

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Jim Lambert; Chuck Kellogg; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Mary Ludlum; Russell Harris; Alvin Wilson

**THE LAST LENTEN POTLUCK** is this Wed., March 24, at 6:00pm.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** focus on the story of salvation in five Old Testament passages. Join us March 24 for the Fiery Furnace!

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

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** with the celebration of Holy Communion will be held every day during Holy Week at 7:00pm.

**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. 21 (Lent 5 - Judica)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed. Mar. 24 (Lent 5 Midweek)	11:00am Holy Communion (mask req'd.) 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Mar. 25	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Mar. 28 (Palm Sunday)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation (confirmands only)

## 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 5 (MARCH 21)

**OT:** Genesis 22:1-14

**GOSPEL:** John 8:46-59

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 9:11-15

**HYMN:** LSB 430

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** 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.

### THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

In the temple Jesus said, "*If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death*" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.