

+Ash Wednesday Divine Service+
February 17, 2021
2021 Lenten Midweek Series:
“Places of the Passion”

BETHANY

Throughout this Lenten season, we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of his Passion for our sake. Each service will explore the meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the location highlighted. Together, we will learn things that we may not have known before as we grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took, that the way to heaven might be open to us.

Today, on Ash Wednesday, we begin the Lenten season by traveling just outside Jerusalem to the village of Bethany, as we remember that Jesus was anointed for burial by his friend Mary at her home in this small town. We are called to prepare our hearts for Christ’s death as well, while still looking toward the fragrant surprise of the empty tomb. May we all be willing to give of ourselves in response to everything that Christ gave for us!

Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

Welcome

Stand

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P Return to the Lord, your God,

C **For He is gracious and merciful,**

P Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

C **And He relents over disaster.**

P Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C **To see the depths of his love.**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

C **To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C **Tonight, we walk with Jesus to Bethany.**

P Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C **I shall follow where you guide!**

Ash Wednesday Address

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

P Let us pray. O holy Lord,

C **You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain Your promise of forgiveness and salvation for those who believe in Your Son; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.**

Introit

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Men: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.*

Women: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

Men: *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

Women: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Men: *Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.*

Women: *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

All: **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.**

Sit

Kyrie (sung) - LSB p. 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, for through her generosity we catch a glimpse of your joyful and generous kingdom. By your Spirit's power enable us to live and give like her; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 36:1-7

¹ “Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the LORD has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded.”

² And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. ³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵ and said to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do.” ⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary.” So the people were

restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **The founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P Who for the joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:6-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of

very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: #430, "My Song Is Love Unknown"

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes the strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes
That He His foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Sermon:

"Bethany"

Matthew 26:6-13

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the response will be:

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

Offertory (sung)

LSB, p. 159

C What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
And will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
And will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
Now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn: #783, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Silent Prayer

+The Service of the Sacrament+

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

C: Amen.

Preface (sung)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...
...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...
...one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

Distribution

#419, "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow th'adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of th'insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;
Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh;
Hear our penitential cry!

4 By Thy deep expiring grown,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

#421, "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

#550, "Lamb of God"

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

#609, "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

#607, "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

- 1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
In trial and tribulation;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
Lord, hear my supplication.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,
Who then could heaven ever win
Or stand before Thy presence?
- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail
To blot out my transgression;
The best and holiest deeds must fail
To break sin's dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boasting stand,
But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word
To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just;
This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.

4 And though it tarry through the night
And till the morning waken,
My heart shall never doubt His might
Nor count itself forsaken.
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.
Born of the Spirit and the Word,
Now wait for His appearing.

5 Though great our sins, yet greater still
Is God's abundant favor;
His hand of mercy never will
Abandon us, nor waver.
Our shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

#627, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

2 As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine and blood He shed.

3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His judgment then you shall receive.

4 Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.

5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6 Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.

7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor."
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.

8 "For what purpose was My dying
If not for your justifying?
And what use this precious food
If you yourself were pure and good?"

9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

Post-Communion Canticle:

#632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Post-Communion Collect

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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: Amen.

Postlude

Prayers of the Church

+health: Lorna Grote, Thretta Hassell, Ferris Kasten, Bill Leutner, Helena Quaid, Esther Schaeffer, Bessie Sprehe, Brian Suedmeyer, Jim Lietz, Geri Schnitker, Elaine Spenner, Norma Tucker, Daryll Brammeier, Marvin Dannamann, Matthew Groh (cousin of Celeste Rueter), Amy Hafford, Beulah Holle, Ronnie Jolliff, Cheryll Krueger, Verdell Krueger, Brad Maschhoff, Richard McGee, Teddy Meyer, Carlene Michael, Alma Muentner, Jim Muentner, Greg Nattier, Doug Nelson, Linda Renth (mother of MaryBeth Suedmeyer), Karen Schnitker, Jean Sergent (cousin to Rueter family), Sam Smith, LaVerne Thorson, Todd Twenhafel, and all cancer patients

Serving Us in Worship This Evening

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Wollenberg

Organist: Kathy Unverfehrt

Acolytes: Rylee Brammeier and Colt Suedmeyer

Elders: Bob Kroeger, Bill Hafford, Kevin Unverfehrt

Sunday Worship Update: The Board of Elders along with Pastor Wollenberg have decided to make the following changes to our in-person worship services:

1) Our attendance limit has been adjusted from 75 to 100 worshipers for each service. We are hoping that this will better accommodate those who would like to be physically present in the sanctuary for worship.

2) Holy Communion will be offered publicly again **on the first two Sundays of the month**. Until then, you are encouraged to make a private Communion appointment with Pastor Wollenberg at a time that is convenient for you.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, this is all subject to change at any time. Please direct any concerns or questions to the elders or Pastor.

If you are still uncomfortable receiving communion during the service, please contact the church office or Pastor to set up an appointment.

School Chapel on Wednesday mornings with the third quarter chapel offerings going to help support the "Hearts For Jesus" (Camp Wartburg) Program.

2021 Lenten Midweek Sermon Series - "Places of the Passion"

Join us during the upcoming Lenten season as we reflect on the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on our behalf. This year, we will meditate

upon the Passion of Christ as depicted in Matthew's Gospel. Each week, we'll take a look at a different place where Jesus stood on His path to our salvation. Our series will begin this evening, Ash Wednesday at 7:00PM with Pastor Wollenberg as the preacher. Then, in the Wednesdays following, we will hear from Pastors Tim Mueller (St. John's, New Minden) and James Miller (Trinity, Nashville), who are participating in the rotation along with our congregation. We hope you can join us as we spend time in preparation for Easter! Acolytes for Wednesday, February 24 will be Chesney Ford and Timothy Meyer, organist Kathy Unverfehrt, Elder Steve Eickmeyer.

“The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for Sunday school February 21. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

Women’s Bible Study Thursdays during Lent beginning at 7:00pm on the stage area where social distancing will be observed.

Thrivent Members: Now is the time! The charitable outreach funds that you have accumulated during 2020 are available to be distributed now. YOU can choose where your portion goes. Simply call 800-847-4836, and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". A representative will work with you. Trinity Lutheran Church at 205 N. Main is able to receive funds.

Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML first started serving lunches for families following a funeral back in 1950 and our members are happy to be continuing that service. Those individuals to contact if you wish to bring a food item for February are Eunice Brink (249-6275) or Geri Schnitker (493-6266). Thank you for any assistance of food as we continue to provide this service for families during their time of loss.

The PTL will be hosting their annual Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser on April 17, 2021. At this time we are asking for any donations for auction items. If you or anyone you know would like to donate you may contact or drop them off at the school office.

St John New Minden Drive-Thru Only Chicken Supper: German potato salad, fried chicken, green beans, applesauce and dessert at the chicken supper on Sunday afternoon/evening, March 7 from 4:00-7:00pm. Please enter by the west parking lot drive at the God’s Garden sign. Cost is \$10. A portion of the proceeds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Get 10% of Your Lunch Bill Donated to Trinity! At Bunkers Bar & Grill, the restaurant at the Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville, any time you bring your church bulletin with you for lunch on Sundays, 10% of your bill will be donated back to Trinity. This is a very easy way to support our congregation, a local Washington County small business, and eat delicious food all at the same time! Bunkers is located at 1501 N. Waterworks Rd. Okawville, IL 62271.

Stream our services LIVE on Sundays beginning at 9:30am. You may go to facebook.com/tlshoyleton. For those who don’t have facebook the audio and video will be posted on our website trinityhoyleton.org around 11:30am.

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