

Old Testament Reading:
Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

Epistle: Romans 10:8b–13

⁸“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the

dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’

¹¹and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Man shall not live
by bread alone* Luke 4:4



About the Cover: Bread has long been a staple food. Jesus’ words in today’s Holy Gospel help us to look higher for God’s eternal sustenance. Mere bread fills only stomachs, which become hungry once again. Yet the Father’s heavenly manna in His Son is all-sustaining food. In Christ crucified and risen, we do not receive mere bread, but the food that nourishes unto eternal life.



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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45 AM
Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 9:45AM

Holy Communion-The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, refuse to amend their sinful life, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The

Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked, out of Christian love for you, not to commune. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

March 10th, 2019

<i>Divine Service</i>	Setting II	p. 167
<i>Opening Hymn</i>		LSB 418
<i>Introit Psalm</i>		Psalm 91:1-13
<i>Hymn of the Day</i>		LSB 656
<i>Distribution Hymns</i>		LSB 571, 718, 544
<i>Closing Hymn</i>		LSB 883
<i>Acolyte:</i>		Braden Stickles
<i>Acolyte for March 13th, Midweek Lenten Service:</i>		Brendan Stickles
<i>Acolyte for next Sunday, March 17th:</i>		Jack Benter
<i>Organist:</i>		Mr. Ross Rieckers

Church Council Meeting immediately following the worship service **today**.

Mission Federation meeting at Zion, Seymour, **today**, @ 2:00

Easter Lilies order forms on table in narthex.



In Our Prayers:

For our Shut-ins: Gladys Lambring, Dorothy Hoevener, Lois Nierman, Bertha Eggeman, Don Hoevener, Paul McMahon, Mabel Pollert, Everett Hackman, Joyce Sterling, Richard & Phyllis Lambring, John & Patty Surenkamp, Walter Miller.

For Illness/Healing: Jim Reedy, Richard Bane, Dave O'Mara, Bryce Tormoehlen, Dave Schepman, Jack Wilson, Roberta Main, Allen Holle, Beulah Pottschmidt-Rieckers, Jane Pollert, Collins Beard, Harold Hoevener, David Darlage, Betty Parrott, Joyce Tormoehlén, Jodi Batman, Brenda Klosterman, Larry Schepman, Max Lambring, Curt Benter.

Bulletin Announcements: Please forward all items for the March 17th, bulletin to Holly Sawyer at sjsoffice.hsawyer@gmail.com, drop them by the school office, or text to 812-528-0645 by **8:00am, Friday, March 15th**.

***	Date:	3/3/2019
Envelopes/Loose		\$5,597.00
TLHS Dues		\$ 108.00
Federation		\$ 30.00
Parsonage Rent (March)		\$ 700.00
General Fund Memorials		\$1,995.00
March 3rd, Total		\$8,430.00
Weekly Need to Balance the Budget		\$16,598.84
Total Tithes/Gifts to Date (1/1/2019-3/3/2019)		\$105,752.00
Needed to Date to Balance the Budget		\$149,389.56
Week 9: % of Budget to Date:		71%
Line of Credit		\$0.00
Attendance		226
3/6 Ash Wednesday Service Attendance		94

March 10: Lent 1 - Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, “It is written ...” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

This Week's Schedule:

- Today:** +8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 +9:45am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
 +Following Service: Council Meeting
 +2:00p.m. Federation Meeting @ Zion, Seymour
- Monday:** +5:45p.m. Inquiry Class
- Tuesday:** +7:30p.m. Men's Club/Bible Study
- Wednesday:** +7:00p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
 +8:00p.m. Public School Confirmation Class
- Friday:** +8:30a.m. Chapel
 +10:00a.m. Church Cleaning
 +12:10p.m. Early School Dismissal
- Next Sun.** St. Patrick's Day
 +8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 +9:45am Divine Service
 +2:00p.m. LCH Service

TRIVIA NIGHT - Join the Spanish Trip participants on Saturday, March 30th, at 7:00pm, for a night of fun and entertainment! Round up a team of six (or join one when you arrive) and work together to answer 100 trivia questions! Snacks, drinks, and door prizes will be provided. The cost is \$12 per person/\$72 table and all proceeds support this summer's trip to Spain. Stop by Trinity's office or call 812-524-TLHS to reserve your tickets today!

Fair Stand Surveys: In order to gain more information on how we can improve the fair stand, the committee would like for everyone to fill out a survey which can be found in your email inbox (emails were sent out last Sunday, March 3rd), on the church website, or by picking one up from the table in the narthex. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION DRIVER SURVEY - Please take moment to fill out the transportation survey located on the table in the narthex. **St. Johns is looking into the idea** of purchasing a multipurpose passenger van, to replace the bus, for transporting students to and from school. And we are looking for individuals interested in driving. Responsibilities could include picking up/dropping off before and after school each day, driving for field trips, etc. **Shared responsibility opportunities available.**



BOX TOP MADNESS is going on this month at St. John's Lutheran School. The classroom that brings in the most box tops wins a pizza party! See the March Church Newsletter for contest information.

Lent I - Satan goaded Jesus to produce physical proof of His identity and importance (Luke 4:3). But God's promise and power entitled Him to life even in the absence of bread (Luke 4:4). The evil one still insists we gauge a person by material measures. Thanks to our Savior, no one's age, appearance, or ability can impair or improve their sanctity. God's creating, redeeming, and calling Word already renders every human being precious.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of Melba Darlage, for her birthday, (3/10).

THE MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES are Wednesday evenings at 7:00p.m. This week's theme: Behold the Man: 'A God Beaton' will be led by Pastor Krebs.



There will refreshments served immediately following the service provided by the Men's Club. Thank you to the Ladies Aid for providing refreshments last week. **There are still several spots open** for any group or committee that would like to sign up for refreshments following the Midweek Services. Please see the sign-up form on the table.

St. John's Lutheran School is seeking a substitute teacher to fill a maternity leave during the 1st qtr. of the 2019-2020 school year in our Kindergarten classroom. Interested individuals should contact Principal Jon Baumgartel in the school office @ 812-523-3131 or email sjsauersprincipal@gmail.com

WHITE CREEK LUTHERAN SCHOOL is beginning its search for a fifth grade teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested individuals may contact the school at wvandercaer@whitecreek.org or 812-342-6832 to obtain the application form. Applications/resumes should be submitted by April 1.



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This week on KFUO.org, hear from Tim Young Eagle of Lutheran Indian Ministries on The Coffee Hour about the future of Native Ministry (3/18 at 9:00 a.m. CT), get in depth in Genesis chapters 4-7 on the Sharper Iron Series "In the Beginning was the Truth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in our study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us during midweek Lent Worship broadcast from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis, MO (3/20 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org! See insert for more information.



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MONDAY – FRIDAY (Central Time)

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:15 a.m. Oratio*
- 8:00 a.m. Sharper Iron*
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour*
- 9:30 a.m. Law and Gospel*
- 10:00 a.m. Daily Chapel, *broadcast from the LCMS International Center*
- 10:30 a.m. Sacred Music
- 11:00 a.m. Thy Strong Word*
- 12:00 p.m. Moments of Assurance
- 1:00 p.m. Sacred Music
- 2:00 p.m. Monday: Cross Defense*
Tuesday: Concord Matters*
Wednesday: The Student Union*
Thursday: Word & Work: An Intersection (Presented by CSL)
Friday: Let's Talk! The Pastor Is In*
- 2:30 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday: World Lutheran News Digest*
3rd Wednesday: Free to be Faithful*
- 3:00 p.m. Issues, Etc.
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Sign Off with Sacred Music

SATURDAY (Central Time)

- 7:00 a.m. Sacred Music
- 7:45 a.m. Moments of Assurance: Weekend Edition*
- 8:05 a.m. Kids Corner®
- 8:30 a.m. Adventures in Odyssey®
- 9:05 a.m. Wrestling with the Basics®*
- 9:30 a.m. World Lutheran News Digest* (After 3rd Wed): Free to be Faithful*
- 10:00 a.m. Concord Matters*
- 11:00 a.m. Lamplighter Theatre®
- 11:30 a.m. White Horse Inn®
- 12:00 p.m. Sacred Music
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Music

SUNDAY (Central Time)

- 7:00 a.m. Sacred Music
- 7:45 a.m. Moments of Assurance: Weekend Edition*
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Des Peres Bible Study*
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Sing for Joy®
- 12:30 p.m. The Lutheran Hour®
- 1:05 p.m. Sacred Music
- 5:00 p.m. The Lutheran Hour®
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Sacred Music

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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BY TOPIC >

* Denotes programs available as podcasts

Devotional & Worship Opportunities, Sacred Music (Central Time)

- Oratio* M-F @ 7:15am
- Morning & Evening Prayer M-F @ 7:00am & @ 5:00pm
- Moments of Assurance* M-F @ 12:00pm, Sa & Su @ 7:45am
- Worship Services Sa @ 5:00pm, Su @ 8:00 & 10:30am, 6:00pm
- The Lutheran Hour Su @ 12:30 & 5:00pm
- Sing for Joy! Su @ 12:00pm
- Music @ 7:00 & 10:30am, 1:00 & 6:00pm; Sa @ 12:00pm; Su @ 5:30pm

Bible Study, Lectionary Studies, Lutheran Confessions (Central Time)

- Sharper Iron* M-F @ 8:00am
- Thy Strong Word* M-F @ 11:00am
- Concord Matters* Tu @ 2:00pm & Sa @ 10:00am
- St. Paul's Bible Study* Su @ 9:30am
- Wrestling with the Basics* Sa @ 9:00am

Current Issues & Vocation (Central Time)

- Coffee Hour* M-F @ 9:00am
- The Student Union* We @ 2:00pm
- World Lutheran News* We @ 2:30pm & Sa @ 9:30am
- Free to be Faithful* 3rd We @ 2:30pm & Sa @ 9:30am
- Word & Work: An Intersection Th @ 2:00pm
- Let's Talk! The Pastor Is In* Fr @ 2:00pm
- Issues, Etc M-F @ 3:00pm

Apologetics (Central Time)

- Law & Gospel* M-F @ 9:30am
- Cross Defense* Mo @ 2:00pm
- Issues, Etc M-F @ 3:00pm
- White Horse Inn Sa @ 11:30am

For Kids & Radio Theater (Central Time)

- Kids Corner Sa @ 8:00am
- Adventures in Odyssey Sa @ 8:30am
- Lamplighter Theatre Sa @ 11:00am

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Noah's Ark—Devotion to the Details

"Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks." (Genesis 6:14–16)

Martin Luther observed that God could simply have commanded, "Build an ark." The design and construction could have been left to Noah. Why did God provide so many details? Luther's answer not only gives us a good perspective on Noah, but it also instructs our own piety, especially with regard to the Lord's Supper:

Reason itself sees what must be done, as many outstanding works of craftsmen prove. Why, then, does God instruct Noah so carefully . . . ? Surely in order that Noah, after preparing everything in accordance with God's direction (just as Moses patterned the tabernacle after the original on the mountain), might believe with greater confidence that he and his people would be preserved, and that he might not become distrustful of the task that God Himself had assigned. (AE 2:67)

God gave careful instructions concerning the ark so that Noah would never suffer the tyranny of his own conscience, which could easily wonder, "Did I do this well enough? Did I trust too much my own thinking and design? What might become of me and my family if I am wrong?" Noah's confidence in God's promise rested, in part, in paying attention to the divine details.

Mark it well: Noah was *not* saved or made righteous through his obedience. "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8) solely because of the grace and mercy of God in Christ. God's details simply prevented Noah's sin from undermining the promise or casting doubt upon Noah's faith. Noah paid attention to details

because of God's promise, "I will establish My covenant with you" (Genesis 6:18). God increased Noah's faith and confidence by providing the details for Noah to follow.

The same can be said about our celebration of the Lord's Supper. Similar to the detailed instructions for the ark, our Lord Jesus provided a certain amount of detail concerning His Supper. The single command "Do this" (Luke 22:19) includes all the other things: the bread, the wine, the taking and breaking, the giving thanks, the distributing, and the "often" (1 Corinthians 11:25). As with Noah, so with us: forgiveness and life are not found in the obedience but rather in the divine promise, "for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Why, then, our careful observance of the Lord's Supper? So that faith in the promise cannot be undermined by our own human involvement! Noah did not permit himself to say "Gopher wood is impractical; I will use acacia instead" or "This ark is too large; I will revise the dimensions." In the same way, we also must hesitate to say such things as

- "Wine will not work for our situation; grape juice will be fine."
- "We know that God said 'often' (1 Corinthians 11:25) and that our Lutheran forefathers understood this to mean every Lord's Day (Ap XXIV 1), but once or twice per month is sufficient for us."

No. Devotion to the details prevents roadblocks to the promise. Noah teaches us that we should never allow anything—especially our own reasoning—to get in the way of the promise.

Author: Rev. Erik Rottmann

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Lutheran Mission Federation Sunday

March 2019

OUR HISTORY

On July 19, 1931 the Lutheran Mission Federation (LMF) went on the offensive for Christ. Eleven congregations from Jackson & Bartholomew counties heard the call of their Lord's words from Matthew 28, "All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." With the Great Commission in their hearts & minds, this newly formed Federation set out to spread the Gospel & make new disciples throughout Southern Indiana. In its first 5 years sustained preaching stations were established in Bedford, Greensburg, Austin, Butlerville, & Weddleville while efforts in Rushville & Shelbyville were not successful. The diligent service of many pastors & laymen kept the efforts of the LMF going through the mid-1930s & 40s when financial support dipped & "war hysteria" led to a faithful pastor being called a "Nazi" & even an FBI investigation. These setbacks did not slow down the LMF. They were undeterred. In 1944 the LMF hit smaller communities like Leesville, Kurtz, Sparksville, Medora, Mitchell, Freetown, Oolitic, Ft. Ritner, & Tampico with "trailer missions." At one point, over 42 consecutive nights the Gospel was preached to 8,450 souls. Into the 1950s the LMF expanded its outreach into Madison, Scottsburg, North Vernon, Crothersville, & Salem. Many of these areas that started as preaching stations became thriving congregations that are still here today. The prayers & financial support of the LMF member congregations from 1931 to today have given it the ability to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified for sinners to many people. Some planted the seed, others watered, but it has always been God who has given the increase. Of course, this remains the mission of the LMF today.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION & ACTIVITIES

The Lutheran Mission Federation is currently comprised of 11 congregations of the Seymour & Brownstown Circuits. Representation for the LMF includes the Pastor of each member congregation & 1 to 3 delegates. Member congregations are asked to give \$5.00 per communicant member each year to fund the mission efforts of the LMF. The LMF delegate body meets semi-annually to do business. Delegates are asked to participate in subcommittees that plan for events such as the Reformation Rally, the Jackson Co. Fair Booth, the Lutheran Hour Speaker

ally, & the Reformation 500 Float (that won 1st prize in the Oktoberfest Fort Vallonia Days parades in 2018). The LMF also supports the Friendship Bible Study at Zion & Vacation Bible School for mission congregations. Lastly, in 2017, the LMF hosted an Every One His Witness workshop at Immanuel.

Lutheran Mission Federation Sunday

March 2019

CURRENT MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

Emanuel, Dudleytown • Emmanuel, Leesville •
Faith, Salem • Good Shepherd, Medora •
Immanuel, Seymour • Redeemer, Seymour •
St. John, Sauers • St. Paul, Wegan •
St. Peter's, Brownstown • Trinity, Vallonia •
Zion, Seymour

CURRENT SUPPORTED MISSION CONGREGATIONS

Holy Cross – Scottsburg
Lord of Life – North Vernon
Faith – Salem
Emmanuel – Leesville

2019 NOTABLE EVENTS

Reformation Rally

(St. Paul, Wegan hosting, October 27, 6:00pm)

Jackson County Fair Booth

(Building 3, July 21-27, Noon to Close)

Lutheran Hour Rally (w/ New Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler)

(Jackson Co. Fairgrounds Grandstand, July 21, 1:00pm)

RADIO SUPPORT

Lutheran Hour (Sunday Broadcast)

(WMPi 105.3 at 7:30am • WSLM 97.9/1220 at 10:15am •
WZZB 99.3/1390 at 11:30am)

Know Your Bible

(Monday-Saturday on WZZB 99.3/1390 from 6:55-7:00am)

The Lord's Prayer on the Radio

(Every day on WJAA 96.3 at Noon)