

## Lent Schedule

Lenten Soup Supper Wednesdays (3/26, 4/2, 9): 5p

Soup	Crackers/cheese	Vegetables	Clean-up
3/26 Siek/Horner	Sanders	Tribble	-
4/2 Tomaw/Osbun	Stephens	Rose	-
4/9 Horner/Stephens	Stephens	Sanders	-

Mondays (3/24,31, 4/7): 6:30p Sung Vespers

Wednesdays (3/26, 4/2,9): 6:30p Divine Service

Sundays: 9:00a Divine Service

Tuesday, March 25: 6:00p Divine Service for  
The Annunciation (Gabriel to Mary)

## Holy Week Schedule

MATINS: 9:00a Monday (4/14), Tuesday (4/15),  
Wednesday (4/16), Saturday (4/19)

DIVINE SERVICE: 6:30p Monday (4/14)  
:6:00p Tuesday(4/15)  
Wednesday(4/16)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: (4/17): 6:00p Divine Service

GOOD FRIDAY: (4/18): 6:00p Divine Service

EASTER VIGIL: (4/19): 8:00p Saturday

EASTER SUNRISE: (4/20): 6:00A Divine Service  
Easter Breakfast

EASTER SUNDAY: (4/20): 9:00A Divine Service  
Easter Breakfast

## Announcements for March 23, 2025

*A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.*

- ♦ **Bible Class:** Pastor Stephens will continue our study on the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Sunday School Classes are in session. Children should gather in Mr. Siek's room for Treats and Opening before heading to your separate classes.
- ♦ **Lenten Bible Reading Schedule** of the Major Old Testament Stories, put together by our friend Pastor Petersen from Redeemer, can be found on the table in the Narthex on the yellow paper.
- ♦ **Voters' Assembly: Today: Sunday, March 23:** Budget
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 25, 6p:** Divine Service for The Annunciation.
- ♦ **Easter Flowers:** See Karin Horner about the purchase of the Easter Flowers: Lillies, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Hydrangeas, Grape Hyacinths, and other types of flowers that you typically purchase for the Altar and other Sanctuary areas. Thank you for your help with flowers, Karin!
- ♦ **Easter Breakfast:** See Karin Horner as she is organizing the breakfast. Thank you, Karin, and all those who help in any way!
- ♦ **Pop Tops** for Ronnie is an ongoing collection, thank you for your continued support!
- ♦ **Altar Flowers:** \*There will be no flowers the next few weeks during Lent, the exception is Laetare\*
- ♦ **Collection for: Mar 16, 2025:** \$1,512.00. (Average needed each week~\$3,347.00)



## THE SEASON OF LENT

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-Lent. The second is Lent, which is the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide and Holy Week.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** takes its name from the ceremony of ashes. We begin our journey by mourning for our sins and setting our faces toward Jerusalem. The Sundays are all given Latin names. Those names come from the first word or phrase of the Introit assigned for the day.

The first Sunday is called **INVOCAVIT**, which means “He shall call.” It comes from Psalm 91: “He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him.” The Gospel is Our Lord’s temptation in the desert and the Psalmist gives voice to Our Lord’s prayer as He faces Satan in order to deliver us from evil.

The second Sunday is called **REMINISCERE**, which means “remember.” It comes from Psalm 25: “Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses.” The Gospel is the account of the Canaanite woman’s terrible battle with Our Lord for her demon-possessed daughter. The woman holds Our Lord to His Word. She insists that He remember His promises and be the Messiah.

The third Sunday is called **OCULI**, which means “Mine eyes.” It also comes from Psalm 25: “Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.” The Gospel recounts the healing of a deaf and mute man. His eyes were rightly on the Lord.

The fourth Sunday is called **LAETARE**, which means “rejoice.” It comes from Isaiah 66: “Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her: all ye that love her.” The Gospel is the feeding of the five thousand who had ample cause for rejoicing. The fifth Sunday, **JUDICA**, is the beginning of Passiontide.

In Lent, we continue to abstain from the “Alleluias” and Greater Gloria. The color is violet to signify mourning for a monarch. Flowers no longer adorn the Altar and the zimbelstern will be silent. The Litany will be used for the Prayer of the Church on Sundays and for the Preparation in the midweek services. The Thanksgiving after the Holy Communion changes from “O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever,” to “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup: you do show the Lord’s death till He comes,” and a second Post-Communion Collect is added in the midweek services. The Crucifixes and Cross, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*. We also add the Collect for Ash Wednesday to every Service. As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in them when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

This season is meant to order our hearts and minds upon not only on the terrible cost of Our Lord’s gracious sacrifice on our behalf but also on His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and persons, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.



## Walking with Our Savior this Week

<b>TODAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9a</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a
	-/Senne & Garber	
	SS: Opening/Treats/Class Promptly	After Service
	Voters’ Assembly	10:45a
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Sung Vespers</b>	<b>6:30p</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b><i>The Annunciations DS</i></b>	<b>6p</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Greek Class	3-4p
	Catechesis	4-5p
	Children’s Choir/Youth Bible	5:35/5:40p
	<i>Lenten Soup Supper</i>	5p
	<b><i>Divine Service</i></b>	<b>6:30p</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Private Conf. & Absolution	11a-12n
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Divine Service of Communion</i></b>	<b>9a</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30a
(Mar. 30)	M&A Horner/Jordan	
	SS: Treats/Opening/Class Promptly	After Service
	Bible Study	10:45a

You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home readings for next Sunday:  
March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent - *Laetare*  
Exodus 16:2–21, Galatians 4:22–5:1a, John 6:1–15

Pastor Stephens’ Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:30-noon.  
*In need of Pastoral Care call/text anytime, day, or night (201)572-6832.*  
\*Private Confession and Absolution available anytime by appointment.

Weekly/Monthly Announcements can be sent to Rebecca Stephens by email at emmaus1923secretary@gmail.com or by phone/text at (201) 572-6962.