

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
How often I wanted
to gather your children together.*



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As We Gather

Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God’s children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!” (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus’ heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

Prayer upon entering church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Preparation for communion LSB 329

Who can come to communion?

Those belonging to an LCMS congregation are welcomed and encouraged to partake of the Lord’s Supper with us. We do care about the spiritual wellbeing of others present, but ask that you please refrain out of love for this fellowship and speak with the pastor or elder prior to the service.

We Remember in Our Prayers

Military and Law Enforcement

Curt Kazemba
Corey Place

Shut-ins

Edith Hanson
Betty Brandt
Virgil Grave
Mary Rost
Ardyce Rueter

Comfort

Maxine Meyer

Healing

Linda Garms
Shirley Fredericksen
Linda Rost
Leann Hass
Deb Stirler
Phyllis Consoer
Joyce Schwartz
Sharlene Engel
Charlie Rowe
Duane Gaudian
Gale Schoelerman

This Week . . .
Activities

- Sun. March 17: Education Hour @ Concordia 9:00 a.m.
Joint Divine Service @ Concordia 10:00 a.m.
- Wed. March 20: LWML @ Trinity 1:00 p.m.
Confirmation @ H-LP 3:30 p.m.
Supper @ Concordia 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by CLC NYG Youth
Lent Service @ Concordia 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. March 21: Newsletter Deadline @ 12:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 24: Adult Bible Study @ Trinity 9:00 a.m.
Joint Divine Service @ Trinity 10:00 a.m.
w/ LWML Mission
Sunday School @ Trinity 11:15 a.m.

Happy Birthday

Roman Voss	March 18th
Randy Rost	March 18th
Kirk Glienke	March 18th
Tom Gillespie	March 19th
Mike Reimers	March 19th
Vi Ihnen	March 20th
Mike Ross	March 20th
Harold Jacobsen	March 21st
Cindy Place	March 21st
Cole Ihnen	March 22nd
Molly Detlefsen	March 23rd

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Joann Stahly	March 21st
Richard & Nancy Wulf	March 22nd

If any are missing please contact church secretary to add date and name to our information. Thank you!

Today's Order
of Worship
DIVINE
SERVICE 3

Hymn: 507

Liturgy: p. 184

Introit
(insert)

Liturgy: p. 186

Readings:

Jer. 26:8-15
Phil. 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Liturgy: p. 190

Hymn: 563

Sermon:

“Seeing with
Ears”

Liturgy: p. 192

Offering

Prayer:
(insert)

Liturgy: p. 194

Service of the
Sacrament

Hymn:
635, 528, 844

Liturgy: p. 199

Hymn: 725

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

Introit

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;*

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Collect of the Day

O God You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Jeremiah 26:8-15

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Verse

Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(Each petition concludes with the pastor saying P. Lord, in your mercy, C. hear our prayer.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sundays Readings: *March 24, Third Sunday in Lent— Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and Luke 13:1-9*

Bulletin from last week: The bulletins from last week will be left out in the entry way for one week so that in case you missed service you can still have one. If all copies are taken please contact the church office.

A “Life Quote” from Lutherans “To be pro-life is to show that all life is precious, that the community of faith is there to support and help with every child. To be pro-life is to visit the elderly in the nursing home, to give them the dignity that they have as children of God. To be pro-life is to love the mothers, to love these women who are caught by circumstances, to help them with physical as well as spiritual needs.” *Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana*

Bulletin deadline: Please turn any items for the bulletin into the church office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Guests and Visitors: We are thankful to have you join us today. Please remember to sign the guest book so that we have record of your visit.

Lent Devotion: There is a Higher Things “Reflections” is available in the narthex for Lent. Please feel free to take one home with you today.

Storm Cancellations: If Church needs to be cancelled during the winter months, text notifications will be sent to you if you have signed up to receive them. You can also check the church website at www.trinitysv.com or the following sources.

Ø KICD 1240 AM 107.7 FM Spencer – Live reports & Website

Ø KKOJ 1190 AM KRAQ 105.7 FM Jackson – Live reports & Website

Ø “Weather Related Announcements” at exploreokoboji.com

Ø “Weather Announcements” at myradioworks.net

Ø Call an Elder or Pastor

Sunday Soup: Sunday, March 24 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield in the activity center. Menu is variety of soups, rolls, bars, coffee and milk. This is a free will donation to help Tanner Post as he attends Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Tanner is a member of Holy Trinity, Hunter Township. See the flier in the narthex for more information.

How do I become a part of things at church? We are always happy to welcome and receive new faces at our congregation. Most activities are open to all whether you are member or non-member. If you would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or are considering membership please talk with the pastor. Members of other LCMS congregation may join by transfer.

Prayer Request: Please contact the church secretary if you would like to be included in the prayers in the bulletin.

Newsletters and Bulletins: Both can be found on our web pages: www.trinitysv.com or www.concordialp.com. If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail only OR if you would like to view the body of the newsletter on-line but would like a printed calendar please sign up in the narthex on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Thank you!

Experience the Passion Play: Most people get only a few opportunities to see the Passion Play as performed in Oberammergau Germany as it is performed only one summer in a decade. The next performance will be next year, 2020. Rev. Michael Wolfram and Rev. Dr. James Lamb will be hosting a tour to Germany, Austria, and Italy that will include the opportunity of a lifetime, seeing this world-renowned production. The cost is coming in at \$4,045.00 per person for a ten day tour. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Wolfram at mcwolfram@aol.com or call him at 515-988-4324.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: For the present time in vacancy, Adult Bible Study will be held every week before Worship at the Church where services are held. All members of both congregations are welcome to attend every week. Our study will be going through the new 2017 edition of *Luther's Small Catechism*. This edition features expanded discussion on the current issues of today that need to be met with a solid grounding in God's Word. It also maintains its classic teachings of Christian doctrine & the Scriptures they come from. It will be an interesting and informative study. If you want to attend, but don't yet have a copy of the new 2017 edition, please let Denny Stahly know so we can get one ordered for you.

Blood Drive: H-LP FFA is hosting their annual blood drive on Wed. March 20. Please contact the HS office to sign up.

THE CALL PROCESS UPDATE Our call to Pastor Wessel was declined. The call committee met after Lenten Worship on March 13th. They voted to recommend Pastor Dietrich as our next call candidate. He had only a few less votes than Pastor Wessel in our first selection process, and seems very well qualified. The next step will be a congregational question and answer session after Worship on March 24, for any questions and clarifications. After Worship on Sunday March 31st there will be a joint congregational meeting and vote to select our next call candidate. This will be immediately followed by a joint Voters meeting to ratify the selected candidate, and make the call official. Any questions can be directed to an Elder or a member of the call committee.

CANDIDATES FOR PASTOR

Rev. Chadric Dietrich, Rockwell City, IA

Education: SDSU (1997) Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (2003)

Experiences: Previous Occupations: Financial Planner

Vicarage: Trinity, Norman, OK (2001-2002)

Called Positions: Immanuel & Trinity, Rockwell City & Knierim, IA (2003 to present)

Service Beyond the Congregation: Circuit Visitor, Delegate to convention, pastoral advisor to LLL, district LWML counselor, rotary club, SMCH Board of Directors

Married: Alyson

Wife's vocation: Human Development, family resources, financial

Children: 2

<http://www.churchesinthecountry.org/>

CALLED TO SERVE
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April Newsletter: The deadline will remain Thursday, March 21 for all other announcements and postings. The newsletter will be posted to the website as soon as possible following the Sunday, March 31st service. The paper copies will be placed in the bulletin boxes on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Youth Chess Tournament: At the Immanuel Lutheran School Activity Center in Lakefield, MN is on Saturday, March 23. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. with Round 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tournament is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Cost is \$15. Register online at immanuellakefield.com under the school tab or by calling Amy in the office at 507-662-5718. Immanuel Lutheran School is located at 620 Bush Street in Lakefield.

March Activities at Lakefield Senior Dining: Call 662-6714 for appointment, reservation, and or to eat and or play.
Fit & Strong classes from 1PM-2:30PM Mondays & Fridays. You can still join us. Come early to register. No charge!
*** NEW Signature meal ... BBQ pork riblets/bun, Tator tots, country blend vegetables, ice cream
Wednesday March 20 500 Club
Tuesday March 26 \$2 Tuesday sponsored by Osterburg Funeral Home
Wednesday March 27 Pinochle

Trinity's Beef Dinner: The dinner will be Sunday, April 7 from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Sign up sheets for help and donations are in the narthex or you may phone Vicki at 507-360-9994 to discuss.

This week on KFUEO. hear from Tim Young Eagle of Lutheran Indian Ministries on The Coffee Hour about the future of Native Ministry (3/18 at 9:00 a.m. CT), get in depth in Genesis chapters 4-7 on the Sharper Iron Series "In the Beginning was the Truth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in our study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us during midweek Lent Worship broadcast from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis, MO (3/20 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org! Listen to Worldwide KFUEO.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUEO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us as @KFUEOradio on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

Beef Commercial Dinner: *Today*, Sunday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, MN. Meal includes homemade pies and dessert. Youth group is also having a bake sale. Come join us for this event. Call 507-842-5982 to order.

CHRISTIAN TV SHOW: *Main Street Living* is now being broadcast on KCAU Sioux City as well as on KDLT from Sioux Falls. Also WFTC Channel 29 aka “Fox 9 Plus” and MyTV. Air time on both channels is Sunday at 10 am. The first 30 minutes are premastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area. It features many aspects of church worship; with an Invocation, confession and absolution, The Apostles Creed, the week’s Scripture readings, and a sermon. Hymns are sung by area church choirs. It’s a wonderful evangelistic ministry that shares the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with the unchurched and shut-in. It is also great to utilize on Sundays you are unable to attend worship. Additional information is online at www.mainstreetliving.com

March 17 This is the Life – “A Gift for Grandpa” – Freddie goes to great lengths to get a special gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way. Worship Service - Rev. Bruce Lessman, of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, delivers the message “The Right Attitude” based on Philippians 3:17 – 4:1.

March 24 This is the Life – “Boy on the Fence” – Young Tom is faced with a dilemma as he chooses new friends when he moves to the city. Worship Service - Service has not been taped yet. Will forward when information is available.

Easter Lily @ Concordia: Easter Lily may be purchased to display in church for Easter in memory of a loved one. For \$ TBA you would have a Easter Lily that is foil wrapped and with a gold bow. You can checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church and place them in the offering basket. Deadline Sunday, TBA.

Today in Sunday School: we learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night. Since the fall into sin, all are born spiritually blind, sinful, and unclean. We are like Nicodemus and cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Discuss with your children, “*How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?*”

March

Ushers: David Stahly, John Nelson, and Charlie Rowe

Greeters:

Counters: Dave & Lori Stahly

Altar Flowers: Crystal Gilmore

Project Committee: Jean Gillespie, Stella Stahly, and Connie Hauenstein

Ushers needed: If you are interested in usher please contact an elder or the church office. We have a few spots open. Ladies feel free to join us in this great way to serve and give back to the church.

Your Invited: You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Lutheran Hour Ministries RALLY CELEBRATION The Minnesota South District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League is hosting an "old-fashioned" Lutheran Hour Rally on Sunday, March 17, 2019, 4pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota. Features include: A powerful message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Michael Zeigler, Music from the Hosanna Praise Band, A Massed Choir composed of members from Southern MN area Churches, Ministry Expo-Learn more about LHM Resources and sharing the Gospel. For more Rally information see the flier in the narthex and registration details, please contact Rev. Greg Heidorn @ 507-273-8546.

FREE Road Trip: Concordia University in Seward NE is hosting High school students, parents and pastors are invited to a college visit on Friday, April 5, 2019. You will not be asked to make a commitment. This is just a visit. See what Concordia has to offer. We will be going to Seward the evening of Thursday, April 4. We plan to leave after school on Thursday and we will be staying at Cobblestone Inn at Seward. The Friday schedule includes: campus and dorm tour, chapel, meet and greet professors and coaches, lunch, attend a student panel and before heading back to Iowa, we will have pizza and meet with current Iowa District West students! There is NO COST for transportation, main meals (bring own snacks) or lodging. (Compliments of Iowa District West) Carpooling will be arranged. Please share this invitation with all high school students. To register for the college visit, contact: Ellie Menz 515-370-1159 ellie@iowadistrictwest.org Please register by March 26, 2019 Participating adults include: Pastor Tom Schlund, Algona Rhonda Mohr, Fort Dodge and Ellie Menz, Jefferson See the flier in the narthex for more information.

Note From The Congregational Presidents: Now through the winter month, as we work through our vacancy we will be having joint church services. Alternating Sundays, time for services will be **10:00 am** with Adult Bible Class held before at the church where service is held. Please check the calendar for Sunday School times. The reason for holding joint services is to make it easier for the Pastors who are taking time to help us. We encourage all of our members to make a special effort to attend all services in whatever church. Everyone's support is needed as we go through this vacancy with God leading us.

3/3/2019

Total Offering	\$4,131.00
General Offering	\$4,131.00
Needed Year to Date	\$12,649.50
Received Year to Date	<u>\$9,620.35</u>
In Arrears	\$(3,029.15)

CONCORDIA STEWARDSHIP REQUEST Due to cancellations because of bad weather and only having services at Concordia every other week, the General Fund has really been stressed. Expenses such as utilities also increase during colder weather and make funds shrink more rapidly. If our giving could increase and better meet expenses, it will head-off trying to make up ground later against a much bigger deficit. But as always, our giving back to the Lord and His kingdom shouldn't be because we need to, but out of thankfulness for all we have been given, as Paul encourages us in 2 Corinthians Chapter 8. Please also keep our circumstances in your prayers that we may be better able to maintain our ministry here for the Lord's Kingdom. Thank you.

