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TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. *** Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY: It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord's Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ's Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

SILENT PRAYER upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your

Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever! The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud “that is spread over all nations” and “cast over all peoples.” (Isaiah 25:7) But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever in His glorious resurrection. “He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:4) By submitting Himself to death, Jesus burst it apart from the inside out. The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that it could not hold our Lord. (Mark 16:1-8) Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to “be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” (Isaiah 25:9) His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast “of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.” (Isaiah 25:6) Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin, Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. (lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)

A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: Christ's resurrection is the basis for our hope in our resurrection and eternal salvation.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed: Redemption: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Explanation of the Second Article: Question: What does this mean? *Answer:* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. He did this not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, so that I may be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed: Sanctification: I believe in...the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Explanation of the Third Article: Question: What does this mean? *Answer:* I believe that...on the Last Day He will raise up me and all the dead and will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. (Small Catechism; Explanation of the 2nd and 3rd Articles of the Apostles' Creed)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR RISEN SAVIOR AND KING †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 199

**PREPATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD
[PAGE 15 TO 23, FRONT OF HYMNAL]**

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. He has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia. Preserve

me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You." The Lord is my Portion and my Cup; You hold my life secure. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For You will not abandon me to the grave or let Your Holy One see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy. At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (*Romans 6:9; 2 Timothy 1:10, with Alleluias; Psalm 16:1-2; 5-6; 8-11*)

C: ♪ **Glory be to the Father....**

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the Day of our Lord's Resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – ISAIAH 25:6-9

P: ^{25:6} On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 41

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C: **In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

P: the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C: **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P: The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C: **As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**

P: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C: **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

P: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C: **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C: **But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P: By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

P: ^{15:1} Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to [Simon Peter], then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the

apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – MARK 16:1-8

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: ^{16:1} When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [the body of Jesus]. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

NICENE CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 22]

HYMN OF THE DAY: 192

SERMON: YOU HAVE UPHELD ME BECAUSE OF MY INTEGRITY – PSALM 41:12-13

“But You have upheld me because of my integrity [O Lord], and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen. (Ps. 41:12-13)

Christ is risen! (He is risen indeed! Alleluia!) Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. David prayed to the Lord of hosts in Psalm 41, “You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.”

Integrity means “whole and undivided.” Integrity indicates an original, unblemished condition. Because integrity means “whole, original, and unblemished,” the word also can be used to indicate such beautiful qualities as honesty, faithfulness, purity, reliability, uprightness, honor, incorruptibility, forthrightness and other noble virtues.

“Because of my integrity.” David wrote those words, but not because he wanted to sing and pray them all by himself. David wrote Psalm 41 because he wanted you to sing and pray together with him. He wanted you to say to God in sincerity and truth, *“You have upheld me, [O Lord], because of my integrity.” (Ps. 41:12)* Can you bring yourself to do that?

God, the living God, provided that David’s words be written into His Holy Scriptures. David’s words are in the Scriptures because the Lord your God wants you also to pray with all honesty, *“You have upheld me, [O Lord,] because of my integrity.”* Can you do it?

Can you honestly join with David in saying to God, *“You have upheld me, [O Lord,] because of my integrity?”* The answer is yes! Yes because you are the baptized child of Christ and because Christ is risen for you indeed! The resurrection of our Lord has guaranteed that your answer is indeed yes, even though you might feel tempted to think that your answer should be no.

“Because of my integrity.” Everybody wants to have integrity, but nobody actually has it – at least, not in the original, main sense of the word. Our loss of integrity was originally Adam and Eve’s fault, but has since become our fault too since we were conceived and born into their sin and loss of faith in God. Their fall into sin and death became ours, our sin and fall was theirs. *Integrity* means “whole and undivided.” Integrity indicates an original, unblemished condition. Integrity also can be used to indicate such beautiful qualities as honesty, faithfulness, and purity. We all

want to be described with such wonderful words and, to a certain extent, we all can be – but only to a certain extent.

Do you hesitate to pray to the Lord, “*You have upheld me because of my integrity?*” Perhaps you do not think that all the qualities of integrity rightly describe you; at least, not all of the time. Perhaps you can see a different set of qualities at work inside yourself:

* Not whole and undivided toward God, but sometimes doubleminded against Him (*see James 1:8*) and other times doubtful of Him. (*See Matthew 14:31*)

* Not in original, unblemished condition, but chipped or broken, stained with sin, hampered by the memory of wrongdoing, and marked with regret.

* Honest, but not always; true and faithful, but only when no temptation is present; mostly reliable and fairly honorable and hopefully incorruptible, but nobody’s perfect!

Such realizations might make it feel a little brazen or dishonest for us to pray David’s words, “*You have upheld me because of my integrity.*” We all want to have integrity. In most cases, any of us would gladly describe ourselves as having integrity, but we probably would not want to talk that way in the presence of God. He knows our hearts. (*See Luke 16:15*) He knows where the integrity falls apart. Perhaps it is wisest and best to mumble Psalm 41 when it states, “*You have upheld me because of my integrity,*” or to pray those words with the thought that they probably refer to someone else but not so much to us.

No. David wrote Psalm 41 because he wanted us to sing and pray together with him. David’s words are in the Scriptures because the Lord our God also wants us to pray those words together with David, and mean them.

“*You have upheld me because of my integrity.*” Throughout the season of Lent, all of our midweek worship has focused upon Psalm 41. The midweek preaching has emphasized two vitally essential points for God’s Christians:

* In one way or another, all of God’s Psalms – including Psalm 41 – speak about our Lord and His work of salvation on our behalf. (*See Luke 24:44*) That is why God included the Psalms in His Scriptures; they “*bear witness,*” Jesus said, “*about Me.*” (*John 5:39*)

* Because the Psalms are about Jesus, they are also about you. You are, after all, the baptized of Christ. When you were baptized, you miraculously entered into Christ’s holy body (*See Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 1:30*) just as surely as He entered yours. (*See John 14:20; Galatians 2:20*) And Christ is risen! Alleluia! You and your risen Christ are now joined together as one flesh. (*See 1 Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:32*) “*What therefore God has joined together, do not let man separate.*” (*Matthew 19:6*)

What does our union with Christ indicate? It indicates that, when Jesus of Nazareth died upon His cross, we and all the baptized of Christ died there with Him. Baptism is why St. Paul could say, and why we each can say with St. Paul, “*I have been crucified with Christ.*” (*Galatians 2:20*) In addition to that, Baptism also indicates that, when Jesus rose from the dead, God the Father also “*raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*” (*Ephesians 2:6*) At your Baptism,

* your Lord’s perfection became yours, and your sins became His (*see 1 Peter 2:24*);

* His strength became yours, and your weakness became His (*see 2 Corinthians 12:8–9*);

* His life became yours, and your death became His (*see Romans 6:4*); and

* His perfect and unblemished integrity became yours, and any lack of integrity in you became His.

You are now “*partakers of the divine nature,*” said St. Peter. (*2 Peter 1:4*) Because of your Baptismal participation in the divine nature of Christ, every Scripture passage that speaks about Jesus now also speaks about you. In all of human history, only Christ Jesus, our Lord, could pray to His Father on the basis of His own merit, “*You have upheld Me because of My integrity.*” But Jesus has now joined Himself to you. In that miraculous joining, whatever the Scriptures say about Jesus can now also be said, in all faithfulness and honesty, about you: “*You have upheld me because of my integrity.*”

Integrity means “whole and undivided.” *Integrity* means “in the original, unblemished condition.” Integrity indicates such qualities as honesty, faithfulness, purity, reliability, uprightness, honor, incorruptibility and forthrightness. Those qualities all describe Jesus, the One Who was crucified for you. (*See 1 Corinthians 1:23*) Because of our Lord’s personal integrity, “*God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.*” (*Acts 2:24*) As you heard in today’s Gospel, “*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?’ And looking up,*

they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.’” (Mark 16:1-6)

By the power of His death and in the victory of His resurrection, Jesus has now given all of His integrity to you so that His perfect integrity may be yours forever!

* Our Lord’s personal integrity has been delivered to you in the water of Baptism, which joined you to both His death and His resurrection. *(See Romans 6:3-5)*

* Our Lord’s personal integrity has miraculously entered into your heart and mind through the proclamation of the Gospel.

* Our Lord’s integrity likewise enters your mouth and fills your entire body when you participate in the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. With confidence, we can proclaim that Christ lives – and we with Him – as we hear in Romans 6:9: *“Death no longer has dominion over Him.”*

* Our Lord’s personal integrity, given personally to you, is the power by which you now can pray to the Lord, with all godliness and honesty, *“You have upheld me because of my integrity.”*

King David did not rely upon his own integrity when he prayed. King David relied upon the integrity of his Christ, Who was both David’s Son and David’s Lord. We do not need to rely upon our own integrity any more than David did. Great David’s greater Son was born also to us. *(See Luke 2:11)* David’s Lord died also for us. David’s prayer is therefore our prayer, and David’s rejoicing in eternity is likewise our rejoicing, both now and forever: *“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.”* Why? Because Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen. *(Sermon from Concordia Publishing House’s Resources for Lent and Easter Preaching and Worship – “Be Gracious to Me,” by Rev. Erik Rottman)*

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – LITANY OF THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: God the Father in Heaven,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: Holy Triune God,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: From having other gods than the one true God; From blasphemy of Your Holy Name in our thoughts, with our mouths and in our lives; From neglect of Your presence in the Divine Service and not hearing Your Word or receiving Your Sacrament; From disobedience, malice, slander and impurity; From sloth in our vocation; From discontent with our stewardship; From greed, envy and covetousness; From all sin:

C: O Jesus, deliver us.

P: Jesus, Savior of mankind, Who has cleansed us by Your blood; Jesus, Conqueror of sin and death; Jesus, triumphant over the grave; Jesus, the Holy and Just One; Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life; Jesus, the Firstborn from the dead; Jesus, the Second Adam; Jesus, the Giver of grace and the Author of our salvation; Jesus, the Judge of the world; Jesus, Who brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel; Who lay down Your life for Your sheep; Who had the power to take it up again; Who rose again on the third day; Who revealed Yourself to Your chosen ones, sending Your holy angels to the women, appearing to Mary Magdalene, Peter, James and Your disciples to comfort them and to bestow upon them Your Spirit and peace; Who appeared to the two men on the road to Emmaus; Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Galilee, bringing a miraculous catch of fish;

and Who finally appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and to more than five hundred saints at the same time; Jesus, Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them into and teaching them the one true Christian faith; and Who will come again with great power and glory to judge the living and the dead; Jesus, Son of God,

C: we implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Paschal Lamb, Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised again for our justification; Who by Your death has destroyed the power of death and by Your resurrection has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers,

C: we implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That we may put off our old self, corrupt through deceitful desires, and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness; That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness and in newness of life; That we may grow in the grace and the knowledge of You as our Lord and Savior; That we may be sanctified and kept with You in the one true Christian faith; That, having risen with You, we may die no more; That You would raise us to Yourself at the resurrection of the just; That You would graciously feed us continually with Your very body and blood, the Meal of Immortality; That You would transform our lowly bodies so that they would be like Your glorious body; That we would behold Your face with joy; That You would secure us into the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world; And that we would dwell in Your holy House forevermore;

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would deliver us from all sin, from all religious error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; From sudden and evil death; From disease and famine, from war and bloodshed; From sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and storm; From all calamity by fire and water; And from everlasting death,

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would guard all the members of Your holy Christian Church, adorn Your holy Bride with Your righteousness, bless and protect our Synod, together with all its ministers, congregations and institutions; That You would grant us all the spirit of prayer and reverent worship, govern and sanctify our thoughts, words, and deeds; That You would adorn our lives with patience and humility, kindle in us love and mercy, clothe us with chastity, work in us the peace of God; That You would keep us in Your grace, tend to the sick, the recovering and the dying in their time of need: _____, and our homebound members and all other fellow members, family, friends and acquaintances with healing needs; and that You would watch over us all, provide for us in our necessities and help us in our infirmities,

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: That You would guide and bless Kurtis Hankemeier in all his ways as he prepares to enter Concordia Seminary in St. Louis this summer in order to begin his studies for the pastor ministry, and that he and his wife, Amanda, would have a safe move and good transition,

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: O Lord, have mercy.

C: O Christ, have mercy.

P: O Lord, have mercy.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]

PROPER PREFACE (LORD'S SUPPER OPENING PRAYER) FOR OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should in all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb Who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

COMMUNION HYMNS: 🎵 200, 205, 193 & 367

CLOSING HYMN: 🎵 191

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	38	--	13	\$1,448.00
St. James	52	--	8 10	\$1,319.00

	Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor				
	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	17,868.00				
Actual	22,180.87		1,750.00		12
Last Week	1,448.00				

	Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington				
	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	31,620.00			31,620.00	
Actual	26,222.25	15.00	50.00	26,287.25	12
Last Week	1,319.00			1,319.00	

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 3:30PM: Week Day School
THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
FRIDAY *Pastor's Day Off

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

***We remember in our prayers:...at Holy Trinity...*Eldor Brade, Dorothy Schimank, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche*;...at St. James...*Bernice Lay, Lois Turner, Darvin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, David Roensch, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], *Amber Brockenbush* [friend and relative of St. James members], and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++*Easter Lilies*...we would appreciate your donation of an Easter lilies for our Easter services! Please be sure to pick yours up following the service today!!! Again, many THANKS!

***TURKEY AND DRESSING ...Holy Trinity will be sponsoring their annual Turkey and Dressing

- dinner on Sunday, April 14 beginning at 10:30am at their parish hall. All dinners are \$13.00 with drive thru serving only. Proceeds will be used for Church and Parish Hall improvements.
- +++**St. James**...we express our THANKS for the generous donations of...new blue hymnals...and Easter eggs for this morning's Easter egg hunt...and baked goods for this morning's Easter breakfast! These donations are GREATLY appreciated!!!
- +++**Former Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home Assistant to Prepare For the Pastoral Ministry**
...Kurtis Hankemeier, who has served many in our community in his time at Phillip & Luckey, has received God's call to enter Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and to begin his studies toward becoming an ordained pastor in the LCMS. We wish Kurtis and his wife, Amanda, well as he begins his time at Concordia this summer, and we keep them both in our prayers.
- *****St. James**...we have a variety of cards...check out our display of **Confirmation cards** on the table in the hallway by the offices...available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!
- +++**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**...Our Sunday morning Bible Class study throughout the Season of Lent will be based on the theme of the previous Wednesday's Lenten service. We will resume our study on 1st Corinthians in Easter. Our Thursday morning Bible study is making its way through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to attend.
- ***Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's new book, "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!
- +++**QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!
- *****BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...St. James-Heather Exner, 1; Cullen Wagner, 2; Lindsay Brown, 3; Tatum Fritsch, 6; Kadrinia Iselt, 6.
- +++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Steven & Kathy Moerbe, 4; Dale & Kimmie Schneider, 6; Andrew & Brittany Schubert, 6.