

# Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent



“And 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.”

Matthew 2:23

## St. Joseph, the Guardian of Jesus

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19 March A+D 2023

**Welcome in Jesus' name** to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

**Worship at St. Paul's** is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

**The Lord's Supper is offered** every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

### **Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**

Today is both Laetare Sunday and the Festival of St. Joseph, guardian of our Lord. On Laetare Sunday, we remember how God provides for all our needs of body and soul (Collect for Laetare). Likewise, on the Festival of St. Joseph, we remember God's provision, specifically through the protection of His Son through Joseph, Jesus' foster father (Matthew 2). Through this Jesus, the Son of God and stepson of Joseph, God provides to us all spiritual and physical blessings, including the gift of earthly fathers like Joseph. Today we give thanks to God, our Provider, for the gift of godly men who provide for, protect, and train their children, and we seek God's help, no matter who we might be, to live out our vocations faithfully, relying always on His grace.

**Service Notes:** The Gloria Dei Choir will provide music at 8:00 a.m. The Frank Family Kantorei will be singing during the 10:45 a.m. service.

**Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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# Divine Service

## Setting One

Prelude: Partita on ST. JOSEPH.....Rev. Timothy Frank

### O Joseph, Son of David



1. "O Jo - seph, Son of Da - vid turn not your ear from me.
2. The Ho - ly Spir - it act - ed out His sanc - ti - fy - ing grace.
3. A - las, how it de - press - es Cre - a - tor God Most High,
4. So Jo - seph ran, "step - fa - ther now," to Mar - y full of fear.
5. O - mark it well who strug - gle with young chil - dren on the earth,



I know that you are pon - der - ing of Mar - y qui - et - ly.  
Pre - par - ing for this Child of God a dark and ho - ly place.  
When sin - ners turn from lit - tle babes and leave them 'lone to die!  
Held tight her hands and said to her, "My wife, my love most dear!  
God has His way of mov - ing us from sor - row un - to mirth.



But God sent me to bring to you a word of peace this night.  
Then fear - ful - ly and won - der - ful - ly God be - gan His work.  
"Now lis - ten here, young car - pen - ter, and be a mo - del hence,  
God sent His an - gel in the night from an - ger me to win,  
Let Jo - seph your ex - am - ple be that you need not de - spair,



For rest - ing in her womb there lies His Son, the Lord of Life!"  
Pre - par - ing for this Child of God a dark and ho - ly place.  
You go to her! Speak for that Child! The Fa - ther, rep - re - sent!"  
Your womb con - tains the Son of God to save us from our sins!"  
This "un - planned" child, Im - man - u - el, was gift be - yond com - pare!

Text: Nathan A. Sherill

Written for St. Paul's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols December 24, 2014,

with thanksgiving to God for my father, a faithful heir of Joseph according to faith and life. *Psalms 139:13-17, Proverbs 31:8-9, Isaiah 7:14,*

Tune: Timothy A. Frank, 2023

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*Matthew 1:18-25, Romans 8:28*

## Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But is we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your**

**Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit (Congregation sings bold.)

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!

## Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**Pastor:** 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.

**Cong:** Amen.

*Sit*

*The Old Testament Lesson ~ 2 Samuel 7:4–16*

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>In 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?"<sup>8</sup> Now, 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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, <sup>11</sup>from 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. <sup>12</sup>When 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. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I 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, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** (Choir/Kantorei) *"God Our Father Doth Provide Us"*.....Rev. Timothy Frank

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

God our Father doth provide us  
Earthly fathers here to guide us.  
Gifts they are from God in heaven,  
Who His Son in love has given.

God did give an earthly father  
To His Son, Our Lord and Brother,  
To instruct Him and to nourish  
That this Child might grow and flourish.

By this guardian God protected  
His own Son by king rejected,  
That the cross our Lord would suffer,  
Life to win for us forever.

Ransom paid, God now receives us  
As those baptized into Jesus.  
Gifts of body, soul, and spirit  
We as children now inherit.

Through the gift of earthly fathers  
God His children to Him gathers,  
To protect and teach and raise them  
That in heaven they may praise Him.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

*The Epistle Lesson ~ Romans 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That 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, <sup>17</sup>as 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. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse (Lent)

- ☐ Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.



### *The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

<sup>13</sup> When [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." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and 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." <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>And 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
2 We sing our thanks for Jo - seph, The  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
guard - ian of our Lord, Who faith - ful - ly taught  
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
Je - sus Through craft and deed and word. Grant  
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
wis - dom, Lord, and pa - tience To par - ents ev - 'ry -  
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
where Who guide and teach the chil - dren  
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
En - trust - ed to their care.  
And praise to God a - lone.

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**Sermon:** "God Our Father Provides" Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

LSB 192

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Offering: *NUN FREUT EUCH* (LSB# 556: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice") Johann Sebastian Bach

## Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

- ☐ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

### 453 Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

- 5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior,  
Bind me to You forever,  
I am no longer mine.  
To You I gladly tender  
All that my life can render  
And all I have to You resign.
- 7 Your cross I place before me;  
Its saving pow'r restore me,  
Sustain me in the test.  
It will, when life is ending,  
Be guiding and attending  
My way to Your eternal rest.

### 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



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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### 862 Oh, Blest the House



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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### 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Stand

### Nunc Dimittis

- G** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.

### Post-Communion Collect

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

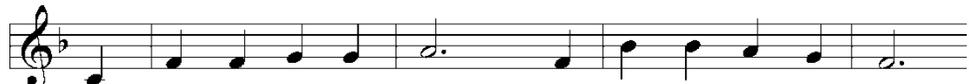
### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- G** Amen.

**863 Our Father, by Whose Name**



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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*Postlude: Concerto No. 1.....Bach*

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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**In our prayers we remember:** Deb Mohling, Pastor Tews, Bob Finke, Andrea Burns, Jan Goodin, Chris Rochleau, Dixie Roberts, Elizabeth Bowerman, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Brad White, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Donny Kadereit (son of Don & Marsha Kadereit), Jonathan Freeman (student of Coreen Trost), Donna Wilson (Theresa Bowerman’s mother) Bob Shelton (father of Dana & Corey Shelton), Irvin Termuende (brother-in-law of Eileen Termuende), Greg Ash (nephew of Louise Rettig, cousin of Bambi Heckerman), Theresa Cravey (Tom and Sue Trede’s daughter), Tom Rettig (son of Louise Rettig, brother of Bambi Heckerman), Jeannie Bates (Shelly Hanson’s mother), Linda Nagel (mother of Shaylie Gardner’s friend), Agnes Dillon (Allen Timm’s sister), Dawn Letcher (daughter of Tony & Shirley Gust), Danny Adams (Uncle of Heath Adams),

**Jan Goodin** and all other St. Paul’s Shut-Ins;

**Rev. Bill Clark and the congregation of Timothy Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs;**

Those serving in the armed forces... **Dustin Bathen**, grandson of Jan Steenbock, **David Letcher** -member of St. Paul’s, **Justin Carlton**, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, **Matthew Bandomer**, grandson of Art Bandomer, **Joey Greiner**, nephew of Joni Doiron, **Matthew James Harris**, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, **Jared Naja** (nephew of Laura Goodwin), **Cory Bartles** (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

**Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week:** John & Kiffany Ramsey.



News and Notes



**Christ Academy Wednesdays at 5:30 -7:00 p.m.**  
*The meals during Lent are sponsored by St. Paul's Youth.*  
*All donations will go towards their trip to San Antonio*  
*to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference.*

**Cantate Domino Choir - at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Lenten Worship – 6:30 p.m.**

**Handbell Choir – Monday at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Gloria Dei Choir – Monday at 7:15 p.m.**

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**Our Wednesday at Noon Organ Recital Series** continues this week with a recital by Zachary Zieschang, organist for Zion Lutheran Church, Omaha. Join us for lunch afterward in the undercroft.

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We will once again be hosting the **City-Wide Music Festival on Saturday, March 25th**. We will be needing cookies, bars, snacks or anything that you think might be enjoyed by our visitors young and old. Please have your treats to the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24th. Thank you in advance for helping us with this great mission outreach! If you would like to help in the kitchen, please contact: Karen Burns at [kburns@fnni.com](mailto:kburns@fnni.com) or 712-309-1070.

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9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

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**Wednesday: 3/22/23**

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC

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5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir

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**Friday: 3/24/23**

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

Set up for Festival/Snacks due by 4:00 p.m.

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All Day – City Wide Music Festival

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1500 N 16th St  
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