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SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday - 9:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday-

Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday

6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.org

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

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If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to

firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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THE TIME OF EASTER

Lenten Season

- Ash Wednesday
- First Sunday in Lent
- Second Sunday in Lent
- Third Sunday in Lent
- Fourth Sunday in Lent
- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
- Monday in Holy Week
- Tuesday in Holy Week
- Wednesday in Holy Week
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday

Easter Season

- The Resurrection of Our Lord
- Easter Vigil
- Easter Dawn
- Easter Day
- Easter Evening/Monday
- Easter Tuesday
- Second Sunday of Easter
- Third Sunday of Easter
- Fourth Sunday of Easter
- Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Sixth Sunday of Easter
- The Ascension of Our Lord
- Seventh Sunday of Easter
- Pentecost
- Pentecost Eve
- Day of Pentecost
- Pentecost Evening/Monday
- Pentecost Tuesday

The Time of the Church

The Season after Pentecost

(Three-Year Lectionary)

- Holy Trinity
- Second through the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
- Last Sunday of the Church Year

SUNDAYS AND SEASONS

Church Year • The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

In our daily lives we keep track of our activities and special events with a calendar. The church throughout the centuries has also “kept track” of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar.

The Christian church has continued to follow the example set in the Old Testament of structuring the year around the marvelous acts of salvation that God completed for us in his Son, Christ. We call this structure the Church Year.

The church year calendar is organized into three sections: Sundays and seasons, feasts and festivals, and commemorations. The seasons of the church year are marked by certain liturgical colors.

Found here are the Sundays and seasons in the cycles of the Church’s liturgical calendar: Christmas/Epiphany, Good Friday/Easter, and Pentecost, followed by the Time of the Church.

The Time of Christmas

Advent Season

- First Sunday in Advent
- Second Sunday in Advent
- Third Sunday in Advent
- Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas Season

- The Nativity of Our Lord
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Midnight
- Christmas Dawn
- Christmas Day
- First Sunday after Christmas
- Second Sunday after Christmas

Epiphany Season

- The Epiphany of Our Lord
- First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
- Second Sunday after the Epiphany
- Third Sunday after the Epiphany
- Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
- Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
- Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany (three-year series only)
- Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (three-year series only)
- Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany (three-year series only)

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

ANSWER TO MARCH PUZZLE

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Bible Study

9:00 AM

**APRIL 2024
PARISH VISITOR
MAY 2024 DEADLINE**

[Articles Due](#) **Friday, April 19th**
[Send Date](#) **Thursday, April 25th**



MEETINGS IN APRIL

Worship Committee To be announced
Church Council – Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM



- April 7th- Communion (2nd Sunday of Easter).**
- April 14th-Non-Communion (3rd Sunday of Easter).**
- April 21st-Communion (4th Sunday of Easter).**
- April 28th-Non-Communion (5th Sunday of Easter).**

April



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APRIL 2024

OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter C/White	8 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	9 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM	10 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Easter NC/White	15 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	16	17 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Easter C/White	22 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	23	24 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	25	26	27
28 5th Sunday of Easter NC/White	29 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	30	USHERS Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	ALTAR GUILD Carla Allison		

RISE AGAIN

When the gray squares are filled in, a Bible character will be seen to be "rising", from a place where he was previously — before 28-Down called his name

ACROSS

- One of the sisters of the person "rising" in this puzzle — the one to whom 28-Down said, "Thy brother shall rise again" (John 11:23 KJV)
- Made a tax valuation: Abbr.
- Sturdy tree
- Sound at a greased pig contest, perhaps
- Annual presidential address, for short
- Opposite of SSW
- Checked for fingerprints
- Ancient Syrian city with remains near Aleppo (anagram of ABLE)
- Item in Santa's bag
- Western Hemisphere pol. alliance (anagram of 40-Across)
- "And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice [to the person "rising" in this puzzle], _____" (John 11:43 KJV)
- Member of an elite Navy team
- Had a bite
- Tough-guy actor Danny, of "Con Air" and "Anchorman"
- Bodily fluids containing white blood cells
- Long-time ESPN sportscaster Rich (anagram of SEINE)
- Dairy Queen order
- UFO occupants, slangily
- Opposite of a "make", in basketball
- Largest active volcano in Japan (anagram of 20-Across)
- Parts of lbs.
- Castaway's "Help!" message
- Expected, as a baby
- California county with an auto-parts company named after it
- Zig's opposite
- Motionless
- _____-surface missile
- Conclude
- Have _____ over one's head
- Greek letter between sigma and upsilon
- One of the sisters of the person "rising" in this puzzle — the one who told 28-Down, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died" (John 11:32 KJV)
- "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. _____ thou this?" (John 11:26 KJV)
- Falsehood
- Campaign pro
- "Zip-____-Doo-Dah"
- Chinese temple
- Log splitter
- Yankees' hometown rivals
- Makes up (for)
- ____ Kippur
- Thailand currency (anagram of BATH)
- Go back (to)

APRIL PUZZLE

HARD
Solution on page 27

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10		11	12	13	
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67	68				69				70		71				
72					73				74						
75					76				77						

DOWN

- Old Microsoft interface
- Waters: Latin
- Hall of Fame baseball manager Tony La _____
- Palindromic Vietnamese holiday
- This one: Latin (anagram of EACH)
- Designer Gucci (anagram of LOAD)
- Irate [but note the gray squares, which — along with those in 49-Down — show the place from which the person in this puzzle is "rising"]
- Episodes of intense crying (or perhaps the movies that cause them)
- Normandy battle site (anagram of LOST)
- 1980's El Salvador president José Napoleón _____ (anagram of ART DUE)
- How a salad dressing might be served
- "That's ____ from me" (refusal)
- Lock unlocker
- An "X" marks the treasure on a pirate's one
- Quick haircut
- Deg. for a British lawyer
- Speaker of the verses quoted in 21-Across and 62-Across
- Get-go
- ____ Ming, 2016 Basketball Hall of Fame inductee
- Theater area above the floor but below the balcony: Abbr.
- Capital of Yemen
- Airline name, until 1997
- "Consider it done!"
- "General Hospital" or "All My Children"
- Cutting-edge features
- Man's name that consists of 3 consecutive letters of the alphabet
- Dip _____ in the water
- Most serious [but note the gray squares, which — along with those in 7-Down — show the place from which the person in this puzzle is "rising"]
- 33 1/3, for a vinyl LP
- Rack _____ (fancy dinner option)
- Consonant-less German city, near the Czech border
- Unaccompanied
- Passenger
- Dough raiser
- Notion
- Prep for a boxing match
- ____ Modern (London art gallery) (anagram of ETAT)
- Earnings
- Tic-tac-toe losing row
- Website ender for "WhiteHouse" or "healthcare"

Answers for March Puzzle on page 3.

First St. John's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Vicar Report

March 2024

The CTSFW SMP Program: The Spring 2024 "Ministry in a Pluralistic Context" began yesterday, March 10, 2024. This class will combine apologetics with an examination of comparative religions to enable each student to better fulfill the Great Commission.

School tuition premiums are not yet available. Medical premiums are paid through April 2024.

Ordination/Installation update – Call documents were signed and arrived in St. Louis for review by the governing committees.

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework. In addition, we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 a.m., focusing on the book of Matthew.

The next Winkel meeting will be in May at St. John Lutheran Church in York, PA.

Midweek Lenten services, "Guided to the Cross," continue as we approach Holy Week.

Visits to hospitalized and homebound members continued during February and March.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen



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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

SHUT-INS



Kenneth William Linebaugh entered his eternal rest on Monday, March 18, 2024. We commend his family and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, Who is the Resurrection and the Life.



Pen Mar Zone Lutheran Women in Mission

Invites ALL women to a Spring Gathering

Redeemer Lutheran / Church

Saturday, April 20 / 9:30 am - 1 pm.



Lutheran Women
in Mission



PRAYERS

Prayers as of March 31, 2024

CONTINUING NEEDS

Christians especially in the Middle East—persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Joyce Devan-Health issues
 Susan vanDyk-Baum
 Jeanne Noll-Health issue
 Ed Abendschoen-Health issues
 Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues
 David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen).
 Fran Shoff-Health issues
 Tom Gibson-Health issues
 Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent, (Bill Lupp's niece)-Heart Trans-
 plant recovery
 Lois Stambaugh-Health issue
 Dave Stambaugh-Health issue
 Dawn Frey-Health issue
 Pierre-Paul Rodriguez-Health issues
 George Card-Health issues
 Sandra Hinkle-Health issues
 Jolene Schoff
 Amy (Stambaugh) Williams
 Carl Flandermeyer
 Jerry Allison-Surgery recovery
 Austin Shroud-Health issues. *name corrected
 Carla Allison-Prayers for comfort
 Mark Reeve-Health issue. Pray for Mark, his wife and children
 Nancy Hildebrand-Health issues
 Karen Hildebrand-Health issues-in hospital
 Janet Heath-Health issues
 Edward Hanes-Health issues
 Talmadge Hanes-Health issues
 Vicar Geoff Abendschoen-Health issues
 Anna vanDyk-Health issues
 Karl vanDyk-Health issue
 Jim Van Laeys

**We remember in
 prayer those who
 are in need of
 God's
 special presence in
 their lives due to**

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Ken Linebaugh-who went to be with the Lord

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Joyce Devan
Dawn Frey	Marguerite Beck
Becky Lupp	Karen Hildebrand

LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robert-son, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President Bill Harmon



1th - Carlos Beck
21st - Dawn Frey
27th - Amy Williams



Early May Birthdays

1st - Daniel Stambaugh



PRAYER LIST (cont.)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
 For our "action" committees/task forces
 Our Community and Families

MILITARY

POLICE

Jonathan



ST. MARK (continued)

According to Christian tradition, Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to a number of churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Papias all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter.

Although Papias states Mark had not personally heard the Lord speak firsthand and, like Luke, Mark was not one of the twelve apostles, some believe Mark was likely speaking of himself when he wrote the description of Jesus' arrest in Gethsemani. "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D., and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's.

He was probably the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, although he is not mentioned in connection to the city by either Clement of Alexandria nor by Origen.

In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint.

St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. This is believed to be derived from his description of St. John the Baptist, as "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). The wings come from Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures as the evangelists.

He is often depicted as writing or holding his Gospel. He is sometimes shown as a bishop on a throne or as a man helping Venetian sailors.

St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice. His feast day is celebrated on April 25.

St. Mark



This church year, we are in series "B" of the three year lectionary. The Gospel of Mark is the main focus for series "B". But What do we know about Mark?

Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot.

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Christian tradition holds that Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, possibly because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident may have caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. This created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor.

However, it can be assumed the troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long, because when Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was at the time in Rome with plans of visiting Asia Minor, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark's hopes to visit Asia Minor were most likely carried out, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred.



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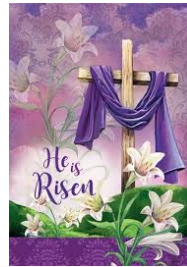
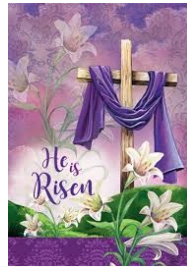
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Music & Worship Notes



It is hard to believe that this year's Lenten season is over. The series that was used, "Guided to the Cross," was inspirational and thought provoking. It was good that we could share pastors with our sister congregations of Good Shepherd, Redeemer, and St. John.

A big thank you to all who were involved this year! The people who provided the food for our mid-week Lenten meals: the Stambaugh family, the LWML, the Choir, the Men's group, and the Rodriguez family. The Altar guild for setting up the altar area for the various services. The pastors that helped out while our vicar was healing. Nancy H. for securing sponsors for the palms and flowers and then ordering them. The Choir for all their hard work in providing some very special music. Bill L. for all his hard work in making sure there were bulletins for every single service, both here and for St. Paul's. And then for our guest trumpeter for making the Easter service more festive.

The Alms Fund for the second quarter will be for the Harvest of Blessing, a non-profit group, who provide food, clothing. They also gather toys at Christmas to hand out to those who are less fortunate.

For many years, Harvest of Blessing operated out of our church. They have always been kind to us in sharing some snack type food with us when they received an over abundance of it.

So, for the months of April, May, and June, the alms will be given to then to help the needy.

**Ken Sanders,
MINISTER OF MUSIC**



**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh,
Beverly Card, Zihong (Andy) Su, Jack Robertson**



Second Quarter Alms Fund Recipient



Celebrating 20 Years of Service

About Harvest of Blessing

Who We Are

Harvest of Blessing is a non-profit organization dedicated to combating hunger and providing clothing to those in need. Our mission is to stomp out hunger, one family at a time. We believe that no one should have to go hungry or without proper clothing, and we work hard to make sure that our community has access to these basic necessities.

Our Services

Our food has been donated to help us with our mission to help God's people. Our clothing pantry provides gently used clothing for all ages. We accept donations of clothing, shoes, and accessories to help those in need. Our volunteers sort and organize the clothing to ensure that our clients can easily find what they need.

Our Volunteer Staff

Our dedicated team of volunteers is what makes our organization possible. We are proud to have individuals from all walks of life come together to make a difference in our community.