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Our Mission Statement:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.”**



Lutheran Hymns of the Church Year

*Christ, the Life of All the Living (LSB 420)*

### Hymn for Lent

Text: Ernst Christopher Homburg, 1605-81; Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, sts. 1-2, 5, 7, alt.; tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, St. Louis, 1912, sts.3-45, 6

Tune Name: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

Meter: 87 87 88 77

Scripture: Matt. 27:33-46, 1 Cor. 15:57; IS. 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24

This month's Hymn write up was done by Joel Grosbach who currently serves as the Kantor for Zion Lutheran Church in Imperial, NE. He is a full time farmer who received a bachelor's degree in Ag Science and a minor in music. After returning from college to continue farming on the family farm Joel became the Organist, Adult Choir, Bell Choir, and Jr. C

As we enter the season of Lent, the Church's hymnody shifts from the bright, joyful and celebratory texts found in the Christmas and Epiphany season. Just as our Lord Jesus Christ sets His face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51) and His approaching Passion, we, too, set our faces, our hymns, prayers, and readings toward our Savior's final victory over death.

Each section of the Lutheran Service Book contains hymns that are profound in their texts and music. No less is the Lent section, hymns 418-442. While these may not have the bright, celebratory tones we love at other times, Lenten hymns provide texts that help us better meditate on the suffering and death of our Savior, and the cause- our sin and need for repentance.

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" (LSB 420) is one such hymn that paints a scene of Christ's suffering and death. Written by Ernst Christoph Homburg in 1659, the author gave it the title, "Hymn of Thanksgiving to his Redeemer for His Bitter Sufferings," and seven of the eight original verses appear in LSB.

Each verse walks us through a particular element in Christ's suffering. The opening phrase introduces the idea that *Christ the life of all the living* is also *the death of Death, our foe*. Verse 2 describes how Jesus has *taken on...Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod* and tells how this delivers our soul *from the bonds of sin forever*. Vs. 3, *Thou hast borne the smiting...that my wounds might all be whole...suffered sad and lonely...rest to give my weary soul*. Notice the pattern - Jesus' sufferings paired with the blessings we receive because of them. The hymn goes on - *scoffers, scorn, piercing thorns, disgrace, affliction, crucifixion*, all in contrast to the gifts our Lord gives us - *heavenly glory, from pain set free, security, comfort in anguish, pardon*.

Each verse concludes with the refrain, "Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee." What more can we say, than offer our thanks and praise to our Lord, through whose sufferings and death we gain eternal life. Even "*for that last triumphant cry*," from the cross, we know our victory has been won, death has been put to death, sins forgiven, eternal life inherited.

While these Lenten hymns are more contemplative and cause us to reflect on our need for repentance, these texts still point us to our Savior. After all, we know how the story ends - Christ is Risen! So, sing boldly this Lent - in doing so, we sing to each other (and ourselves) the wondrous love of Christ.

Joel Grosbach



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

### **FAQs about *The Lutheran Witness* after the Congregation Vote**

As a result of the vote to end the current policy of congregations paying for the subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*, steps are in place to bring the policy to an end. Here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about subscribing to *The Lutheran Witness* going forward:

*When will the current method of subscribing end, namely, congregations providing subscriptions for their members?* **Answer:** The March 2024 issue of *The Lutheran Witness* will be the last issue under the current plan.

*Who will pay for the three months of the Witness in 2024 (January, February, March) our members will receive?* **Answer:** Congregations will be billed by the District Office for the three months.

*Must the current subscriptions be cancelled?* **Answer:** Yes.

*Who contacts Concordia Publishing House (CPH), the publisher of *The Lutheran Witness*, to cancel the current subscriptions for each congregation?* **Answer:** No current subscriber or congregation will have to contact CPH to cancel. It has already been arranged for the publishing house to cancel all current subscriptions, after the March issue.

*How may we continue to receive *The Lutheran Witness*, after March 2024?* **Answer:** Individuals or households may subscribe on their own. Or congregations can have a sign-up time to collect information for individual subscriptions. Or congregations may have a bundle of the periodicals sent to the church, for distribution to members. More information will be coming shortly on how individuals may subscribe on their own or by way of their congregations, or how a congregation may receive bulk copies for distribution at the church.

*How much is a subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* for South Dakota District subscribers, after March 2024?* **Answer:** CPH is offering us a special rate of \$19.99 for a year's subscription to the main part of the magazine. With the South Dakota District insert, the cost will be \$24.99 for one year. This is for delivery to your home or post office box. Congregations may provide the *Witness* at the church for their members. If that is done, 0-25 copies will be at the annual subscription rate of \$19.99/24.99 per magazine; 25+ copies will be at the bulk rate of \$15.99 for the main part of the magazine, and \$18.39 with the District insert included.

**Note:** You can get the bulk subscription price only by having a bundle of copies delivered to the church. In other words, if you have a sign-up at the church, and you have 50 families sign up to have it delivered to their homes, this counts as individual subscriptions, not bulk. The subscribers will be charged \$19.99/24.99.

*It appears that the District insert will continue to be a part of *The Lutheran Witness*. But what if I don't want to subscribe to the main magazine; may I receive or read the District section some other way?* **Answer:** Yes, we will continue to produce the District section, and yes, this section will be made available to non-subscribers to the *Witness*, on other platforms and in other ways. The District section is the copyright property of the LCMS South Dakota District, and so the District Office is able to distribute it as we wish. The District supplement is already posted on the District's website under News and Events, and it will continue to be posted there. We also plan to include it as a regular feature in our twice-monthly email newsletter, a much different publication than the insert we produce for *The Lutheran Witness*. And we will be able to email a .pdf copy of the District section upon request to individuals and congregations. To subscribe to our District's email newsletter, contact Julie Pike at the District Office: [jpike@midco.net](mailto:jpike@midco.net), 605/361-1514.

I hope you'll continue to subscribe to this periodical, even if it means a new expense for you. *The Lutheran Witness* provides great information, instruction, and encouragement from our confessional Lutheran perspective.

--Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer,  
President

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT... A TAGALONG IN MARCH**

I'm learning a little bit about the magazine industry, as our District ends its current subscription plan with the *Lutheran Witness*. When you receive the March issue, you'll receive a "tagalong."

A what? A tagalong.

I don't know the precise definition, but I know – kind of – what it is. Your magazine will be wrapped in cellophane, with a letter from me on a piece of paper, separate from the magazine. That's the tagalong.

The tagalong (my letter) will inform you how to continue receiving the *Lutheran Witness* after the month of March 2024. Here's the text of my message:

**Greetings to you, in Jesus' name! I have some important news for you regarding your *Lutheran Witness* subscription. For years, your congregation has been providing a subscription for you, paid for by the congregation. But because of the recent vote of the congregations of the LCMS South Dakota District to discontinue that District-wide policy, *this is the last issue of the periodical you'll receive under your current subscription.***

**But you will be able to subscribe on your own, or you may be able to receive the *Lutheran Witness* at your church.**

**Please check with your church leadership as to what their plans may be to encourage and arrange for you to receive this official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.**

**I urge you to subscribe. If you do, you'll continue to receive the fine main section of the *Lutheran Witness*. And, for a few dollars more, you will receive the South Dakota District insert, bringing you news from our congregations, schools, the LWML, and our life ministries in the State.**

**If your church will not be offering the *Lutheran Witness* and you wish to start an individual subscription, please contact Concordia Publishing House at 800.325.3040 and select option #2 for Magazines. You can also email them at [magazines@cph.org](mailto:magazines@cph.org). Identify yourself as a member of the South Dakota District and you'll receive an extra discount.**

It's very important that you check with your pastor or another leader of your congregation to learn whether there might be a plan to have a special sign-up for individual subscriptions. Or, your church might be planning to get a number of copies of the *Lutheran Witness* each month, for you to pick up at the church.

If you order your own subscription, as instructed above, make sure you say you're from South Dakota. Then, you'll get the magazine for the discounted price of \$24.99, which includes the main magazine and the South Dakota District insert. That's a \$5 savings from the regular cost.

--Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer,  
President

## **MARCH BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Liz	Tammen	March 1, 1946
Myranda	Moad	March 3, 2003
Loma	Gehrels	March 5, 2023
Stacy	Lindholm	March 5, 1989
Landen	McManus	March 6, 2011
Nathan	Gerry	March 9, 2003
Nora	Baumberger	March 11, 2018
Tara	McManus	March 11, 1982
Lori	Hansen	March 14, 1985
Carrol	Olson	March 14, 1943
Joslyn	Baumberger	March 17, 2013
Ted	Lindholm	March 17, 1946
Paisley	Olinger	March 17, 2019
Amy	Lindholm	March 19, 1967
Kayla	Welton	March 23, 1986
Brennex	Feige	March 24, 2019
Kasey	Gehrels	March 29, 1985
Kolter	Gehrels	March 30, 2014
Emily	Breck	March 31, 1996



# **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Kayla</b>	<b>Welton</b>	<b>March 2, 1986</b>
<b>Josh</b>	<b>Bonstead</b>	<b>March 3, 1983</b>
<b>Julie</b>	<b>Delfs</b>	<b>March 3, 1968</b>
<b>Louis</b>	<b>Lindholm</b>	<b>March 3, 1990</b>
<b>Myranda</b>	<b>Moad</b>	<b>March 3, 2001</b>
<b>Ashes</b>	<b>Dean</b>	<b>March 4, 1989</b>
<b>Brennex</b>	<b>Feige</b>	<b>March 6, 2019</b>
<b>Verl</b>	<b>Uthe</b>	<b>March 6, 1938</b>
<b>Joslyn</b>	<b>Baumberger</b>	<b>March 10, 2013</b>
<b>Lee</b>	<b>Limmer</b>	<b>March 10, 1951</b>
<b>Kayla</b>	<b>Reck</b>	<b>March 10, 1991</b>
<b>Paisley</b>	<b>Olinger</b>	<b>March 14, 2019</b>
<b>Kasey</b>	<b>Gehrels</b>	<b>March 15, 1987</b>
<b>Shirley</b>	<b>Zimmer</b>	<b>March 16, 1943</b>
<b>Jane</b>	<b>Rentz</b>	<b>March 17, 1940</b>
<b>Mindy</b>	<b>Olinger</b>	<b>March 18, 1992</b>
<b>Emily</b>	<b>Breck</b>	<b>March 19, 1996</b>
<b>Kolter</b>	<b>Gehrels</b>	<b>March 20, 2014</b>
<b>Tarri</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>March 20, 1962</b>
<b>Eric</b>	<b>Milbrandt</b>	<b>March 24, 1994</b>
<b>Mandie</b>	<b>Miller</b>	<b>March 25, 1993</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>DeVaney</b>	<b>March 26, 1952</b>
<b>Brett</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>March 29, 1993</b>
<b>Janessa</b>	<b>Baumberger</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>



To read the Bible in one year:  
**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
March 1	Isaiah 64:1-9	Numbers 16-18
March 2	Psalm 85	Numbers 19-21
March 3	Psalm 86	Numbers 22-24
March 4	Psalm 87	Numbers 25-27
March 5	Psalm 88	Numbers 28-30
March 6	Psalm 89	Numbers 31-33
March 7	Psalm 90	Numbers 34-36
March 8	Psalm 91	Deuteronomy 1-3
March 9	Psalm 92	Deuteronomy 4-6
March 10	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 7-9
March 11	Psalm 94	Deuteronomy 10-12
March 12	Psalm 95	Deuteronomy 13-15
March 13	Psalm 96	Deuteronomy 16-18
March 14	Psalm 97	Deuteronomy 19-21
March 15	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 22-24
March 16	Psalm 99	Deuteronomy 25-27
March 17	Psalm 100	Deuteronomy 28-30
March 18	Psalm 101	Deuteronomy 31-34
March 19	Psalm 102	Luke 1
March 20	Psalm 103	Luke 2-3
March 21	Psalm 104	Luke 4-5
March 22	Psalm 105	Luke 6-7
March 23	Psalm 106	Luke 8-9
March 24	Psalm 107	Luke 10-11
March 25	Psalm 108	Luke 12-13
March 26	Psalm 109	Luke 14-15
March 27	Psalm 110	Luke 16-17
March 28	Psalm 111	Luke 18-19
March 29	Psalm 112	Luke 20-21
March 30	Psalm 113	Luke 22
March 31	Isaiah 64:1-9	Luke 23-24

# MARCH 2024

Altar Guild: Jill Martin ~ Trish Tammen ~ Ashley Milbrandt

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRI.	SAT
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<p>3 Sunday March 3 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion                      Acolyte: Colton Miller                      Greeters: Russ &amp; Kay Mendel; Jackson Mendel                      Organist: Peg George                      Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study following service.                      Board of Education Meeting</p>	<p>4                      10:15 am                      Bethel                      Service</p>	5	<p>6 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation &amp; Bible History                      6:00 pm ~ Midweek Lent III Worship                      Acolyte: Makenzie Cacho                      Greeters: Eric &amp; Ashley Milbrandt Family                      Organist: Peg George                      6:30 – Lent Supper                      7:00 pm ~ Youth Group</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 Sunday February 11 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion                      Acolyte: Olerick Welton                      Greeters: Rimington &amp; Mandie Miller Family                      Organist: Peg George                      Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study following service.</p>	<p>11                      7:00 pm                      Altar Guild</p>	12	<p>13 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation &amp; Bible History                      6:00 pm ~ Midweek Lent IV Worship                      Acolyte: Rilynn Zillgitt                      Greeters: Terry Feldman                      Organist: Peg George                      6:30 – Lent Supper                      7:00 pm ~ Youth Group &amp; Elders Meeting</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 Sunday February 18 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy                      Communion                      Acolyte: Abigail Eppe                      Greeters: Jon &amp; Mindy Olinger Family                      Organist: Peg George                      Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study following service.</p>	<p>18  <b>NEWS                      LETTER                      DEAD-LINE</b></p>	19	<p>20 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation &amp; Bible History                      6:00 pm ~ Midweek Lent V Worship                      Acolyte: Natalie Feige                      Greeters: June &amp; Carol Olson; Garret                      Olson                      Organist: Peg George                      6:30 – Lent Supper                      7:00 pm ~ Youth Group</p>	21 Winkle	22	23
<p>24 Sunday January 28 - 9:00 am Worship                      w/Holy Communion                      Acolyte: Sophia Fischer                      Greeters: Carleen Ooms                      Organist: Peg George                      Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study following service</p> 	25	26	27	<p>28 Maunday Thursday                      6:00 pm Worship w/Holy                      Communion                      Acolyte: Landen                      McManus                      Greeters: Kayla Reck;                      Logan Reck; Tyler Reck                      Organist: Peg George</p>	<p>29 Good Friday 7:00                      pm Worship                      Acolyte: <b>Pastor will                      announce.</b>                      Greeters: Kory &amp;                      Melissa Reck                      Organist: Peg George</p>	30
<p>31 Sunday April 9 -6:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion                      Acolyte: Ainslie Klawonn                      Greeters: Terry &amp; Deb Reck                      Organist: Peg George  <b>Easter Breakfast Following Sunrise Service</b>                      Sunday April 9 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion                      Acolyte: Darwin Lindholm                      Greeters: Rudy &amp; Ione Schmidt                      Organist: Peg George</p> 						

