#### **Prelude**

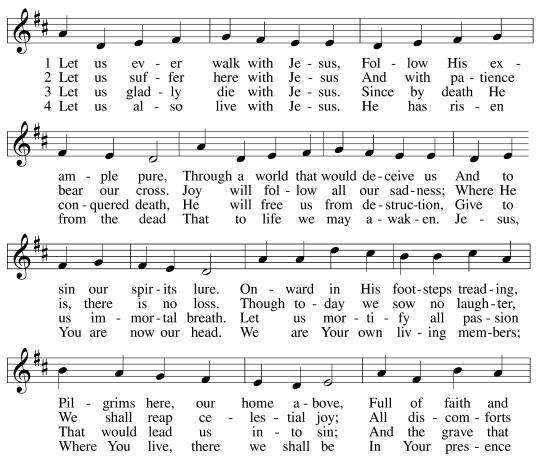
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#### Announcements

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Opening Hymn**

#### LSB #685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus





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#### + Confession and Absolution +

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### Kneel

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

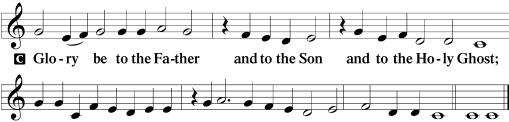
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### + Service of the Word +

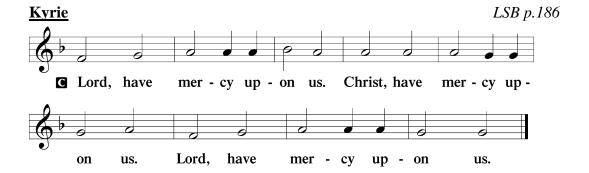
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#### <u>Introit</u>

- **P** Salvation belongs to the LORD;
- C Your blessing be on Your people!
- P But You, O LORD, are a shield about me,
- my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- **P** I cried aloud to the LORD,
- **C** and He answered me from his Holy hill.
- **P** I lay down and slept;
- C I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- **P** I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
- **C** who have set themselves against me all around.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Gradual**

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.

**Epistle** Philippians 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



<sup>9</sup>Jesus began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup>But he

looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.



## **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Hymn of the Day**

## LSB #425 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross. On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss. And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast. Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His Blood

#### **Chorus**

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross

All who gather here By grace draw near And bless your name.

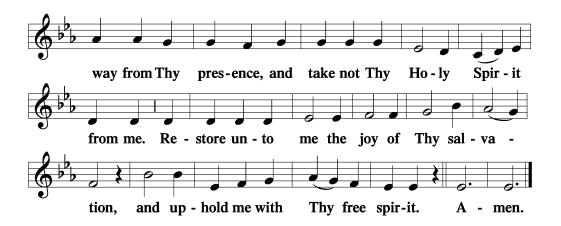
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## Chorus Chorus

**Sermon** "Vineyard Villains, Blundering Builders, and Christ the Cornerstone

Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke





## **Offering**

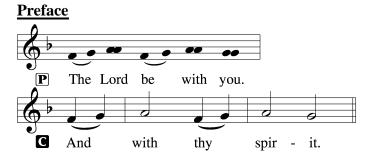
## **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

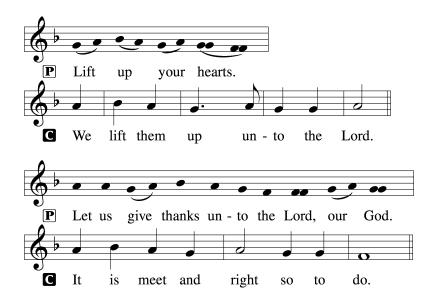
At the end of the prayers:

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

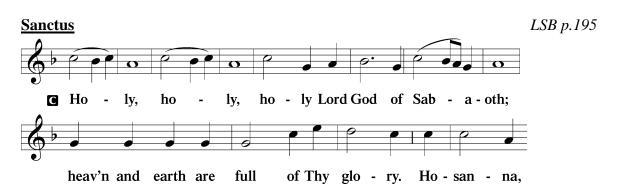
#### **Ḥ** Service of the Sacrament **Ḥ**

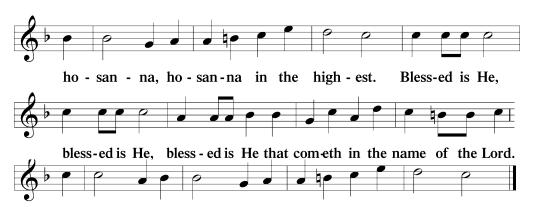


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P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

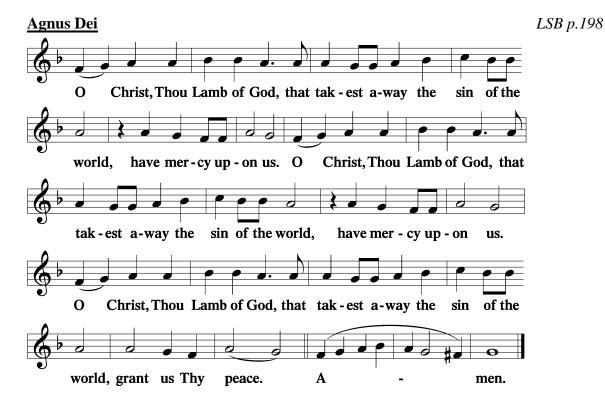
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



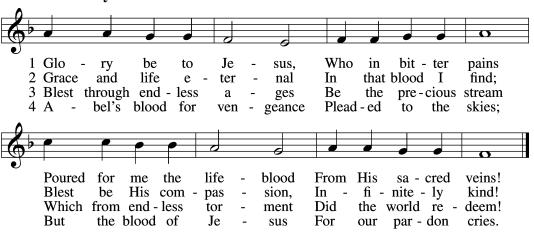


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#### **Distribution**

Please fill out a white communion card and leave it in the basket next to the hand sanitizer as you come forward for communion. If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.

#### LSB #433 Glory Be to Jesus



Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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## LSB #427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory





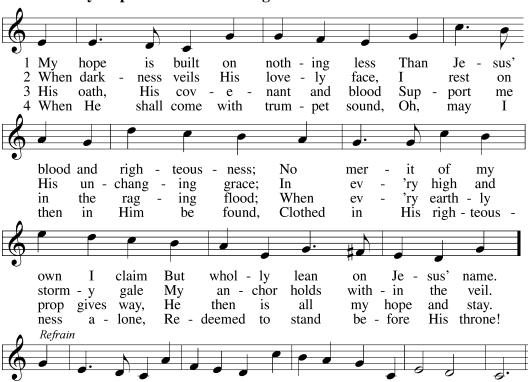
#### LSB #618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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#### LSB #575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



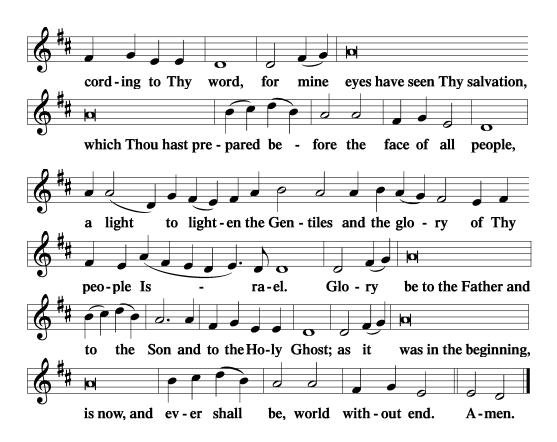
On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

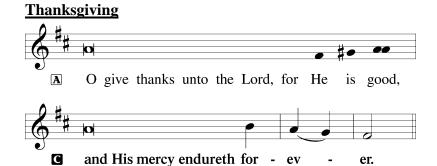
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#### The Dismissal

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.







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## **A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







P The Lord be with you.

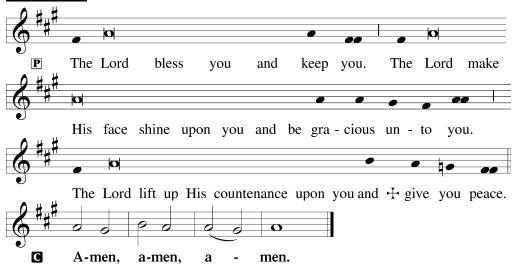


#### **Benedicamus**

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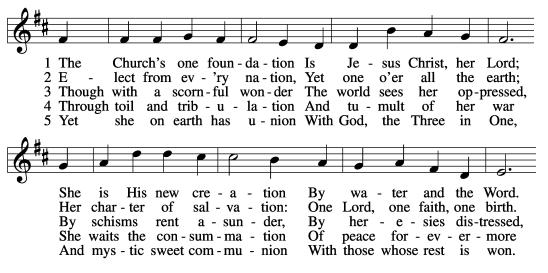


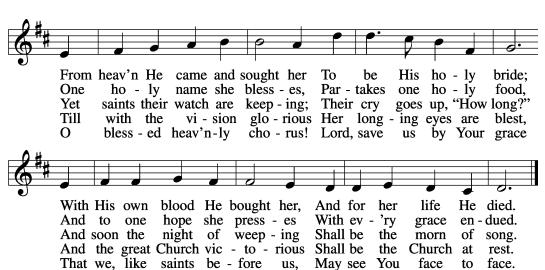
#### **Benediction**



#### **Closing Hymn**

#### LSB #644 The Church's One Foundation





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#### Acknowledgments

#### Silent Praver & Postlude

<u>Attention all men of the church – we are reforming our</u> usher teams and would like all men interested in ushering to meet Today after service for a short meeting in the sanctuary.

HELP – one of our families from the school needs help with meals Monday thru Friday for the next few weeks. If you can help, please contact Lora for the link.



**NOTE to All Members**: To connect your hearing aid to the <u>Listen Everywhere</u> feature you will need a smart phone. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one installed.)



- 1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem1837.
- 2. Go to the app store and search "Listen Everywhere" and download.
- 3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.

<u>Today, April 6<sup>th</sup> is Mite Box Sunday.</u> Please drop your "mite-ty" change in the large mite box. All donations are sent on to the California, Nevada, Hawaii LWML District for mission projects.

The April mite offerings will be used to help with Tuition Assistance for Grace Christian School, Grace Lutheran Church & School, Visalia, CA. Grace Christian School of Visalia, CA, has been serving the community since 1977. The school currently teaches children kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Due to variability in enrollment numbers and some policies that affect tuition, they are currently in need of Additional funding to partially pay tuition for students so that they can continue their Christian education.

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## Serving Next Sunday April 13, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Josh Karges

Ushers: Curt Drumm, Todd Suessmith

Acolytes: Shane Barry

Accompanist: Beverly Baumgartner

Altar Guild: Randy McVinnie

Lent accentuates the discipline of the Christian faith and life, the ongoing challenge of spiritual warfare with the old evil foe, and the necessary works of love and mercy that characterize the life the Christ now lives in us. It thus typifies the pilgrimage of life, our ongoing journey through the wilderness on our way to the promised land To that end, it fixes our eyes on Christ Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before hi endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb.12:2)

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**Food bank assistance** – we are looking for an additional back up person for the food bank for the next couple of months. If you are interested, please chat with Lora in the office.

Food bank needs: Paper bags, Peanut butter, SpaghettiOs and macaroni and cheese boxes. Thank you for all your donations.

# Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

For the month of <u>April</u>, we would like donations to help cover the cost of shipping. A person has donated 50 small stuffed animals for the item listed on the donation list. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

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*Elders' Corner*: If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

Members	Your Elder is:	
Abbott - Czyz	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
Dodd - Jenkins	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Jones-Magrath	Jarvis Manning	775-461-3493
Manning - Smith	Jimmy Poncsak	760-792-9014
Soderstrom – Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

#### New Sunday Morning Bible study

Join us for a study led by Pastor Maschke. Together, we will delve into the **Augsburg Confession**, a cornerstone of Lutheran doctrine that boldly proclaims the truths of Scripture and our faith.

Studying the Augsburg Confession is not just a look at history—it's an opportunity to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it shapes our lives today. This confession of faith provides clarity on essential teachings such as grace, justification, and the sacraments, helping us grow in confidence as we live and share our faith in a complex world.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession are available to take home for \$8. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or seeking to deepen your knowledge, this study is for you. We look forward to learning together!

## **Upcoming Events**

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# 2025 Holiday Church Schedule

April 9<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm
April 13<sup>th</sup> —Palm Sunday @9:15am
April 17<sup>th</sup> —Maundy Thursday @6:30pm (communion)
April 18<sup>th</sup> —Good Friday @6:30pm
April 20<sup>th</sup> —Easter @9:15am with brunch after service.

During Easter Brunch, Sunday School Students Jon Bugg and Noah
Manning will be presenting an Easter program with Bonnie Krenz

April 12, at 1:00pm St. Luke's Lutheran Ruth Guild/LWML in Reno is hosting an intergenerational Princess Tea. The theme is We Are Daughters of HIStory — Wait like Sarah, Protect Like Rahab, Trust Like Ruth, Pray like Hannah, Lead like Esther, Rejoice like Mary. Come celebrate faith, fellowship, and legacy of God's Love! Celebrate with tea treats and flowers. Contact Bonnie if you would like to car pool. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Bring a bunch of flowers and a vase. Head count needed.

# On April 27<sup>th</sup> following church, a voter's meeting will be held to vote on the constitution and bylaw changes.

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# VBS 2025 – June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 12:00noon Epic Australian Adventure – An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you are invited! We will encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

We will be enjoying crafts, snacks, games and bible exploration with science and fun! Most importantly, we will be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

## Pre-K through 5th grade – watch for registration details

Lutheran Heritage Tour – You are invited to join an exciting tour that will explore the world of Martin Luther. This 11-day tour (9/12-22/2025) is hosted by Rev. Robert Flohrs, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry. See Lora in the office for more information.

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Annual Men's Retreat in California is coming up 9/19 – 9/21 – If any men are interested in attending, please give your name to Pastor or Lora to get on the list for further information.

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## Weekly Prayer Page

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)

Sonya Abbott — medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues

Judi Bugg – health issues (Delbert Bugg's mother)

Grace Marie — medical issues (Lynn Tappan's great niece)

Richard & Sandra Hartley

medical issues

Ernie Hernandez – health issues

(Austin Stone's father-in-law)

John Huss – brain tumor recovery (Maschke family friend)

Robyn Izquierdo – medical issues (Jim Gansberg's daughter)

Gale Jackson – medical issues

Amanda Kilbourn – health issues

(Heather Bugg's friend)

Lisa Lariviere (Rindi Fredlund's mother)

Laurel & Ed – medical issues (Spiker's family friends)

Darlene McClurg – medical issues

Dianne Medlock – medical issues

Norm Milz – medical issues

(Retired pastor of Shepherd of the Sierra)

Mike Tappan – medical issues (Lynn Tappan's husband)

Steve Timko – medical issues – friend and neighbor of Rev. Abbott

Allyson Underwood – cancer

Karen Woodmansee

coping with medical issues

Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

#### Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- 2) People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial. If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.

# Armed Forces:

Justin Jorstad (Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson) Jonathan Krenz – Navy (David & Bonnie Krenz's son) MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron