

**Second Weekend of Lent
MARCH 4-5, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Thanksgiving for Light
 Prayer of the Day
 Bible Readings
 Message
 Creed, Prayers and Peace
 The Words of Communion
 Communion
 The Lord's Prayer
 Blessing & Sending

Sunday Contemporary – 8am

Gathering Song & Welcome
 Call to Worship
 Song of Praise
 Prayer of the Day
 Bible Readings
 Today's Message
 Song of the Day
 Creed, Prayers & Peace
 The Words of Communion
 Lord's Prayer & Distribution
 Song of Praise
 Blessing & Sending
 Closing Song & Dismissal

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
 Confession & Forgiveness
 Opening Hymn ELW 631
 Greeting p. 147
 Kyrie
 Prayer of the Day
 Bible Readings
 Psalm of the Day Psalm 121
 Gospel Acclamation
 Today's Message
 Hymn of the Day ELW 338
 Creed, Prayers & Peace
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 Offering ELW 184
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 Lamb of God & Distribution p. 154
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 638
 Dismissal



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BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Today's Bible Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a	Pew Bible p. 8
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Pew Bible p. 916
Psalm 121	Pew Bible p. 498
John 3:1-17	Pew Bible p. 863

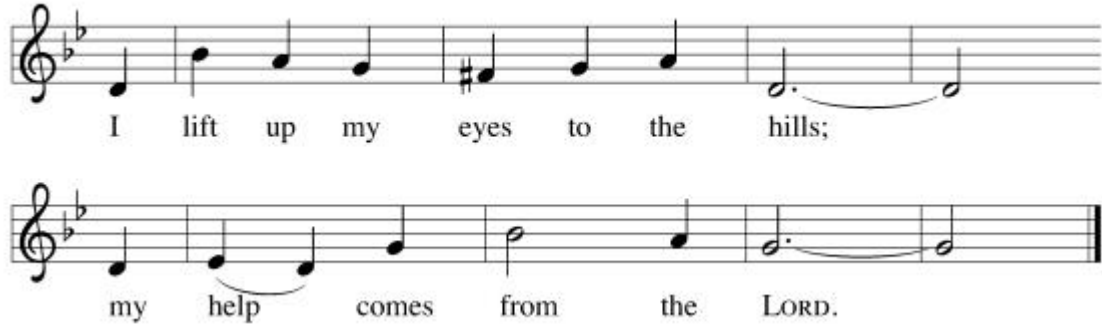
Today's Message "Saved"

by Rev. Erik Young

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, and Sandy Alwens.

Cancer treatments: Denny Sanders, Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, Sue Polchlopek, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky and Nicole C.

EASTER GARDEN

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we remember loved ones and friends by decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Lily and Primrose plants. You are invited to contribute in honor or in memory of individuals you know and love. Each child who attends Easter worship is invited to take home a Primrose plant from the cross at the front of the Sanctuary. After the Sunday Traditional service, adults are welcome to take the Lily plants they donated. Volunteers will donate the remaining Lilies to church members and friends who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in assisted care facilities so they too can enjoy a reminder of the Good News of Easter. Though dedications are unlimited, a limited number of Lilies and Primroses will be purchased. Any excess funds will be applied to our Altar Flower and Candle Fund. Please place this order form in an envelope marked "Easter Garden" with your check or cash and return it to the church office by noon on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Your order may also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

GIVEN BY _____ PHONE # _____

IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____ (suggested donation \$14 per plant) Cash ____ or Check # _____

____ I would like to help with the ministry of delivering flowers ____ More dedications on additional sheet

+ ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT +

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.