

March Calendar 2024

<u>Events</u>		<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Friday	1-Mar	1-Mar	(B) Jordan Williams
Saturday	2-Mar	2-Mar	(B) Janet Schukar
Sunday	3-Mar		
			(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School
			(E) 10am Worship Service
Monday	4-Mar		(E) 7pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
Tuesday	5-Mar	5-Mar	(B) Shelley Dothager
Wednesday	6-Mar		(E) 7pm Lenten Service
Friday	8-Mar	8-Mar	(B) Sarah Sasse
Saturday	9-Mar	9-Mar	(B) Manny Brooks
Sunday	10-Mar	10-Mar	(B) Sydney Austin
			(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School
			(E) 10am Worship Service
Wednesday	13-Mar	13-Mar	(B) Norma Gable
Sunday	17-Mar	17-Mar	(B) Mallory Koch
			(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School
			(E) 10am Worship Service
Monday	18-Mar	18-Mar	(B) Benton Hickerson
Wednesday	20-Mar	20-Mar	(B) Cathy Dothager
Sunday	24-Mar		(H) Palm Sunday
			(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School
			(E) 10am Worship Service
Wednesday	27-Mar	27-Mar	(B) Nathan Collier
			(B) Charles Wasmuth Jr.
Thursday	28-Mar	28-Mar	(A) Errol & Linda Rhodes 1980
Friday	29-Mar		(E) 7pm Good Friday Service
Sunday	31-Mar		(H) Easter Sunday
			(E) 9am Easter Egg Hunt
			(E) 10am Worship Service

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

St. Paul says: "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Cor. 11:28). Lent is a time traditionally used for self-examination. To be sure, we should examine ourselves daily to see where we have sinned against God. We should daily confess our sins. We should also hear His forgiveness. He wants to apply His Son's sacrifice to us and He does that through His preached Word and the holy Sacraments.

The place where we come into contact with God's forgiveness in a most physical way is in Holy Communion. It is here that God's forgiveness is given to you, individually, even bodily. You eat Jesus' Body and drink His Blood. In His Sacrament your Jesus says to you, "Every sin you have committed is forgiven. I bore every sin you have every done, no matter how great or small, in My Body on the cross."

But for us to receive His forgiveness, we must eat and drink in a worthy manner. St. Paul says in the I Cor. 11:29: "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." Many have thought this meant you had to be really good or particularly holy before receiving the Sacrament. If this were the case, none of us could ever receive it. We are all thoroughly corrupted by sin. We all must confess with the hymnist (and St. Paul) "I am Chief of Sinners." But then we must also confess with them, "Jesus shed His Blood for me."

Jesus shed His Blood for you. He sacrificed His Body on the Cross. He made Himself the sacrifice that takes away your sin and guilt and gives you peace with God. He is the Passover Lamb Whose Blood causes death to pass over you. The Jewish Passover and sacrifices were eaten. God wants you to eat His Passover Sacrifice as well. To eat of it means you repent of your sins and wish to do better. The only person who can truly do this is one who believes Jesus' words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."

Now how can you examine yourself? Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers is a great help. You should be able to find this in your Catechism or on pages 329-330 in LSB. He declares this matter of examining yourself most serious by saying that if we do not examine ourselves in order to confess our sins and our faith in Christ, we will be mocking God, as St. Paul writes in Galatians 6. In other words, we would not be taking our sins and our salvation seriously. So how should we ex-amine ourselves?

Luther first asks us to confess that we are sinners; we know this because we have not kept The Ten Commandments. (On this point, Luther, in the Fifth Chief Part, directs you to ask yourself these questions: "Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been

disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?") He then asks us to be sorry for our sins and to recognize we deserve God's wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. That is the work of the Law, which condemns us because of our sins.

But then comes the Gospel, which announces to us our forgiveness. He asks us to confess that we hope to be saved, trusting in our dear Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, The God-Man, The Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who died and shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. Luther calls on us to learn this from the Gospel, the Words of Institution, and the Sacrament we eat and drink. It is truly Jesus' Body and Blood, just as Jesus says. When we receive it we proclaim His death and the shedding of His Blood. He tells us we should remember and proclaim His death so that we may learn that nobody could make satisfaction for our sins other than Christ. We also remember and proclaim His death so that we may be horrified by our sins and regard them as very serious. We also do it to find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved. But why did Christ die for us? It was His great love for His Father and for all sinners (that includes you!) that led Him to the cross.

So why go to the Sacrament? "That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor." And if you need admonishment and encouragement to go, Luther reminds you that Christ's command and promise urge you to receive Him; plus, you need it very much because you are a sinner, which is why Christ gave the command, encouragement, and promise in the first place. But some don't feel their need. This is because they don't realize they have mortal, sinful flesh and blood and live in a sinful world in which there is much sin and trouble. Plus the devil is always out trying to get us back into his fold. For all these reasons we should receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament is our firm pledge and guarantee that our sins are forgiven and that we shall live again, even though we die.

I encourage you to be in church as often as possible during this most holy time to hear God's Word preached, confess your sins and hear His Absolution, and receive His Blessed Sacrament. Our midweek services are on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The Supper is celebrated each Sunday and on Maundy Thursday (March 28). The Tre Ore service will be held at Blue Point on Good Friday (March 29) from noon to 3:00. Our Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm. I hope and pray to see you all there to find comfort and joy in Christ's work for us sinners which reconciles us to God.

In Jesus' Name,
Pastor Landskroener

Whenever we gather for the Divine Service, it's good to prepare by reading the readings for the day during the week/days before. Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

March 3 Third Sunday in Lent

Ex. 20:1-17

1 Cor. 1:18-31

John 2:13-22 (23-25)

March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Num. 21:4-9

Eph. 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34

Heb. 5:1-10

Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

March 24 Palm Sunday

John 12:12-19
Zech. 9:9-12
Phil. 2:5-11
John 12:20-43

March 28 Maundy Thursday
Ex. 12:1-14
1 Cor. 11:23-32
John 13:1-30

March 31 Easter
Is. 25:6-9
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

God bless you always.

Pastor Landskroener

Ladies Aid meeting will meet March 4th at 7:00 pm.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Has the doctrine of the Trinity been created by human beings or is belief in a trinity unthinkable? To hear an answer to this question, go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith/2.5.mp3> If you would like to receive every week an e-mail message with a new question and a link to audio answering that question, email lawandgospel@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 9, 2024 - Join the CID LLL District at their annual convention hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, Illinois. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Flyer is posted in Narthex.

Camp CILCA's Spring Work Day - Saturday, March 30, 2024 Join us for our Spring Work Day to get the camp ready for the summer. Rake leaves, clean and organize the kitchen, open up the beach shed, put together new beds, etc. The work day starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet - Sunday, April 14, 2024 Come enjoy a catered dinner and dessert while listening to updates on Camp CILCA, a speaker, and live music. This year's speaker is Illinois Right to Life's director, Mary Kate Zander. Live music by Aly Hauser. The event will be held in the Dining Hall. Make sure to RSVP before April 10th by emailing camp@cilca.org.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran HS has some very exciting news to announce. Our boys baseball team gets to play at BUSCH STADIUM this year!!! That's right, the same field as so many Cardinal legends and current MLB team. That date is April 12, at 6pm. In order to make this happen we need to sell 700 tickets to the Cards vs Brewers game on April 19. Tickets are \$25 a piece in the Infield Terrace (sec 400s). If you would like to purchase tickets for family, friends or giveaways contact me dkueper@corlhs.org or at the school 618-226-3315. You can also reach out to any of our current baseball players. What a tremendous opportunity for our kids!!!

"Please SAVE the DATE" Ladies' Aid next Chili & Soup Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 21st.

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 for a Pastoral visit.

Prayer Request – When prayers are requested, we ask that we are informed of the relationship of the person with our congregation. There has been concerns about names on prayer list & who they are. We will add the relationship to the prayers. This will allow members to ask about the individual's progress in recovery. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayers, they may be re-added to the list for another four-week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

Bible Word Search: CROSS, TOMB, & RESURRECTION

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MAGDALENE	NICODEMUS	REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION	ROMANS	SALVATION
SINS	THORNS	TOMB

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