



**BE CONFIDENT IN THE LORD'S
DELIVERANCE**

The Third Sunday in Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, February 28, 2016

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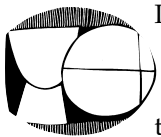
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, Listening Devices are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A Nursery is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

At its heart, our Lenten journey must be one of Spirit-wrought repentance. Here is the Lenten invitation: turn from sin fully confident of the Lord's deliverance. The Lord had delivered his people in spectacular fashion. Israel had every reason to trust whole-heartedly in his promises, relying on their rock, the Christ. Yet so many served their own bodies, even seeking the favor of other false gods. Let Israel's example serve as warning. Turn from temptation, leave sin behind, trust in the Lord's faithfulness to forgive, bear abundant fruit, and follow the Way out of this world to eternal life.

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



In Holy Communion, we share in the mystery of the bread and wine offered together with the body and blood of Christ. As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy Word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While

this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not taught first.

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table this morning. If you are a guest and desire to

commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

The liturgy of the church follows the same patterns of worship services used by Christians for millennia. It beautifully unites believers across the ages in celebrating the wondrous mercies of our Lord through the Word and the Sacrament.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | **CW 98 (1-4)**

INVOCATION

Please stand.

Throughout the service, the sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.¹

M In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

M Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

M I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

M Lord of Life,

C I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

¹ The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross reminds worshipers of their baptisms. Martin Luther wrote in his *Small Catechism*, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"



For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus sake.

ABSOLUTION²

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*³

Mark 10:47

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

² The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. (cf. John 20:21-23)

³ "Kyrie" is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

C Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*

During the season of Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.



The Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.

SALUTATION⁴

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

⁴ This greeting, known as the “Salutation,” has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section (p. 17) of the service.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-8b, 10-15

God appears with power and might, but calls himself the LORD, the God of free and faithful love.

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.



⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey..." ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Refrain*Psalm tone**Refrain*

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,*
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me*
like a burden too heavy to bear.

Refrain

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;*
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,*
O Lord my Savior.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Let Israel's example serve as warning.

Turn from temptation, leave sin behind, trust in the Lord's faithfulness to forgive, bear abundant fruit, and follow the Way out of this world to eternal life.

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:14,15

M Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

C that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL⁵

Luke 13:1-9

*Christ calls each of us to closely examine
our lives for the fruit of repentance.*

Please stand.

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter thirteen.

C Praise be to you, O Lord.

¹ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY⁶

Lord, to You I Make Confession | CW 302

⁵ The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

⁶ The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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Temptation: What can we do!?

NICENE CREED⁷

Please stand.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

⁷ Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \oplus of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.



The Holy Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

PREFACE⁸

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

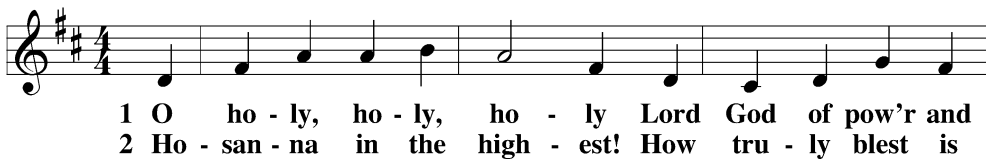
C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*⁹

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN [CW 557]



⁸ The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

⁹ "Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the 2nd century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the 14th century.

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING¹⁰

[M] Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who became our substitute under your holy law. Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

[C] Amen.

¹⁰ Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." (cf. Matthew 26:26)

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

M Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION¹¹

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

¹¹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. This is why he stands behind the altar during this portion of the service. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins in B-flat major (two flats) and the second staff changes to D major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men."

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¹² Jesus is the "Agnus Dei," or "Lamb of God," who was offered as a sacrifice once for all.

DISTRIBUTION¹³

We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table this morning. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:

[M] Now, may this true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your sins ☩ are forgiven. Amen.



Thanksgiving and Prayer

Having just received in the Lord's body and blood the reassurance of the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life in heaven, believers join their hearts and voices in thanking him through song and prayer.

SONG OF SIMEON – Nunc Dimittis¹⁴

Luke 2:29-32

Tune: ICH DANK DIR, LIEBER HERRE [CW 445]

Please stand.



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as - sured:
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the Son,



For I have seen your prom - ised In - car - nate, sav - ing Word—
All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one;

¹³ The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

¹⁴ The "Nunc Dimittis," or "Now Dismiss," is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.



A Light that will en - light - en All gloom where
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall

Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing glo - ry
ev - er be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing

Of those in Is - ra - el!
Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING¹⁵

M The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

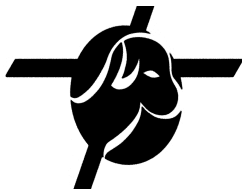
Be seated.

¹⁵ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27)



This past week (February 23) much of the Christian Church on earth commemorated the life and death of Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr. Born c. A.D. 69, Polycarp was a central figure in the early church. A disciple of the evangelist John, he linked the first generation of believers to later Christians. After serving for many years as bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp was arrested, tried, and executed for his faith on February 23, c.

A.D. 156. An eyewitness narrative of his death, "The Martyrdom of Polycarp," continues to encourage believers in times of persecution.



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Announcements

BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! Sunday School will meet at 10:45 in the church. Bible Class will start at 10:55 in the multi-purpose room. We will be continuing our study of *Romans 1-8*.

LENT CONTINUES THIS WEEK This year's series is titled: "*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*", and are based on a sermon series from a Professor of our seminary in 1889. Services are on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Lenten suppers will begin each week at 6:00pm (except for Ash Wednesday when there is no supper.) A schedule for this Lenten season is included as an insert in this bulletin. Please start making plans now in your schedule to be able to spend some time with the Lord during this blessed season of the church year.



A LAMB GOES
UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING LENT During the season of Lent, the Lord's Supper will be offered every week in the Divine Service. Since the season of Lent is a season of repentance, it is only fitting that the church offers forgiveness through the Holy Supper throughout the season. If you have any questions or concerns about this practice, please speak with Pastor Seelow.

EASTER LILLY SIGN-UP There is a sign-up sheet in the entry way to sign up to purchase a Lilly to be used to decorate the front of the church for the Easter season. The cost of a Lilly is \$8. As in the past, a memorial may be attached to the flower(s).

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS In the coming weeks, you are asked to take a moment before or after the Divine Service and have a photo taken individually and as a family. These photos will be uploaded to our online Church directory. An effort is being made to make this directory available to everyone, especially our new(er) members so that they can more easily put a name to a face. If you have questions concerning this, or would like more information on how to log on to our online directory, speak to Pastor Seelow or one of the council members.

CHURCH BULLETINS ARE ONLINE! Beginning with the January 3 Divine Service, the bulletins have been uploaded and stored on our church website. If you miss the service, or have a friend you think would like to see what we do on a Sunday morning, please make use of this

resource. These are a meant to serve as an aid to recorded services that will be available online. While still only in a planning phase, we hope to provide an audio file of the weekly service on the website each week. If you would like to know more about this, please speak with Pastor Seelow.

2016 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY This summer, the WELS *Commission on Youth and Family Ministry* is holding their bi-annual International Youth Rally at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. The rally will be held June 28-July 1, 2016. Cost to attend is \$355 plus travel expenses. **The deadline for a decision to go to the rally is THIS TUESDAY, March 1.** If you (or you think your child would be) are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Seelow. The ages for the rally (completing) 8th grade through a 2016 high school graduate.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER A copy of the newest “A Congregation at Prayer” is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

This Week’s Calendar

Wednesday, March 2AM — Shut-in/Hospital Calls
4p — Confirmation
6p — Lenten Supper
7p — **Mid-Week Lenten Service**

Sunday, March 69:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion
Ushers: Matt & Phil Brei
Greeters: Harp Family

10:45a — Sunday School
10:55a — *Romans 1-8*

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Cleaning (2/28-3/5)*Church*—Brei; *Fellowship*—Cantrell; *Ed. Bldg.*—Darby
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EASTER LILLY SIGN-UP There is a sign-up sheet in the entry way to sign up to purchase a Lilly to be used to decorate the front of the church for the Easter season. The cost of a Lilly is \$8. As in the past, a memorial may be attached to the flower(s).

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS In the coming weeks, you are asked to take a moment before or after the Divine Service and have a photo taken individually and as a family. These photos will be uploaded to our online Church directory. An effort is being made to make this directory available to everyone, especially our new(er) members so that they can more easily put a name to a face. If you have questions concerning this, or would like more information on how to log on to our online directory, speak to Pastor Seelow or one of the council members.

CHURCH BULLETINS ARE ONLINE! Beginning with the January 3 Divine Service, the bulletins have been uploaded and stored on our church website. If you miss the service, or have a friend you think would like to see what we do on a Sunday morning, please make use of this

resource. These are a meant to serve as an aid to recorded services that will be available online. While still only in a planning phase, we hope to provide an audio file of the weekly service on the website each week. If you would like to know more about this, please speak with Pastor Seelow.

2016 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY This summer, the WELS *Commission on Youth and Family Ministry* is holding their bi-annual International Youth Rally at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. The rally will be held June 28-July 1, 2016. Cost to attend is \$355 plus travel expenses. **The deadline for a decision to go to the rally is THIS TUESDAY, March 1.** If you (or you think your child would be) are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Seelow. The ages for the rally (completing) 8th grade through a 2016 high school graduate.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER A copy of the newest “A Congregation at Prayer” is available on the table in the entryway. This packet is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

This Week’s Calendar

Wednesday, March 2AM — Shut-in/Hospital Calls
4p — Confirmation
6p — Lenten Supper
7p — **Mid-Week Lenten Service**

Sunday, March 69:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion
Ushers: Matt & Phil Brei
Greeters: Harp Family

10:45a — Sunday School
10:55a — *Romans 1-8*

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Cleaning (2/28-3/5)*Church*—Brei; *Fellowship*—Cantrell; *Ed. Bldg.*—Darby
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