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+ St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
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As We Gather: St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

It was King David's idea to build a permanent house for the ark of the covenant and the Lord's name (2 Sam. 7:5-7). The temple he planned was built by King Solomon, but it was never really David or Solomon who housed and protected God. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house" (2 Sam. 7:11). St. Joseph was not Jesus' true father, since the child "conceived in [Mary] is from the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 1:20). The Church commemorates him instead as the "guardian of Jesus." Heeding the word of God's angels, protecting the unborn Christ, sparing the infant Jesus from Herod's wrath, seeing Him "out of Egypt" again (Matt. 2:13-23), and bringing Him up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4), Joseph is an example for all Christian fathers and guardians. But as with David "housing" the Lord who made a house for him, Joseph was never really the guardian. Christ was. His name is "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The "offspring" promised to Abraham and renewed in the promises to David is the One "who gives life to the dead" (Rom. 4:16-18). He is David's King, Abraham's Lord, Joseph's Guardian and our Savior.

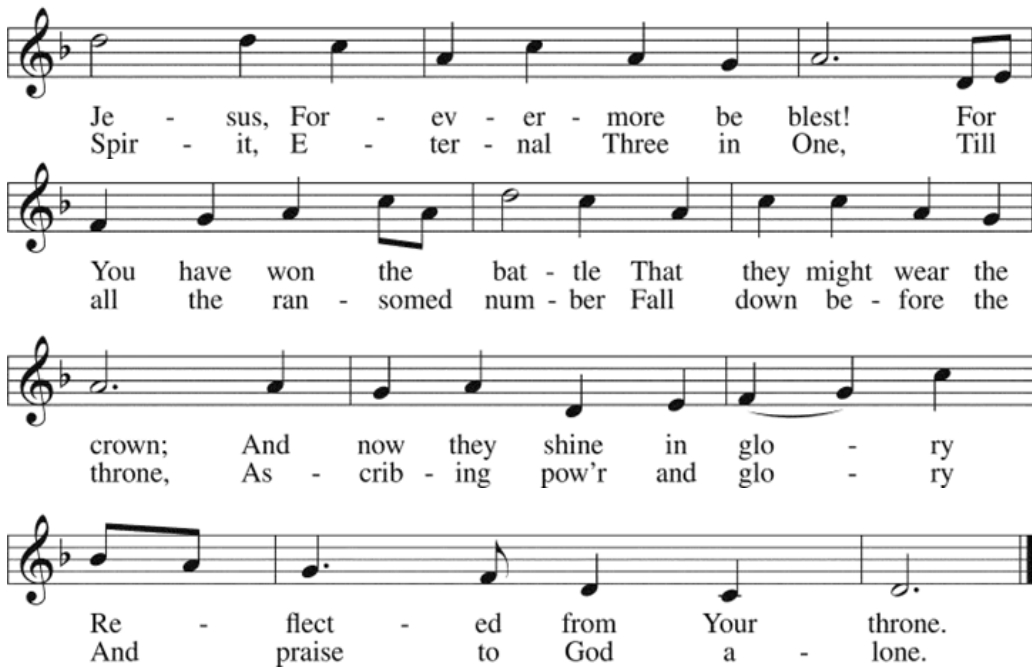
Hymn 'By All Your Saints in Warfare' verses 1,14,3 LSB 517



1 By all Your saints in the war - fare, For
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till
You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the
crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry
Re - flect - ed from God Your throne.
And praise to God a - lone.

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Opening Versicles: Lent

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

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has become 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."



Refrain

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.



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.



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



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

Reading

2 Samuel 7:4–16

4That same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?””

8Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 128:1



Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,*
 who walks | in his ways!

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener-
 | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
 your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
 who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
 who exult in your name | all the day*
 and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**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.**
Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,*
who walks | in his ways!

Reading

Romans 4:13–18

13The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

16That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

13When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son. . . .”

19But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” 21And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: Lent

LSB 263

L We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

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

L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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 Christ, the Righteous One.

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

Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

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 bear false witness 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

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

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.

Sermon

“The Eternal Guardian”

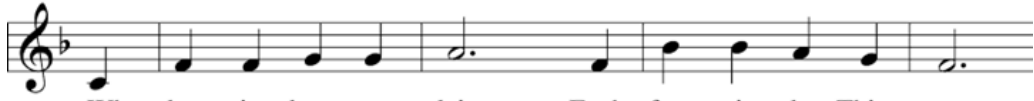
Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Hymn ‘Our Father, by Whose Name’

LSB 863



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
 With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

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.

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

LSB 582

God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

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

Benediction

LSB 267

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

Closing Hymn ‘Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord’

LSB 352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram’s prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on’s help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of
kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob’s Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 22:1–14, Hebrews 9:11–15, and John 8:42–59.

Stewardship: John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’” Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

In effort to clean and better organize the kitchen, many items that do not get used are on the table in the entryway. These items will remain on the table until the last Sunday in March. Please feel free to look and take anything that is yours, or that you would like.

Sunday School: Today, we will study Jacob’s family in “A Family Grows.” Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban’s household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel’s older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel’s hand for another seven years of service.

Building Healthy Families for March 19th: Did You Know: On average there are 100,000 hairs on a human head. How many on yours? Don’t know? God does! “Indeed, the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than sparrows.” Luke 12:7 Don’t ever think that your concerns and worries are too small – or too big - for your Father! When the troubles and concerns of the world tempt you to forget, run your fingers through your hair and remember that you are His precious child. ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for March 19th: “When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women’s health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?” Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life ~ www.lutheransforlife.org

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 19th: Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors’ brokenesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

Lutheran Hour Ministries for March 26th: Hear “Is God Missing in Action?” based on John 11 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Is God “missing in action?” Not if we see things from God’s eternal perspective. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC... In observation of The Annunciation of Our Lord, You can listen to sacred Christmas music on Saturday, March 25. Listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 3/26—4/1 is **Wyckoff**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/2—4/8 is **Baker**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

Birthdays

*Today...Ann Kirgis
Friday...Nicole Puls & Melissa Mintle
Saturday...Ken Harms*

Baptismal Birthdays

*Today...Egan Bayer
Thursday...William Koepp
Saturday...Randy Carnine*

Anniversaries

none this week

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work for March 22nd

5th/6th Grades: Lord's Prayer: Second Petition and meaning

7th Grade: Third Article and meaning

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 8, 2023 Midweek Lent

General Fund \$215.00

March 12, 2023

Attendance 39

General Fund \$5475.00

Missions \$145.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9:00am 10:30am	St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Bible Study/Sunday School Usher: Ben Loudon Greeter: Mergen Servers: Tammy Smith/Angela Kennelly Acolyte/Crucifer: Elizabeth/Kaitlynn Elder: Darlo Kelting
Monday	11:30am 1:00pm	LWML Board of Evangelism & Missions
Tuesday	2-4pm	Pastor in class
Wed.	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	5th/6th Grades Confirmation 7th Grade Confirmation Meal Evening Prayer Service: Pastor Alex Post
Thursday	9:30am	Confessions Study at Holy Cross, Carlisle
Next Sun.	9:00am 10:30am	Judica (5th Sunday of Lent) Bible Study/Sunday School (Popcorn Sunday) Usher: Oliver Loudon Greeter: Mintle Servers: Lindsey Wyckoff/Bev Huebner Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Finn Elder: Steve Haase Food Pantry Sunday



Join us for Lent

*Meals served at 5:00pm
Evening Prayer Service begins at 6:30pm*

March 22

Pastor Alex Post

“Where is this written?”

March 29

Pastor Joel Koepp

“Who receives this Sacrament worthily?”

Palm Sunday & Holy Week

April 2

9:00am Palm Sunday

April 3, 4, 5

Noon Prayer & Preaching Service

April 6

6:30pm Holy Thursday Divine Service

April 7

6:30pm Good Friday Divine Service

April 8

Noon Holy Saturday Prayer & Preaching Service

6:30pm Easter Vigil Service

*He is
Risen*

April 9

Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Dawn Divine Service

6:30am

Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day Divine Service

9:00am