

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Darlene Welsh; family of Carolyn Wilkins; family of Barb Myers

CHOIR: interested in singing in our new choir? The first rehearsal is TODAY at 11:30am. We'll be putting together a few things for Easter Sunday.

“FIELD TRIP” TO THE SEMINARY: the youth group will travel to the seminary (FW) **this afternoon!** We will explore the grounds and attend a prayer / choir service. **All are welcome to join us!** We'll meet at the seminary at 3:00pm. If you'd like to join us for just the service, it begins at 4:00pm. Talk to Pr. Mullet for more information or to discuss travel arrangements.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP & POTLUCKS: Join us for a potluck at 6pm and Divine Service at 7pm every Wednesday in Lent!

“A SEASON OF HOPE” PROJECT: This week's item is combs! More info is available on the tables! We're looking at assembling these on Palm Sunday.

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 27 (Lent 4 - Laetare)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Meet at seminary / 4:00pm prayer service
Tue. Mar. 29	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Mar. 30	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 6:00pm Potluck Supper 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Mar. 31	7:00pm Bible Study (Ephesians)
Sun. Apr. 3 (Lent 5 - Judica)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study NO CONFIRMATION 11:30am Choir Rehearsal

HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 6:1-15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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Here’s a passage from Luther’s 1532 sermon on our gospel reading:

“This miracle of the feeding of the five thousand men, which our dear Lord Jesus Christ performed in the wilderness with five barley loaves and two fish, is recorded in Scripture for our sakes, so that people in the church might hear it again and again, and learn from it that we must trust that God will provide for us. . . Through this miracle, therefore, Christ, our dear Lord, teaches his disciples and us Christians not to fret or be greedy for great wealth, because what we need will be provided. Only believe that the heavenly Father will sustain you.”

It is as our beloved hymn says: *“All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”*