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# The Messiah Messenger



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Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I LOVE school visits!! They are my favorite thing.

School visits mean hugs (my favorite thing!) and ear scratches (my favorite thing!) and belly rubs (my favorite thing!)

I visit our Early Childhood Center, Lutheran North Academy, St. Mark Lutheran School and Memorial Elementary School.

The kids all work hard to learn new things.

(When I was a pup, I had to learn new things, too, so I know how hard that can be.)

When I visit a school, the students (and teachers) get a little break from their hard work.

My Jesus talks about learning. He says, **“Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”** (Matthew 11:29).

My Jesus is a teacher and we are all His students.

He teaches us about God’s love and how to be good. (Nothing makes me feel better than when I’m told that I’m a good boy!)

And my Jesus is a gentle and patient teacher who loves His students very much.

Every day with my Jesus is a time to learn new things about Him and His love.

Isn’t that PAWSOME?!?

Your friend Gabriel





# From the Pastor



## Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

*Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,  
Let Your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me,  
Let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,  
Wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor  
That I cling to You forever!*

*Lord, Your words are waters living  
When my thirsting spirit pleads.  
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;  
On Your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, Your words will be my light  
through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing  
And my cup of joy unfailing!*

*As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
Let Your words in me take root.  
May Your Spirit e'er be near me  
That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise,  
From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given  
In the endless joy of heaven.*

Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt



## "Listen to Him"

### Lenten Psalm and Gospel Readings

Dear Friends in Christ,

In a few weeks we will enter the holy season of Lent.

The word "lent" actually comes from an old English word that meant "to lengthen" and referred to the lengthening of the days in spring as summer approached.

This Lenten season, I'm going to challenge myself and you to lengthen our time in God's Word.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, you and I are going to read through the book of Psalms and the Gospels of Mark and John during the forty days of Lent.

This might sound daunting. After all, there are one hundred fifty psalms in the Bible and thirty seven chapters in Mark and John combined.

However, over the course of Lent's forty days, that's only four psalms and one Gospel chapter a day, or about fifteen minutes of your time.

Each week there will be a reading guide in the bulletin to lead you through your week.

One more thing. On Sunday morning during Bible study, we will talk about what we've read. Think of it as a book club where you can ask questions or share thoughts about the previous week's reading.

That's my challenge to you. Two and a half hours a week during Lent to lengthen our time in God's Word. Fifteen minutes a day Monday—Saturday and one hour on Sunday.

I know that we can do it.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Engel