

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Perry Hart; Bob Kneller

**LENTEN POTLUCKS** continue this coming Wednesday, March 17, at 6:00pm. The last potluck supper will be March 24. Join us!

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** will focus on the story of salvation in five Old Testament passages. Join us March 17 for the book of Jonah!

**THE YOUTH GROUP** will meet next Sunday, March 21, from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Join us for supper, Bible study, and more. Bring friends!

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is a great opportunity to begin, refresh, or re-focus your devotions. Feel free to ask Pr. Mullet for guidance!

**THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY** has moved upstairs. Do you have books you'd like to donate? Drop them off at the office!

**CAMP LUTHERHAVEN** registration is now open for the summer season. Ask Pastor or Sem. Marks for more information. There are many programs to choose from and the church can help pay for your trip!

**HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE** will be July 20-23 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. All youth who will be age 12 or older by that date are invited to attend. Please see Pr. Mullet for more details.

#### CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 14 (Lent 4 - Laetare)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed. Mar. 17 (Lent 4 Midweek)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Mar. 18	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Mar. 21 (Lent 5 - Judica)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group

## FAITH PRAYS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Sundays form, shape, and lead us Christians into the week. Pick three days this week to reflect on Sunday's readings, prayers, and hymns. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the "Thinking About." How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it's unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

### THE WEEK OF LENT 4 (MARCH 14)

**OT:** Exodus 16:2-21

**GOSPEL:** John 6:1-15

**SECOND:** Acts 2:41-47

**HYMN:** LSB 743

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise. Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people shall not hunger or thirst. For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.