



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

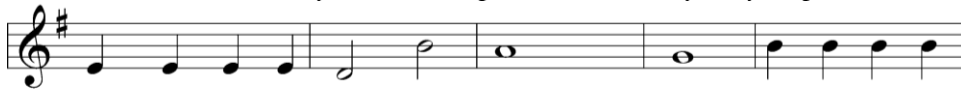
Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

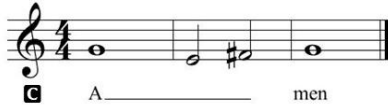


Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Opening Sentences

Psalms 36:5, 7–9

P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

C Your faithfulness to the clouds.

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

P They feast on the abundance of Your house,

C And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

P For with You is the fountain of life;

C In Your light do we see light.

*Confession

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

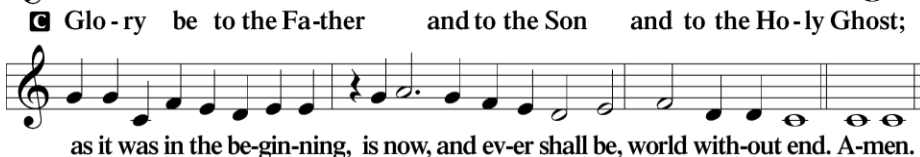
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Absolution



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gradual and Verse

John 11:25, Hebrews 12:2

C I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

P 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, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.

*Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone

you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***Creedal Hymn**

LSB 953 We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de-scend-ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus-tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Sermon

“The Good Life”

(John 11:1-45)

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

Offertory Anthem (8:00)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

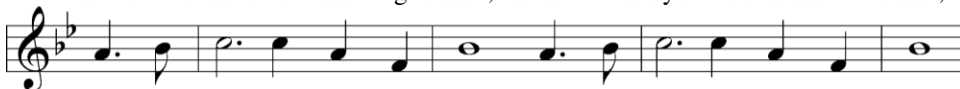
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Offertory Hymn (5:00, 9:20 and 10:30)

LSB 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

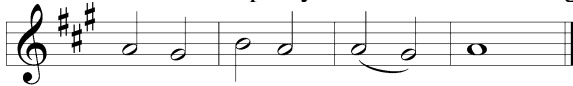
*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

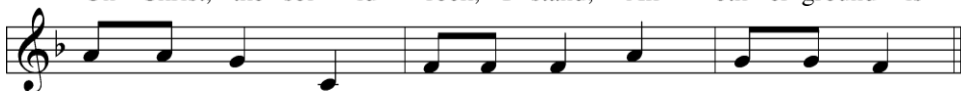


own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

***Silent Prayer**

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Jurchen
Liturgist: 5:00: Pastor Robert Brown; 8:00, & 10:30: Pastor Jon Furgeson;
9:20: Seminarian Jonathan Zoch
Organist: 5:00: Alice Kastens; 9:20: Burnell Hackman; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler
Choir: Chancel Choir
Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/J. Mattingly/W. Schuessler
Elders: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: Bob Wolff, Ralph Wolters;
9:20: Jeff Akers, Aaron Baese; 10:30: Dave Carlson, Jonathan Gathman
Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Jakob Beutelmann, Greg Hard, Stephen Schultz, Todd Wessling,
Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott,
Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Peter Simpson, Mike Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell,
Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews,
Dave Carlson, Joseph Kreidler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger
Acolytes: 5:00: Jakob Beutelmann, Will Posadas; 8:00: Marlee Michelsen, Nolan Mieger;
10:30: Bryce Chitwood
Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20: Eric & Stephanie Holler; 10:30: Kelly Pfund

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST is sponsored by Nancy Fischer in loving memory of her brother, Ken Truemper.

LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. An organ recital will be held at 11:00 a.m. featuring Jeffrey White. The evening service will be the Confirmand Questioning service. No Lenten Dinner this week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION has begun. Go to the Peace website to sign up your children and grandchildren, and invite your neighbors and friends. Also, see the Commons counter for donation and volunteer opportunities. Join us for a “Stellar” VBS this summer, June 26-30!

FREE CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available on the Commons Counter. Please share with your grandchildren, neighbors, or friends. Help us spread the Word of God!

EASTER EGG HUNT is Saturday, April 1, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Children, infants to 3rd grade, are invited for an egg hunt, crafts, games, and Holy Week devotions. Please bring your own basket.

JOIN US FOR A NEW BIBLE STUDY on the Book of Psalms, taught by Pastor Brown and Rev. Alex Smith during Bible Class hour on Sunday mornings began last week and will continue through May 28 in the Kitchen Meeting Room. We will take a practical look at the book of Psalms as the prayer book of the Bible. Come learn how you can categorize and pray the Psalms in your own life.

OFFERING ENVELOPES Do you use them? Beginning in 2024, if you don't use your offering envelopes because of online giving or through another account, please email Jacque McElroy at finance@peacelutheranstl.org with your name and envelope number. This will save time and money as we make plans for 2024. **Please note:** This is the last chance to let Jacque know if you do not want offering envelopes for 2024. Please email her by March 26. Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRY IS SPONSORING A BABY SHOWER for a young couple at Peace that have recently welcomed a baby girl. Between now and April 9, we will be collecting baby items to benefit our family. Please drop off your donations in the Pack-n-Play located in the Commons. Suggested donation items: diapers, wipes, blankets, burp cloths, sleepers, gowns, bath towel, washcloths, sleep sack, bibs, socks, onesies, diaper cream, and baby bottles. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation or gift cards, please place those donations in the collection box next to the Pack-n-Play. For more information, please contact the church office.

2023 SHINE! EVENT is Saturday, April 15, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Four volunteer opportunities will be available: St. Trinity Cemetery, Green Park Lutheran School, Jefferson Barracks, and Peace Lunch Crew. See the April newsletter or the Peace website for more information. Register online at www.peacelutheranstl.org.

SYMPHONIC BAND OF MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL will be performing a concert on Saturday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. here at Peace. This award-winning instrumental group will be making this appearance as part of a five-day concert tour to the Midwest. They will perform a wide variety of traditional band repertoire and sacred music. The concert is free. A free-will offering will be received to help the students defray the cost of the tour.

BASEBALL FEVER IS IN THE AIR Join us at Lutheran Day at the Ballpark on Sunday, May 7 for an interleague matchup between the Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers at Busch Stadium. We will honor legendary coach Roy Pfund before the game. Coach Pfund was Lutheran South's longest-running coach from 1962-1988. Under his direction, the Lancers won six Conference championships, six District championships, two Sectionals, and had a third-place State finish. You are invited to join Coach Pfund beginning at 11:15 a.m. in the stadium's Cunningham Corner room. Ballpark snacks and drinks will be provided. Coach Pfund will throw the first pitch at 12:30 p.m. The Cardinal game begins at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each (\$10 for alumni) and include a jumbo hot dog and soda. Stick around to watch Lutheran South battle Lutheran North following the Cardinal game.

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY FOR GREEN PARK is Friday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Behnke Biergarten, 4621 Mehl Avenue. Heavy appetizers, margaritas, and sangria included, along with live music and party games. All proceeds will benefit Green Park Lutheran School. Cost is \$35 per person. Buy tickets online on the Green Park website. Thank you for your support!

GREEN PARK IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS for the 2023-2024 school year in elementary and middle school, as well as a part-time aide in their Junior Kindergarten. Individuals possessing a love for children and Lutheran Education, strong decision-making and leadership skills, and team building experience will be considered. Please submit any names to Ken Werkmeister at ken.werkmeister@greenparklutherschool.org, or call the school at 314-544-4248.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. here at Peace. Go back to that first Maundy Thursday when Jesus instituted His holy supper and taught the disciples of His sacrificial love for us on His journey to the cross. The setting is based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper" with the disciples telling us what they may have been feeling at the time. Invite your family and friends, particularly the unchurched.

USHERS NEEDED We are looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team. You will typically serve only one Saturday/Sunday per month with the exception of months with special services (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A signup sheet is on the Commons counter. Please contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwt.com or 314-703-9960 if you have any questions.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEEDS YOUR HELP on Saturday, April 1. Volunteers are needed to help load over 1,000 boxes of non-perishables, apparel, religious educational materials, and books to fill a 40-foot container attached to a semi-truck to be ultimately shipped to Riga, Latvia. Please meet at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3415 Taft Ave. by 9:30 a.m. if you can help. Questions? Contact Ron Loesch, 314-599-2452 or Dr. Jerry Perschbacher, 314-849-5249.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

Monday, March 27: 6:30pm – Elders
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 28: 9:00am – Quilters
6:00pm – Men's Club
7:00pm – Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29: 11:00am – Organ Recital
11:30am – Lenten Worship Service
6:30pm – Jr. Confirmand Questioning Service

Thursday, March 30: 6:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Study
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584

Saturday, April 1: 10:00am – Easter Egg Hunt
7:00pm – Martin Luther High School Band Concert

Sunday, April 2: 11:30am – Life Ministry
1:00pm – Junior Confirmation Reception
2:30pm – Junior Confirmation Service