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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Laetare)

30 March A.D. 2025

Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service, Setting I

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Fourth Sunday in Lent. On this day, we remember how our Lord Jesus came, died and rose again so that we may be strengthened in Him. Strengthen by the feeding of His holy Word. Being strengthen in a way that nothing else can. We rejoice to receive all our Lord has to give.

If you are a VISITOR here, offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Dear Members and Visitors- Prior to, or, during the offering portion of the Service, we ask that you to Sign the Black Attendance book located at the end of your pew. The reasons are simple:

- + We would love to know that you have worshipped with us.
- + It is also used to check on each other to ensure that everyone is ok and if not, see if we can assist, if able.
- + We have to report at the beginning of each year to the Synod as to how many people, visitors, as well as members, worship on any given Sunday and Festival days.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

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

C Amen.

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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

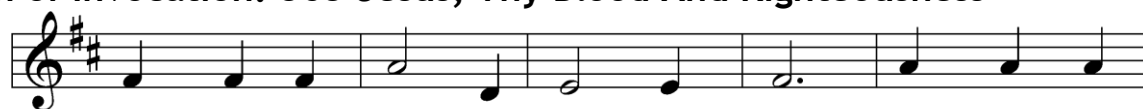
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

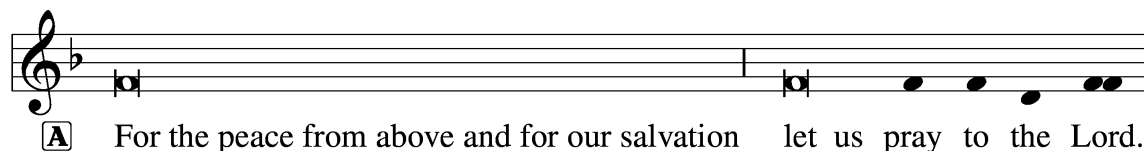
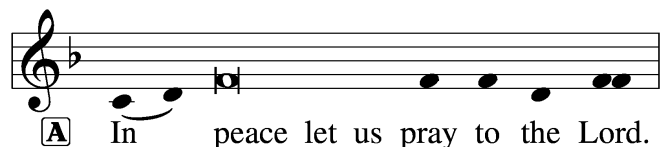
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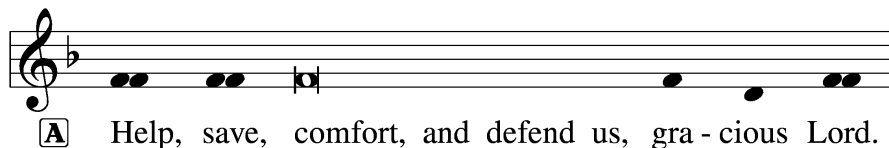
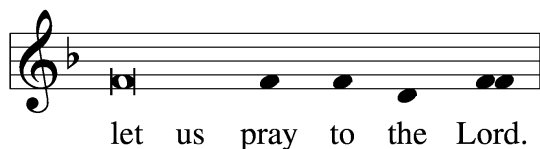
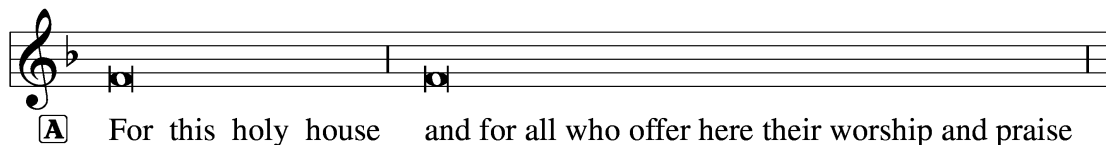
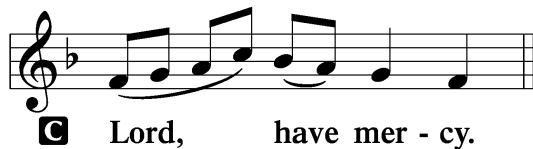
- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.
- P** I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- C** Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!
- C** For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- A** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen
- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

Kyrie

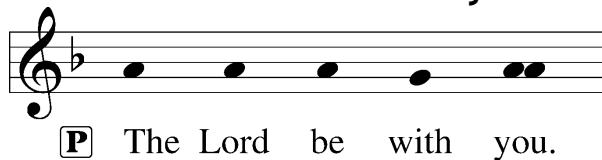
Mark 10:47





(During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted here.)

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank.

And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 122:1, 7

P I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

C Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!

Epistle

Galatians 4:21–31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 125:1–2, 5b

(During Lent, the Alleluia is omitted and the Tract is used instead.)

P Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

C As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

During the season of Lent, the Apostles' Creed is confessed.

C 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

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief Silence

Blessed Lord, You give sight to the blind, You open the ears of the deaf and You make the lame to walk. In the darkness of sin, we cry to You. Open our ears by Your Word, our minds by Your Spirit and our hearts by Your grace, that we may know You and give You thanks for all Your benefits to us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, bless Your Church, Jerusalem on high, who is our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us. Bless all pastors, that they may be faithful stewards of Your mysteries, and guide all who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, Creator of the waters above, receive our thanksgiving for Holy Baptism, whereby You have united Jew and Gentile in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Enliven our confidence in the gracious gift, that we may continue together in its comfort and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, uphold in mercy all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation. Strengthen our homes, and keep families firm in the Christian faith. Preserve our nation from wickedness, and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, Your heavenly care extends to all Your children, especially those in depth of need. [*Look in kindness upon* _____.] Let them find sustaining food for body and soul and such healing as Your gracious will provides. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, look in kindness upon the afflictions of the poor and hungry. Feed them for the sustenance of their bodies, and reveal to them the riches of Your loving kindness as You provide their salvation through the mercy of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly King, You provided food from heaven for Israel during their days of wandering in the wilderness. So give us also the true food of heaven, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that we may be sustained in our faith and in hope during our days of pilgrimage through the wilderness of this world until finally we behold Your glory with our own eyes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us always to trust in Your promises, that we may be true sons of the free woman and heirs with Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit **Offering**

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

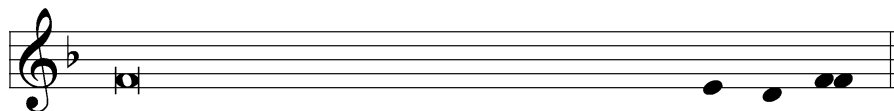
Closing Collect

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sit

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



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



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: 425 When I Survey The Wonderful Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 3/30 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
• **Divine Service** at 9:30 a.m.
• **Adult Bible Study** 10:45 am

Tues. 4/1 **Elder's Meeting**

Thurs. 4/3 **Quilting Bee** 10 a.m.

Sun. 4/06 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
• **Divine Service** at 9:30 a.m.
• **Adult Bible Study** 10:45 am

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:45 am in the fellowship hall which is located in the lower level. Members and non - members are invited to attend.

EASTER FLOWERS: Today is the last day for ordering Easter flowers. Please see the enclosed pink order form that is found in your bulletin if you wish to place your order.

THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARKS ARE INVITED TO PEACE LUTHERAN, AS THEY CONTINUE HOSTING LENT MID WEEK SERVICES. They will also be having a meal before service at 6:00 pm, usually with a suggested donation of \$4.00, to cover the cost of the food and setting up. There will be a sign-up sheet at Peace if anyone is interested or let the office know if any might be interested. Service will be at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES OF ST. MARK'S: The LWML Multi Lakes Zone is in need of a Co-Chair as the current one has had to resign. Our zone is in need of a delegate for the National convention in Omaha, NE in June. If you have any interest in these positions, please call Leslie Oehring for further information. Thank you!

LWML – MULTI – LAKES ZONE SPRING RALLY is being held on Saturday, April 5th at Hope Lutheran 7355 W. Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI 48451. It will run from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. It will include: Continental Breakfast and Lunch (to be determined), they intend to have Loose Senior Choir at the event. They also will be collecting "Pay It Forward" non-perishable food items. They request that you register by calling: 810-735-4807 by March 30th.

QUESTION BOX: Today will be the last day for questions for candidate congregations. You can still place up to 5 questions. We have provided for you some paper and a box to put them in after you have completed your questions. Please place them in the box after completion. The Ad Hoc Committee will review the questions to see how they can be implemented into the conversation or depending on the question, it can be found out, if not already known.

2026 LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION. THIS WILL BE HELD IN EAST LANSING AT THE KELLOGG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER FROM JUNE 25 – 28, 2026. The HOSTING Zones are Multi Lakes, Thumb; Wayne Oak Hills.

We will need volunteers from all of your churches to help make this convention a success. There are many sub-committees that need to be manned, and I am hoping to enlist your help to fill them.

I am asking all of you and your churches to prayerfully consider joining us in making this a wonderful event. At this time, I have selected 8 committees that the MULTI LAKES Zone will potentially be responsible for. This can change and other committees may need to be selected but at this time I ask that you think about being a part of one or more of these committees.

Convention Committees:

1 - BREAKOUT - these are the sessions that attendees go to during the non-voting periods of the convention. There will be a variety of informational sessions that delegates can attend to learn more about certain organizations or programs that the LWML has helped in the past and continue to support. Volunteers would help with distributing informational materials and the meals for the attendees.

2 - INFORMATION DESK - this will be staffed daily during the convention and during free time: Volunteers will provide schedules; parking vouchers; maps; daily newsletters; prayer requests; information on the election results; Gifts from the Heart totals; Walk/Run collection totals; servant event totals; Emergency contact information for Emergency Response team; Convention evaluations.

3 - CONVENTION FLOOR - Volunteers would make name cards for the delegates, board members, and special guests. Sets up and breaks down zone markers & name cards, banners & flags as needed. Procures special delegate gifts for tables.

4 - LWML BOOTH - In the Exhibitor hall - works with Exhibits committee - staff's booth daily - works with District Christian Growth Coordinator to assist with booth.

5 – LOST /FOUND – work with Guest Services schedules, manages, staffs. Request space; prepares Room Setup Request from Convention Manager.

6 – REGISTRATION – Registrar creates online registration form with information from Convention Manager, District President and committees, obtaining District President approval before publication. Coordinates food packages, Charms, Shirts, breakout sessions, choir, housing, and special events. Provides registration numbers to Convention Manager, District President and responsible committees/Executive Committee. Reports delegates alternates to Recording Secretary. Works with Tote Bag committee for stuffing relevant materials. Resolves registration payment issues, email confirmations.

7 – STORE – Staffs LWML store during convention. Works with District Christian Materials Coordinator.

8 – VOTING – Hostesses, Ushers, pages (as necessary); YWRs (as necessary) support voting activities during sessions (collection of paper ballots, distribution of handouts, etc.)

I know that this is a huge undertaking, but with the Lord's help and guidance we can accomplish these tasks. Please meet with your ladies' groups, share with your other church groups and even the youth groups, as "Pages" will be needed to help at the convention. IF you could get back to me **before MARCH 31** with your questions, volunteers and suggestions, I would greatly appreciate it.

I can be reached at work: St. Paul Community Lutheran – 248-758-9019 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) or my cell phone: 248-408-9863 (texting works best). OR Email be at mvidolich2011@gmail.com.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER –

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼" of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn't damaged. Thank you.

ST. MARK'S HAS BEEN INVITED to join them at St. Stephen Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 30th at 12:00pm, to listen to Major Jon Turnbull share how our Lord comes to us in the midst of suffering and loss, to guide, comfort, and strengthen our faith in Him. There will be a luncheon beginning at 11:15am for anyone who would like to join us. NO COST | FREE-WILL OFFERING Please RSVP by Thursday, March 20th

Location is: St. Stephen Lutheran Church

3795 Sashabaw Rd.

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THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING OUR FOOD PANTRY is in dire need of the following items:

The food locker needs: Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pasta mac and cheese boxes, tuna, canned chicken or any canned meat, protein beans, canned pasta dinners, Rice, canned vegetables, both starchy and non-starchy, canned or dried fruit, soups, Raman noodles, protein bars, dried potatoes

For large family supplement bags: large cans of canned meat, dried milk, fruits and veggies, large family dried soups, large family sized baked beans, large family sized spaghetti sauce, large family sized spaghetti noodles; family sized shampoo and conditioner

For personal bags: toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, Diapers - size 4,5 & 6 and newborns. And wipes

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE LENT FOR 40 DAYS?

Don't forget what Lent is all about!

It is a time when we are reminded of what Jesus gave up for us, and a time when we look forward to and prepare for the solemn commemoration of His death and the joyful celebration of His resurrection!

We celebrate Lent for six weeks, or 40 days, as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. There Jesus was without food for 40 days.

We remember the testing of the Israelites in the desert after the Lord had delivered them from Egypt. This lasted 40 years.

Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After 40 days and 40 nights of rain, the Lord delivered them as He promised.

During these 40 days of Lent, we remember God's faithfulness to His people and how His faithfulness is complete in Jesus, our Savior. Jesus remains faithful to us, always being where He promises to be: in His Word and Sacraments. Wow! What a Savior!



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson
Altar Guild	Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Arendell
Altar Guild	Leslie Oehring & Lori Whitehead
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Matt Maier