The Third Sunday in Lent 20 March 2022

Welcome! Jesus Calls You to Repentance. “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Dylan Arlt - recovering
- Donald Becker - recovering
- Dora Durrenberger - recovering
- Pat Hughes - recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
- Nancy Kasper - recovering
- Hildegard Krause
- Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
- Chris Miertschin
- Shannon Miertschin
- Calvin Robertson
- Greg Sorrento - recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
- Cindy Umphries - recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
- Laverne Weiser - recovering
- Conway Whited - surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

- Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
- Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
- Joyce Bise
- Don Claxton - father of Jeff Claxton
- Russell Cleghorn - friend of James & Kathy Kalbas
- Ginger Clifford - sister of Nancy Kasper
- Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

- Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
- Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
- Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Those who mourn:

- The family of Bill Pfeiffer, Sr. (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum)

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.
The Order of Service— Page 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 761, 823, 609, 704, 722, 809
The Sermon: “For What Purpose?”

† The Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Frieda Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack and Arthur & Dianna Noack.

† Thank You. The family of Adelia Becker would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, kind words, texts, calls, cards, food, flowers, and memorials given in her name. Special thanks to Pastor Schmidt for his inspiring message at the funeral and to Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music. We truly appreciate all the love and support given to us during this time.

† Portals of Prayer. The April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the church office.

† Easter Lilies. The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is included in the bulletin. Orders are due by Thursday, April 14th. Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after April 14th. The cost of the lilies is $12.00 each.

† South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department: The annual membership meeting and election of officers of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department will be held Sunday, March 27th at the fire station in Northrup. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and a chili supper will be provided.

† Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor, Texas. Sunday, April 3, 2022. Turkey and Dressing with gravy and cranberry sauce, noodles, green beans, and cookie. $12.00. Drive Thru Servin Only beginning 10:30 a.m., at the Parish Hall, FM 1624/CR 309. Proceeds used for Church and Parish Hall improvements.

† The Warda Bunch Show Fund (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-3.5lbs for $10/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for $2.50 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Deadline for Pre Orders is March 31st. Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. Pre Orders only by calling Joyce Hinze at (979-540-0355), Robert Hinze (979-540-6911), Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372, Larry Woelfel at (979) 540-8730, or the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by Thursday, March 31st. Proceeds go toward support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

† Mark your calendars for VBS- June13th-17th! Our VBS theme is: The Tree of Life- God's Promise of Salvation! Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. If you would like to volunteer this Summer for VBS, please contact VBS Director- Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143).

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 27th, “What Shall We do?” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Why Easter is a story of redemption and not revenge. (Luke 20:9-19, Acts 2:22-36). Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Through the Church Year:
March 20 – Lent III
No death, not even in physician-assisted suicide or embryo destruction, pleases the Lord God (Ezekiel 33:11). And these practices pose spiritual dangers as well as physical ones. So, He has commissioned each of us to warn our neighbors—and especially our brothers and sisters—against them (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We have not only the responsibility but the privilege of ushering them to a sacred escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).
THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today
- Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.
  Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
  LYF Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

Wendish Fish Fry

Spring Begins

Monday
- Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday
- Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday
- Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
  School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
  Acolytes: Evelyn Williams and Jay Woelfel
  Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday
- Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Friday
- Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
  Board of Elders – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday
- Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.
  Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
  Acolytes: Lydia Schautschick and Maison Schautschick
  Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.


ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/9/2022)- 97, Morning Worship- 190, Bible Class- 23; Sunday School- 21. Offering-$18.00.

Offering Last Week: $29,356.41

Home: $8,836.31
- General
- Sunday School $18.00
- Thrivent Choice $1,090.00
- School Donation $4,500.00
- Lunch Room $935.00
- ECC Operating $2,421.50
- School Registration $3,400.00
- Tuition $6,825.60

Received (3/13/2022) $28,026.41

Mission: $355.00
- Mission
- Lutheran Hour $175.00
- Lent Offering (3/9/2022) $700.00
- Mission Total $1,230.00

Savings/Other: $100.00
- Lunch Room $935.00
- School Fund $100.00
- Savings/Other Total $100.00

Total $29,356.41

Est. needed per week $22,500.00
Received MTD $71,595.73
Est. needed per month $97,500.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adelia Becker by Jolynn Schoenberg and Jacquelyn, Arnold & Lance Mercado - $50.00; by Directors, Officers & Staff at 1st National Bank - $100.00; by Robert Northagel - $100.00; by Ryan, Kristy, Karly, Rylee & Hadlee Hentschel - $50.00; by Mary Gutierrez & Melanie - $20.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Carol Wilson - $20.00. Lutheran Hour: In memory of Adelia Becker by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - $35.00. In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - $35.00. In memory of William Yurk by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - $35.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - $35.00. In memory of Adele Schulze by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - $35.00. School Fund: In memory of Adelia Becker by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - $50.00; by Jean Herzik - $25.00; by Tommy & Flora Fischer - $25.00. Correction: In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Randy & Janice Becker - $25.00.
Serving today:  Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Grant Oltmann and Kamrie Stewart
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel  Assistant- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joshua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones, Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
John Hinze, Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold
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