Divine Service



The Second Sunday of Lent

March 5th, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

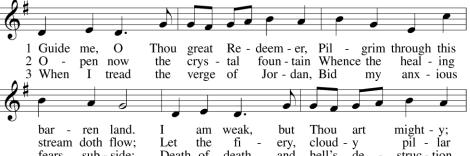
H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram "a great nation," to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:2-3). "Abram went, as the LORD had told him" (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan "he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD" (Gen. 12:8). He "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He "justifies the ungodly" (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which "gives life to the dead" (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).





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Stand

Stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation LSB 184

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

- P Upon this your confession, 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 of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- ations.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*

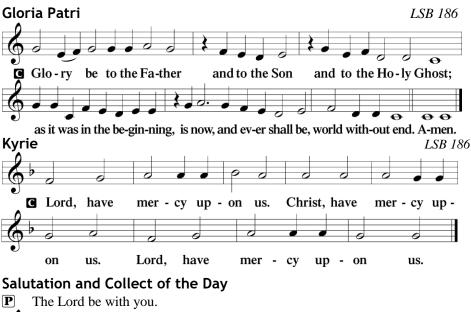
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

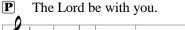
He is the | LORD our God;*

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for- ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- ations.





C And with spir it. thy

P Let us pray.

> O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,* the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered:

8blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."...

¹³For the 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¹Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' §The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from 1 Lord, Thee I 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om With ten - der cheer Earth de - part, mer - cy me. me all I ĥave In this poor life of la bor. Lord, bear me home. That Ι may die fear And un ing; Yea. plea - sure Ι would share. heav'n it - self were has no grant that Ι in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thv in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - v safe in void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear ing. And then from sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake. heart for doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file. That these mine eyes with wak - en me, death a joy may see, tion Ι have sought; Thy Thou the pre - cious art por Give strength and tience To bear my pa un - to me O Son of God, Thy MvSav - ior glo - rious face. blood my soul has bought. Lord Je SUS Christ, my God and Christ, my God and cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je sus and my fount of grace. Lord Je sus Christ, my prayer at -Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me Thy Word. not! trust Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end. Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg

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Sermon

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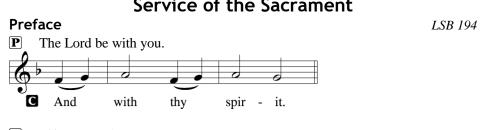
Prayer of the Church

Sit

As the altar is set for the Lord's Supper you can prepare to receive the sacrament. There are prayers in the front of the hymnal or you can meditate on a communion hymn.

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Service of the Sacrament







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hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,

but deliver us from evil.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation.

give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses

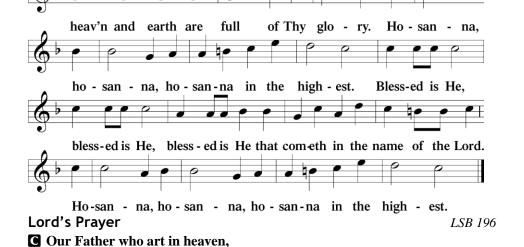
Sanctus

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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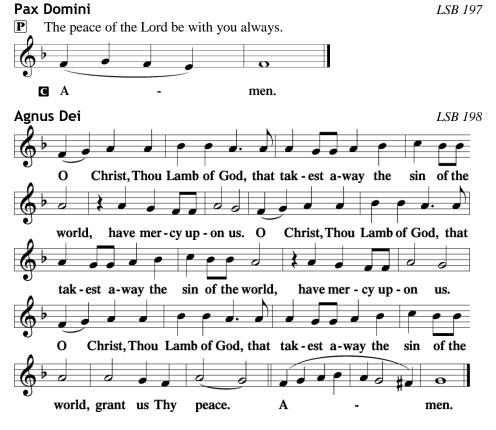


For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Sit

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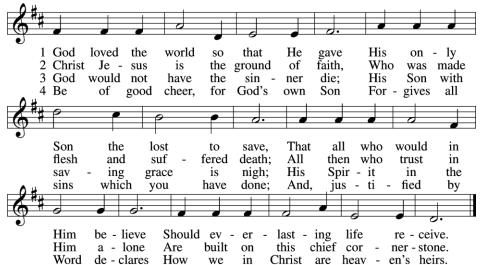
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5 If you are sick, if death is near,

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This truth your troubled heart can cheer:

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Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. △6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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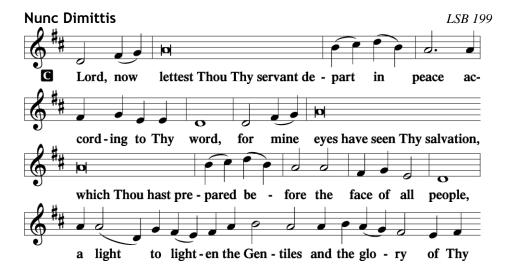
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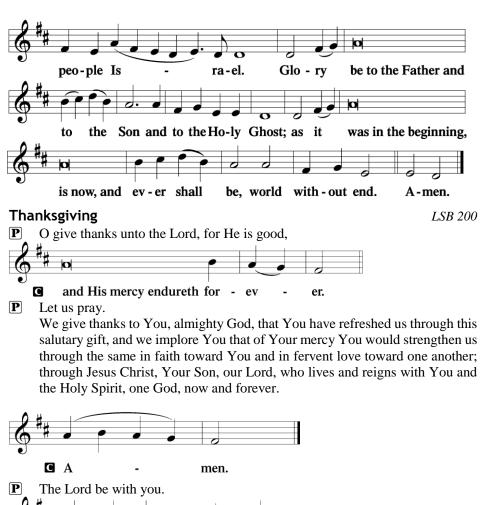
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

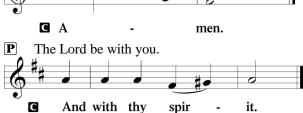
→ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand







Benedicamus

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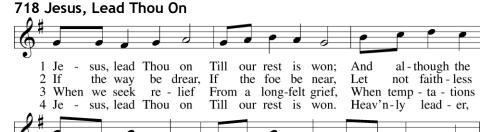
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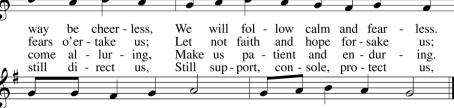
The Lord bless you and keep you. P

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.







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Prayers for Our Members		
Madisen Skaggs	Expecting	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Grace Burger	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Lee Wells	Healing	
Robin Baker	Cancer	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & F	riends
Lana Fattig (Eric's wife)	Expecting
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Greg Blum (Junge Family Friend)	Healing
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Joshua Junge (Steve's nephew)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Aaron Russell (Becky Thornton's son-in-law)	Healing
David & Carol Shiers (Jessica's parents)	Healing
Ruth Shoen (Joy Barefoot's sister)	Healing
Pat Snyder (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Gay Koopman (Todd Koopman's sister)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Cindy Pietsch (Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Don Todd, Jr. (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Worship Assistants Sunday, March 5th - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig Usher: Fred Flessner
Acolyte: Brynne Fisher Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Altar Guild: Mary Fiddelke & Lyn Hoffman

Wednesday, March 8th - 7:00p

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Acolyte: Grace Burger

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Usher: Fred Flessner

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Sunday, March 12th - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Acolyte: Noah Randolph
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Mary Fiddelke & Lyn Hoffman

Response to the Gospel

Date: 2/26/2023 Offering: \$6,182.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or leave.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Marian Allwardt, in thanks for Carol on her birthday, March 20th.

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This Week at Zion

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Sun 3/5	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
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	5:00p	Divine Service
	5p-7p	
	Birthdays	Patrick Brost
Mon 3/6		
	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	Birthdays	Emily Hartman
		Kimberly Wilkens
Wed 3/8	8:30a	Chapel
	5:30p	Lenten Meal
	5:30p	Midweek
	7:00p	Lenten Service
	8:00p	Adult Choir
	Birthdays	Donna Bosard
		Mary Fiddelke
	Anniversaries	Boyd & Michelle Millsap
Thurs 3/9	Birthdays	Norm Abels (101st Birthday!)
Fri 3/10		
Sat 3/11 Birthda	Birthdays	Gradyn Fisher
		Jeremiah Hoffman
		Wes Fiddelke
Sun 3/12	9:00a	Divine Service
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	Birthdays	Connie DeLaet
		Harrison Strong



Where our Triune God strengthens us through His mercy in faith toward Him and in fervent love toward one another.

Announcements for March 5th, 2023

<u>Daylight Savings:</u> Next Sunday, March 12th, turn your clocks forward an hour.

<u>The Penitential Psalms:</u> Join us as we gather this Wednesday at 7pm to consider the Penitential Psalm 38, where we cry out: "Come quickly to help me, O Lord My Savior!" We will also review our teaching on the office of the keys. Evangelism/Stewardship/Youth will be serving a meal at 5:30p.

<u>Directory Pictures:</u> If you missed getting your picture taken or prefer sending in a picture, email them to Holly.

<u>Activity Pictures:</u> If you have pictures from events at Zion and would like them featured in the directory, email them to Emily Baker - stevens.emily@yahoo.com

<u>Sunday School:</u> There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, March 12^{th} as the Zion 4^{th} - 8^{th} graders will be singing at Holy Cross.

<u>Lenten Bible Reading Cards:</u> Reading the New Testament in Lent is a worthwhile and doable discipline. Simply read about 6-8 chapters a day, six days a week, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending before Holy Thursday. A schedule of readings can be found on the purple sheet in the church entryway. You can also pick up a yellow Bible ready check-off card to keep track of your Bible reading progress for the whole year.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the 2023 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>National Lutheran Schools Week:</u> It's here! The most fun week of the year! Be sure to look at the handout that went home to see all of the fun activities planned for the week!

<u>PEACE Auction:</u> Get your reservations in for the PEACE Auction on March 18th at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Contact Holly in the office on how to get tickets. The deadline is March 10th.

<u>Plant Sales:</u> It's here! Plant sales are in full swing. Turn in orders at the office by March 31st.

<u>Best of Kearney:</u> The Kearney Hub has started its Best of Kearney Voting. Zion Preschool has been blessed to win this award for many years. Go to this link to vote: https://kearneyhub.com/contests/best-of-kearney-2023/