

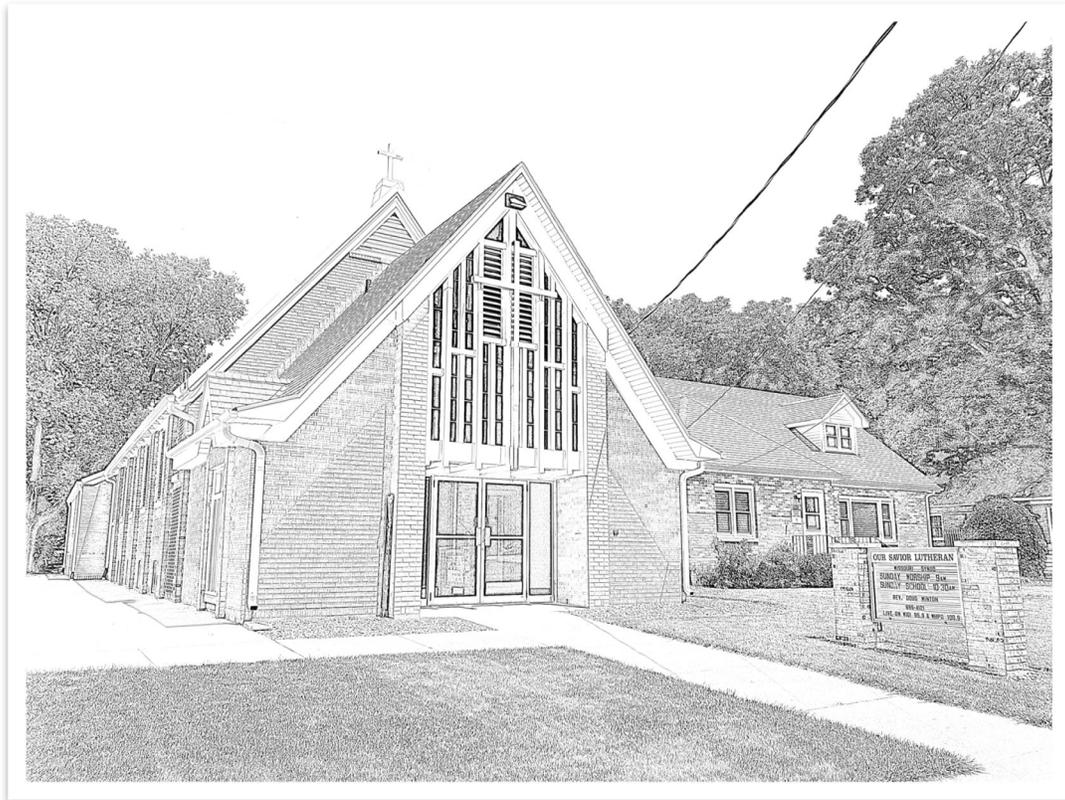
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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prayer Before Worship

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

Opening Hymn

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Opening Versicles

LSB 260

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** He was bruised for our iniquities.

- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 91:1-13

- ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- ²**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”**
- ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.
- ⁴**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find | refuge;*
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.**
- ⁵You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,
- ⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.**
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.
- ⁸**You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.**
- ⁹Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- ¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**
- ¹¹For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹²**On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

L A reading from Deuteronomy, the twenty-sixth chapter.

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

L A reading from Romans, the tenth chapter.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L A reading from the Gospel of Luke, the fourth chapter.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsoy

LSB 263

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn of the Day

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656



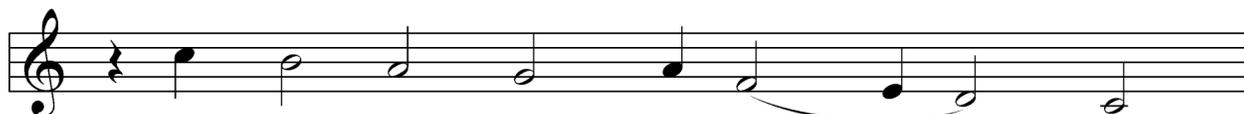
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



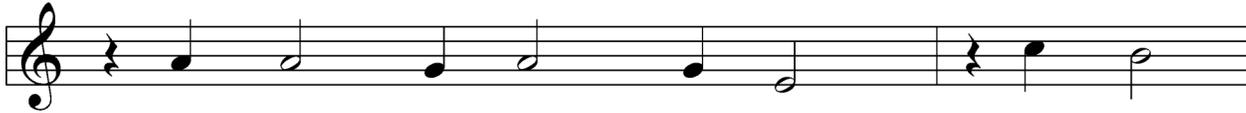
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



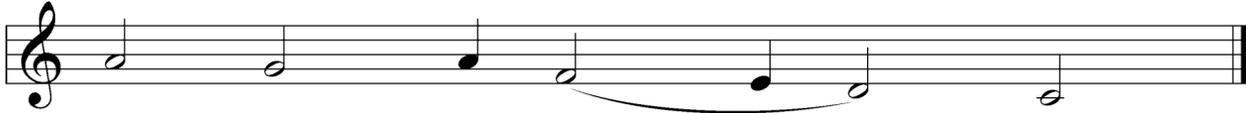
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none other God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C** You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

**☩ 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.**

Catechism Reading: The Second Commandment

LSB 321

What is the Second Commandment?

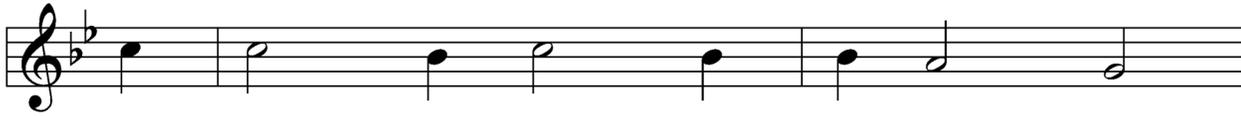
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Sermon

“Tempted as We Are”
Luke 4:1-13



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△7 All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

LSB 422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Blessing

LSB 267

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”

LSB 521



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: “You’ll lie crushed be - neath His feet!”
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: Pastors Winkel, Good Shepherd, Hoopeston, 9am
Tuesday: Elders, 7pm
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30pm
Wednesday: Lent Meal, 5:45pm; Hymn Sing, 6:45pm
Wednesday: Lent Service, 7pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	3/9/25	3/12/25	3/16/25
Elder	Jim Winder	Jim Winder	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Darren and Jamie Bakken		Dean Lingley Patty Bruens
Sound Board	Dean Lingley	Dean Lingley	Neil Rieches
Greeters	Doug and Jennifer Morgeson		Lois Pounder Linda Kellerhals
Acolyte	Jackson Lavicka	Jackson Lavicka	Ellie Schwartz
Head Usher	Marvin Wright	Marvin Wright	Marvin Wright
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT MEALS and FELLOWSHIP begin Wednesday, starting at 5:45pm. This week we are having sloppy joes, chips, veggies, and dessert. This week, our **free will donation** will benefit the Sunday School's mission to supply **Sunday School Lessons for Southeast Asia**. Each year our Sunday School children choose a mission to support with their offerings. This year they chose to help supply Sunday School lessons in Southeast Asia through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. For every **\$2** donated, a student will receive **Sunday School lessons for a year**. Thank you for helping our SS kids tell others about Jesus!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will continue in the study of the Minor Prophets. Today we will be studying Nahum. We have plenty of room and the coffee and treats are free!

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!! Please let Linda Kellerhals know by March 16 if you want to be a member of LWML of Our Savior Lutheran Church. We do not have meetings but still collect mites for the benefit of fund raisers. The dues will be \$15, part of which goes to receiving the Quarterly booklet.

2025 MARTIN+KATIE CONFERENCE will be held at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 21st. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 28, and Saturday night, March 29! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 30.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTE: Since we are now in Lent, we will sing Hymn 422, On My Heart Imprint Your Image in place of the New Testament Canticle.

EASTER FLOWER order forms are here! If you misplaced your copy from the March Newsletter, there are extras in the narthex. Please return to Renee by **Sunday, March 16**. Please plan to pick up your flowers after service on Easter or Monday, especially if you order hydrangeas, azaleas, or tulips as these don't do well with little light and water during the week.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF WOODWORTH is hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 14th, sponsored by the PTL. Carry-outs will be available in the lunchroom beginning at 4:00 pm with dining in the gym beginning at 5:00 pm. Free will donations will benefit the many projects of the PTL to benefit the students.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN for singing this morning! Special thanks to our solo/duet groups. We enjoy hearing our young members as part of our worship service.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Trevor Whaley	Today
Carl Brazel	Monday
Dean Lingley	Wednesday
Renee Rapp	Thursday
Courtney Rieches	Thursday
Dorothy Knake (96!)	Saturday
Nancy Tobeck	Saturday

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Bob Hastings, health issues
Phil Raddatz, recovering from heart surgery
Gordon Anderson, brother of Norm Anderson, heart surgery
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Dorothy Knake as she celebrates her 96th birthday on Saturday.

Those who mourn: Family and friends of Mary Schroeder, mother of Sara Janssen, who died last week. Arrangements are pending.

Family and friends of Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge, who died this week. Arrangements are pending.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes	Dorothy Knake
Delmer Henrichs	Joann Sloan
Arlene Hines	Brenda St. Peter

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Our Savior in Washington and Frank Gallagher.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Immanuel in Loda and St. Peter in Thawville and Earl Kinnee as he serves as their Vacancy Pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA

Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



Moments with Mahlah

For the Week of March 2, 2025

Mahlah began the week by visiting Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park, with Judy Danforth as handler and Brent Danforth as ministry partner. It was easy to see how happily Mahlah's visits are welcomed by all her friends.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit the Gilman Elementary School on Thursday with Jayne Henrichs as handler. The event was to read to young students at the library. On Friday Mahlah was to visit Autumn Fields and Heritage Health in Hoopston, with Sheila Selk as handler and Renee Minton as ministry partner.

Looking back to last week, Mahlah enjoyed a visit with students at the South Newton Elementary School on Thursday with Jayne as handler. Exploring and understanding feelings was the discussion for the day.



On Friday the 28th, Mahlah traveled to Prairieview with Susan and Rod Yergler. She was joyfully welcomed by many friends.



Remember to email Mahlah at Mahlah@K9Comfort.org if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.

