

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Lost and Found – Kids' Sunday

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### **As We Gather:**

When a child gets lost, it is fear-inspiring for both the child and his or her parents. A part of your heart is missing!

Often we are estranged from God – lost! – by the things that we do, say, and think that are not right. Sometimes we wander far from the Lord. But God is always more ready to forgive than we are to ask for forgiveness. He wants to be reconciled with us (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). That's why he sent Jesus! Thank the Lord for his undeserved love in restoring our relationship with him (Isaiah 12:1-6)! May he give us that same love for those who are still "lost" (Luke 15:11-32)!

### **The Season of Lent**

"Lent" is the period of 40 days (not counting the Sundays!) right before Easter Sunday. This is a time for focusing on self-examination and repentance, and for receiving the forgiveness and peace and salvation that Jesus won for us on the cross.

### **Prelude**

### **Words of Welcome**

Stand

### **Sharing God's Peace with One Another**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

### **Children's Opening Hymn:** We are in God's House Today (LOSP 12)

1. We are in God's house today. He is glad to hear us pray.  
Let us listen, let us sing, gladly make his praises ring.
2. We are in God's house today. He is glad to hear us pray.  
Let us listen to His Word, gladly do what we have heard.

## Hymn I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

(LSB 740)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Seek the Lord while he may be found!
- C** **Call on him while he is near!**
- P** Let the wicked forsake his ways,
- C** **And the evil man his thoughts.**
- P** Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him!
- C** **And to our God, for he will freely pardon!** (Isaiah 55:6-7)

## Prayer of Confession

- P** Now, at the beginning of the worship service, we bring all our sins, our wrongdoing, to the Lord and ask for his forgiveness.  
Heavenly Father, you have shown us in your Word what you want from us.
- C** **But we often do not walk in step with your will.**
- P** You have helped us in so many ways,
- C** **But we are still so weak in our faith.**

- P** You have given us so many blessings,  
**C** **But we still are so slow to share with others.**
- P** You have been so generous with us,  
**C** **But we often forget to give you thanks and praise.**
- P** You have given us talents and skills,  
**C** **But we are often lazy about using them in your mission.**
- P** You have given us peace and forgiveness,  
**C** **But we still find it hard to forgive others.**
- P** You have given us your Word,  
**C** **But we are slow to read it and put it into practice.**
- P** You have given us salvation,  
**C** **But we are often slow to share it with others.**
- P** But although we have often failed, Jesus did not.  
**C** **For Jesus' sake, forgive us, restore us, and renew us. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** God does not want us to perish, but to turn back from going the wrong way, and to live (Ezekiel 18:23). Jesus died on the cross in our place, paying the price for our wrongdoing. I therefore proclaim to you by God's authority what he says here in his Word: all our sins and wrongdoing are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Kyrie** (Responsive Prayer)

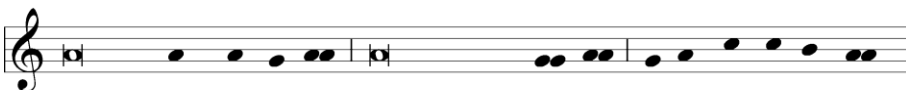
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



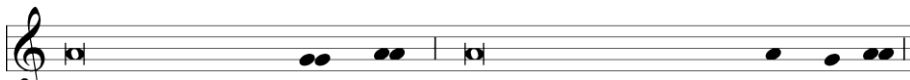
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



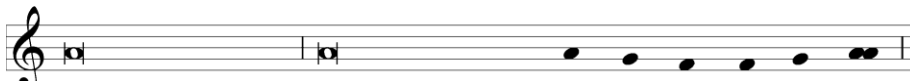
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



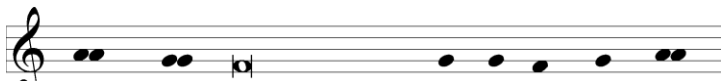
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

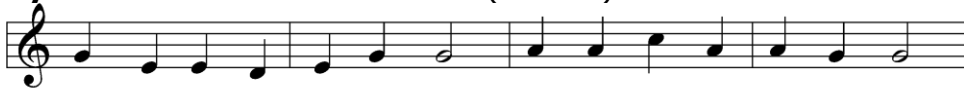


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Hymn: Jesus Loves Me (LSB 588)**



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Lord God, thank you for your great love for us. While we had lost our way, you sent Jesus to find us, to bring us back to you and to reconcile us with you. Help us to have that same love for the people around us who are still wandering around, lost, without you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

**Song: The B-I-B-L-E (LOSP 48, modified)**

1. The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me!  
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.
2. The B-I-B-L-E, its stories help me see  
The love of Jesus, God's own Son; the B-I-B-L-E.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

*(Thanks to the Lord, who has forgiven us!)*

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle (New Testament Reading)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*(God wants everyone to be reconciled with him.)*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**Bible Verse for Lent:** Joel 2:13

LSB 173

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*(God our heavenly Father always seeks to save his lost children.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed

him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

### **Ascension Lutheran Preschool Children:**

Amigos de Cristo

Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord,  
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord;  
For we've been forgiven and we've been restored,  
Amigos to Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.

My God is So Great

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There's nothing my God cannot do!  
The mountains are his, the rivers are his,  
The stars are his handiwork, too.  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There's nothing my God cannot do! For you!

### **Children's Message**



## Once a Loving Shepherd (Mondragon/Bringle)

(We Pray in Song 777)

1. Once there were one hundred, in the Shepherd's sheepfold.  
Once a loving shepherd has a hundred sheep.  
But one fateful evening, when he went to count them,  
One of them was missing, one of them was missing,  
Wandered from her keep.

Refrain: And the ninety-nine, he left in the sheepfold.  
He began to seek her, through the bitter cold.  
Then at last he found her, lonely, sad, and weeping.  
To her hurts he tended, in his arms he took her  
Safely to the fold.

2. I was once a lost sheep, wandering far from Jesus,  
Stubborn and unheeding, lonely, sad, and hurt.  
But one day he found me, offered me salvation.  
To my hurts he tended, in his arms he took me,  
Brought me back with love. (Refrain)

## Sermon: What We Can Learn from Our Kids

### Children's Quartet

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart

1. *I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart.  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay!*

*Refrain: And I'm so happy, so very happy!  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
And I'm so happy, so very happy!  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!*

2. *I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart.  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay!*

3. *I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart.  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay! (Refrain)*

Stand

## Apostles' Creed

**A** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

We pray for all people according to their needs, as God calls us to do in his Word.

**P** We pray for the church in every nation, that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us in faith and make us one. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering, that Jesus would encourage them and help them overcome. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for those who do not yet believe in Jesus, that the Holy Spirit would touch their hearts through our words and actions. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for those who serve our country, defending the peace, that God would protect them. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for those who serve as pastors, teachers, and leaders in the church and school, that they would see good fruit as a result of their labors. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for the grieving, that God would comfort them with the hope of eternal life. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for those who are in need, that the Lord would give them their daily bread. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for the sick, that Jesus the Great Physician would bring healing according to his will. We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We pray for those on our prayer list, our friends and our relatives and our brothers and sisters in Christ who really need your help and comfort. And we also pray for others whom we name in our hearts now... We pray together,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into your hands, oh Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy. In Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

*(See the prayer list at the end of this order of service. Please take this prayer list home with you and during the week, take a moment to pray for the people on the list.)*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**A** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

### **Offering**

Jesus gave everything for us. In gratitude, we give a portion of our material blessings so that others may also know his love. The Bible says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

### **Choir Anthem during the Offering**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (David Hegarty)

- 1. Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*
- 2. Upon that cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.  
And from my smitten heart with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.*
- 3. I take, oh cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

Stand

### Offering Prayer

- A** **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us, and so we bring to you the first and best of our material blessings. Let these offerings support and extend the ministry here in this congregation and around the world. In your own name we pray. Amen.**

### Offertory: **Salvation Poem**

(McPherson)

Jesus, you died upon the cross, and rose again to save the lost.  
Forgive me now of all my sin. Come be my Savior, Lord, and friend.  
Change my life and make it new, and help me, Lord, to live for you.  
Change my life and make it new, and help me, Lord, to live for you.

### Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord Jesus, you shed your blood for us! Help us to always trust in your great love and forgiveness, and not in our own strength. Let your Holy Spirit work in us, so that we may walk in your ways and not heedlessly go our own way. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### Benediction

- P** Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered!  
(Psalm 32:1) Rejoice in the Lord and go in peace!
- C** **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: **Praise Him, Praise Him**

(LOSP 68)

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.  
Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.
2. Love Him, love Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.  
Love Him, love Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.

3. Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.  
Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.
4. Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.  
Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children.  
God is love, God is love.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## **Worship Leaders**

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OT Reader:	Victor Valdes
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## **Prayer Ministry      Philippians 4:6-7**

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at [oveja6925@aol.com](mailto:oveja6925@aol.com).

### **Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:**

We pray for all those who may be grieving or mourning the loss of loved ones, especially remember these who loss is most recent:

The passing of **Rosemary Sweeney** (mother-in-law of Rachel, niece of Marjy Brady), pray for her family, that God would comfort them and turn their hearts to Jesus.

The passing of **Carolyn Long (close friend of Billie Meitler)**, pray for peace and comfort for her family; and for Billie, who thanks God for the wonderful friendship they shared.

### **Illness and Recovery:**

**Pastor Howard Patten's test results came back positive for prostate cancer and he is now at White Acres Assisted Living in Rm. 7**--he is in need of furniture for his new apartment, and donations of items would be helpful in setting him up (for better health for **Howard** and his wife, **Marilyn, also at White Acres in Rm.22**), their son, **Kirk, his wife and two kids**, who are all here in El Paso providing support, and **Howard & Marilyn's daughter** is planning to come, but is not well herself (for patience, peace, wisdom, and strength for the entire family); **Jaques Reulet, the father of Yves Reulet**, Pastor Rick and Maritza's son-in-law's father (for healing in his recovery from quadruple bypass surgery), **Mark Pfeifer, nephew of Vicki Pfeifer**, Mark's wife and Vicki are both encouraged that he is much more responsive, (for continued progress in healing and that he be able to leave the hospital); **Skipper, Maxx Balmemann's brother** (for no longer requiring home health care due to his successful healing and progress in his post-op care); **Deb Sullivan & her brother, Anthony** (for guidance & strength in handling parents' estate as they mourn); **Gilbert Provencio and Mary Lou Provencio** (for peace and patience for both as they wait for Gilbert's next procedure); **Diana and sister Dayna**, students where Maritza Schlak teaches, orphaned and living with their aunt (for protection and comfort in their loss); **Maddy**, student where Mari teaches (for safety from gang violence); **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); **Ruthy Pople** (for the closing on her house as she continues in the

process of moving); **Kirstin Herwin, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke**, (for treatment to keep Lupus under control); **Melissa Reddick, friend of Barbara Lewis diagnosed with inoperable cancer** (pray for a miracle, peace and comfort for her and the family); **Gloria Voge** (for successful leg therapy and healing from spine fracture); **Sophia, Lorena's mother, Concepcion Arellanes's, caregiver** (for cancer recovery); **Aubrey McDermott** (for 15-year-old with MS in hospital due to stroke); **Ken McLennan** (for upcoming heart procedures and peace, patience, and strength for his wife); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues and for relief from vertigo); **Richard Neal, husband of Martha Neal** (recovery from stroke and for peace and strength for Richard and Martha); **Abigail Kailukatis, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth** (for effective treatment); **Merle DeMartelaere, father of David DeMartelaere** (correct diagnosis and treatment for Edema and AFib); **David Kwiatkowski, friend of Connie Swinney** (recovery and treatment for brain cancer); **Elizabeth Hinson**, (for recovery from intestinal bug); **Jim Werner, brother of Elliott Werner** (successful treatment and healing from cancer); **Brian Stickney** (continuing health issues); **Rebekah Livesay** (for healing and correct diagnosis); **Dick Seiders, father of Ron Seiders** (healing from cancer and recovery from hip surgery); **Mary Spott, Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother**, (heart related issues); **Ann Perdue** (relief from Osteoarthritis); **Amanda Bowser, friend of the Walker Family**, (recovery from cancer); **Patty Jones, sister of Martha Neal** (stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, (continued cancer recovery); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Bob Gallagher** (grateful no cancer was found, but he is still fragile with many health issues); **Kathy Kiphart, John Weiske, Linda Seiders**.

### **Praise and Thanksgiving:**

**Greg Tatum** (Marjy Brady's nephew) **& his wife, Jessica** and their baby son, **Jackson Tatum** (thanksgiving to God for this new life);

**Lupita Burke, Ascension Preschool Teacher** (thanks for recovery from fracture);

**Alexa, daughter of Lorena, Ascension's housekeeping** (for continued recovery after accident).

**Sherri Pfeifer Wilson, niece of Vicki Pfeifer** (completed chemotherapy radiation treatment for cancer and is doing well, thanks be to God).

## Ascension News & Notes



**01-April Russ and Jean DeWitt**



**05-Apr. Justine Allen**



**Attention thrivent members who may have available "thrivent choice" from 2024! March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to designate 2024 thrivent choice dollars to a church or charity of your choosing. You can designate by contacting Susan Hernandez at the local thrivent office at 915-565-1010, online at thrivent.com (generosity tab, thrivent choice), or by phone during business hours at 1-800-847-4836 (say "thrivent choice" to get to a person to help you).**

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# LCMS Youth Gathering

## ENDURE

July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA



- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Participants **ENDURE** faithfully no matter what they encounter
- Participants cling to and share the good news of God's faithfulness in Christ that **ENDURES forever**

If interested contact the Pastor, David DeMartelaere, or Jacob Meraz for information and registration forms

# Fundraising for New Orleans Youth Gathering

## Ascension Lutheran Church Attendees:

Phyllis & her father, Jacob Meraz

Envelopes with money amounts are posted on the wall in the narthex.

The money contributed will help in the fundraising effort for Phyllis and Jacob to attend this summer.



## San Pablo Attendees:

4 youth & 1 Adult Leader

San Pablo youth will be having yard sales on the first Saturday of every month.

Any donations of no longer needed household items, or gently used clothing, shoes, toys, & furniture would be used for their yard sale fundraising effort.

Call Luz Soto (YLM Servant Event Coordinator)

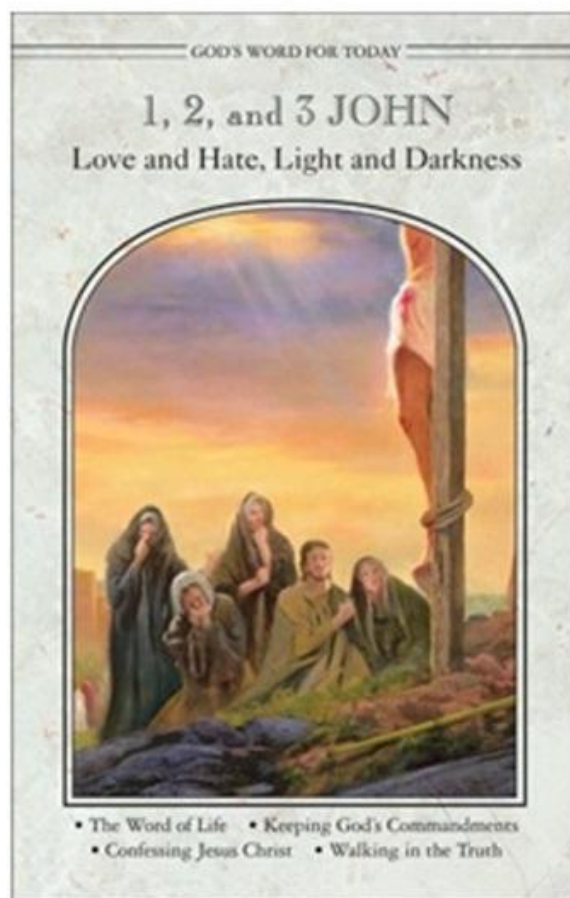
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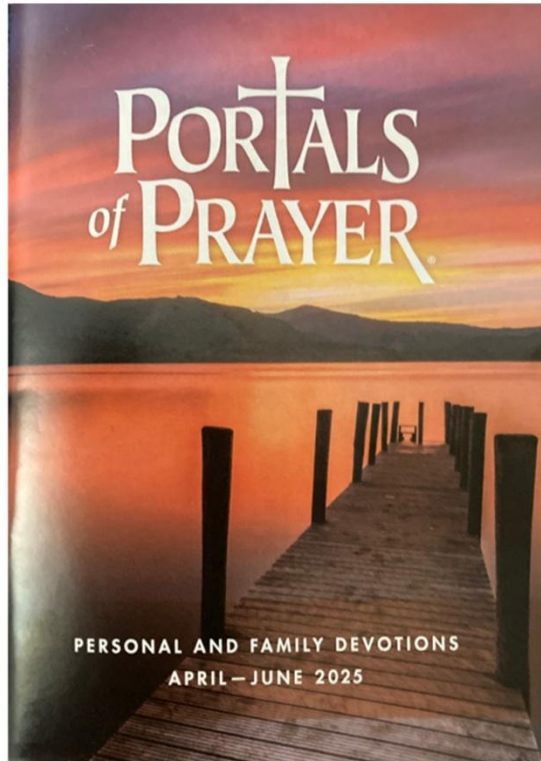
**The Thursday morning Bible study is studying 1, 2,3 John.  
We meet at the church on Thursday mornings.**

**We gather at 9:45 and begin the lesson at 10:00 and end at 11:00.**

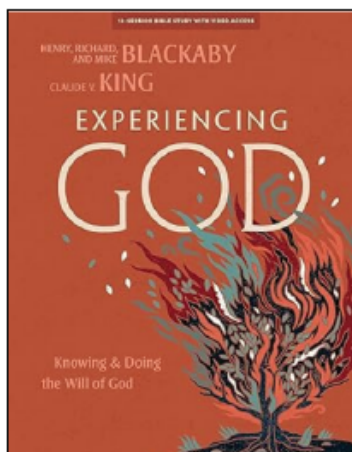
**All women are welcome to join us as we study these 3 books. If you have any questions, contact Gretchen Schmalz or Jan Schlak.**



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# Tuesday Night Bible Study Winter 2025

- Time:** 6:30 p.m. gather, visit, share prayer requests  
[Video rolls at 7 p.m.]
- Place:** *Via ZOOM!*
- Date:** First session is Tuesday, January 7, 2025  
(proposed schedule below)
- Cost:** Order *Experiencing God* (with video access)  
directly from [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

## Experiencing God

By Henry T. Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, Mike Blackaby and Claude V. King

God is inviting you into an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. When you recognize where God is working, you can join Him in what He is doing. Carefully listening to His voice will anchor you in His plan and set you free to live it with boldness and freedom. Then you will experience God doing through you what only He can do.

### Proposed Schedule:

#### Features:

- Biblically-rooted and gospel-centered content
- Interactive teaching videos  
(approximately 15-20 minutes per session)
- 12 group sessions (12 weeks of homework, optional)

#### Benefits:

- Stay connected with your sisters in Christ with weekly fellowship, encouragement and prayer from the comfort and convenience of your own home!

Date	Lesson #
Jan. 7, 2025	1
Jan. 14th	2
Jan. 21st	Break-Church Council Meeting
Jan. 28th	3
Feb. 4th	4
Feb. 11th	5
Feb. 18th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Feb. 25th	6
Mar. 4th	7
Mar. 11th	8
Mar. 18th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Mar. 25th	9
Apr. 1st	10
Apr. 8th	11
Apr. 15th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Apr. 22nd	12-Final Session
Apr. 29th	Dinner/Fellowship

Please RSVP your attendance to Anita Werner by December 31st ([awerner@elp.rr.com](mailto:awerner@elp.rr.com))

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prior to our first session.**

## **This Week @ Ascension**

### **Sunday (March 30)**

9:00 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship (Kids' Sunday)  
(No confirmation)



### **Monday (March 31)**

**Church Office Closed**

### **Tuesday (April 1)**

6:30 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Class  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday (April 2)**

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel (S)  
11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)  
6:00 PM Soup Supper  
7:00 PM Lent Midweek Worship

### **Thursday (April 3)**

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)  
6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

### **Friday (April 4)**

12:00 PM Preschool Extended Care (FH)

### **Saturday (April 5)**

