



## THE REPORTER

*We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,  
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
(LSB p. 166)*

During this Lent season, we will be focusing on *The Salutary Gift* that Jesus gives us through His body and His blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. This theme comes from the post-Communion prayer above.

Throughout this series, we will look at the different images and metaphors from the Scriptures that highlight the blessings we receive in the Lord's Supper. Through the Scriptures and our hymns, we seek to appreciate the full range of blessings that are present when we receive this salutary gift.

But what does "salutary" mean? It's a word we use in the Communion liturgy but rarely anywhere else. Salutary means "favorable to or promoting health." Jesus gave us His Supper to promote our soul's health. Through it, He gives us the forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation as the Small Catechism teaches us.

The Lord's Supper is a gift to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. He instituted it on the night He was betrayed to be done "often" in the Church until the Last Day. As part of His institution, He encourages us to examine ourselves so that we might receive His gifts for our good instead of receiving His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:28).

In His mercy, He strengthens us through His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine from the altar. This strength shows itself in faith toward Him and fervent love for one another. This fervent love is intense because we know that without Christ's mercy we would have no forgiveness, no everlasting life, no salvation. Also, without Christ's mercy, we would also not have communion with one another or with the "angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven" as we proclaim in the Communion liturgy.

All that we have and receive in the Lord's Supper comes from our Lord Jesus Christ and His mercy as He gives us a foretaste of what we will receive in Heaven.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### Men's Bible Breakfast

We will begin a study of the *Intersection of Church and State* from Lutheran Hour Ministries on Saturday, March 8 at 8am. Norm P. will be our host. What did Thomas Jefferson mean by the "wall of separation" between Church and State? What does Jesus say about being a citizen of both Church and State? These questions and more will be answered through this four-part video series. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

### Reading through the Confessions

In March, our readings from the Confessions discuss the Righteousness of Faith. How does God consider us righteous? Why does everything revolve around Jesus and the Gospel? Throughout the Confessions, we see that righteousness is only available through faith in Jesus Christ.

The language can be difficult to get through because we don't think and speak in the same way about the Christian faith as in previous generations.

### Sunday School News

The Sunday School children will be singing Sunday, March 9 during the service.

### Lent Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 with the Imposition of Ashes. Please bring your Palm Branches from last year to the church by Sunday, March 2 so we can have the ashes ready. This year our Lent Series is : The Salutory Gift

- March 5: Ash Wednesday – Life-Giving Fruit (Genesis 3:1-15)
- March 12: Bread from Heaven (Exodus 16:1-12)
- March 19: Healing Medicine (Luke 10:25-37)
- March 26: Blest Communion (1 Corinthians 10:14-22)
- April 2: Rest for the Weary (Matthew 11:27-12:8)
- April 9: Nuptial Feast (Isaiah 61:10-62:5)
- April 17: Maundy Thursday – Covenant Meal (Exodus 24:3-11)
- April 18: Good Friday – Sacrificial Banquet (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
- April 20: Easter – Feast of Victory (Isaiah 25:6-9)

### Other Lent Information

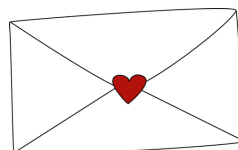
We will begin our Lent meals and Hymn Sing on Wednesday, March 12. Serving for meals will begin at **5:45pm** and the Hymn Sing will begin at 6:45pm. (Note the meal time change.) Watch the bulletin for menus and information on freewill donations. Offerings during our Lent services will again this year be added to our Missions money.

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### ***Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning***

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Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
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**Update to Member Information**

Please update your member directory with this updated information. If you need another directory, ask Renee.

**Julie Towers**

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**Easter Flower Order Forms**

Order forms are included in the newsletter and there are extras in the narthex. Please return to Renee by Sunday, March 23. 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.

**Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for March****Week of March 2, 2025****Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**Week of March 9, 2025****1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**Week of March 16, 2025****2 Corinthians 5:14–15**

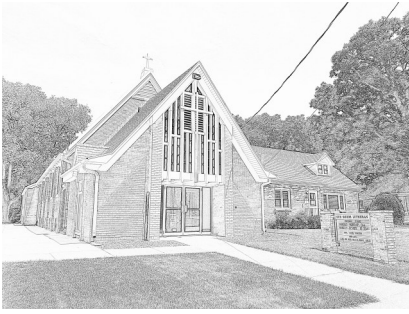
For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

**Week of March 23, 2025****1 John 3:16**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

**Week of March 30, 2025****1 Peter 3:18**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.



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Worship Service 9:00 am  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10:30 am

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **MARCH REPORTER**

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service  
starting at 9:00 am**

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