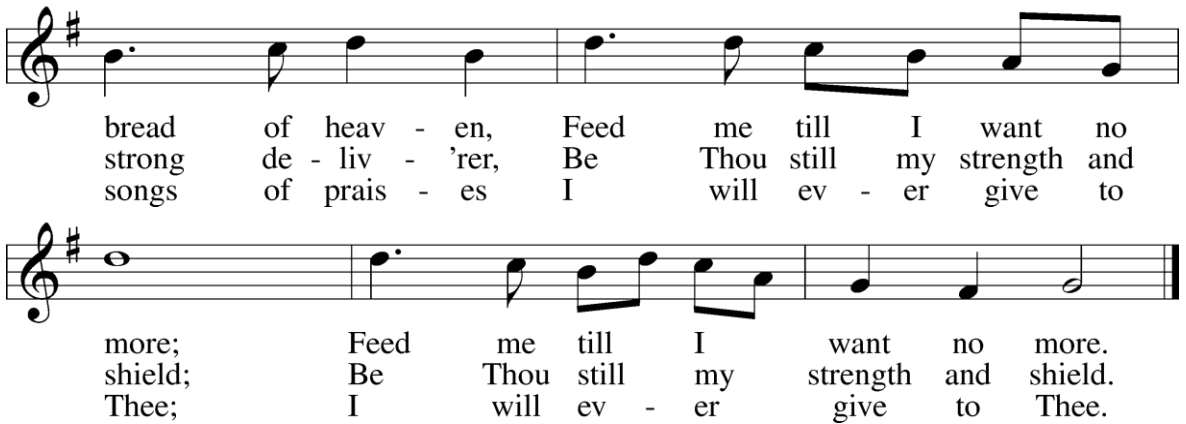
1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more; shield; Thee; Feed me till I want no more.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to Thee.

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## We Are...

Canoga Caring  
Park People  
Lutheran Loving  
Church Christ!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LWML** meets on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Next Sunday is the LWML bake sale.

**Lutheran Woman's Quarterly:** The new spring 2025 copy is available on the back table.



**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MISSION SUNDAY.** There is an offering plate at the back of the church. The Mission offering for the Second Quarter will be the Pacific Southwest LWML Mites.

Mission Sunday <https://www.psdlwml.org/about-us>

**LUTHERAN WITNESS ORDERS** - It's time to renew your Lutheran Witness magazine order if you would like to continue to have it mailed to your home. The cost for 2025 is \$20.65. If you are interested in having Lutheran Witness mailed to your home, please place a check in the offering plate by April 13 and we will add you to the mailing list. There are a couple of copies on the back table for your enjoyment.



**Easter Lilies:** If you would like to order Easter lilies to decorate the church, place your order no later than this Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Order sheets are on the back table. The cost per plant is \$12.00



**Portals of Prayer:** The new Portals of Prayer booklets are available on the back table. Please pick up a copy for personal and family devotions

**Easter Breakfast Sign Up: Please** sign up on the back table for Easter Sunday breakfast. There will be a devotional at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Easter Sunday worship, "Son"-Rise service will be at 9:30 a.m. The last day to sign up for Easter Breakfast is Palm Sunday, April 13.



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** for Sunday, April 13  
**"In the Middle"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18) For info on where to listen, go to [lutheranhour.org](http://lutheranhour.org)



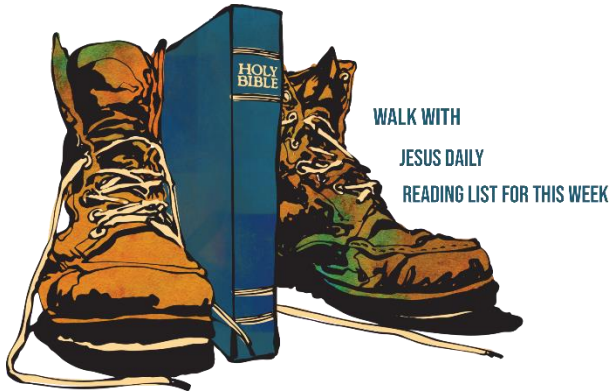
## W W J D - Walk With Jesus Daily

Join us for mid-week Lent Services this year as we **Walk With Jesus Daily** and discover how His walking brings us forgiveness and life!

Please join us the following **Wednesdays at 5:45 pm in the gym for dinner and 6:30 pm for Worship in the Sanctuary:**

**April 9 W W J D: Walking after Death** (Dead Man Walking)

*Jersey Mike Sandwiches* served by Jubilate Bells



**April 6 Luke 19 &20**

**April 7 Luke 21&22**

**April 8 Luke 23&24**

**April 9 John 1 &2**

**April 10 John 3 &4**

**April 11 John 5 &6**

**April 12 John 7 &8**