

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *LSB 657 sts. 1-4*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

Exhortation

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.

C who made heaven and earth.

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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

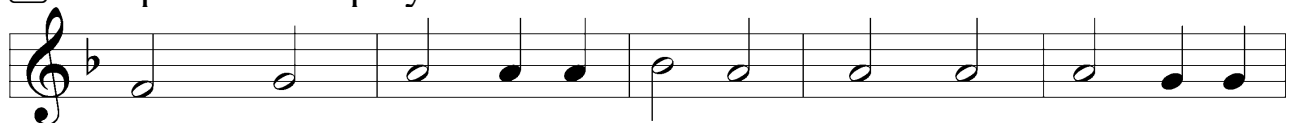
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

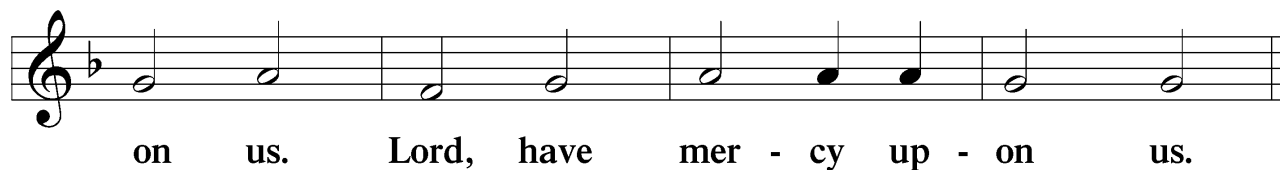
Service of the Word

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



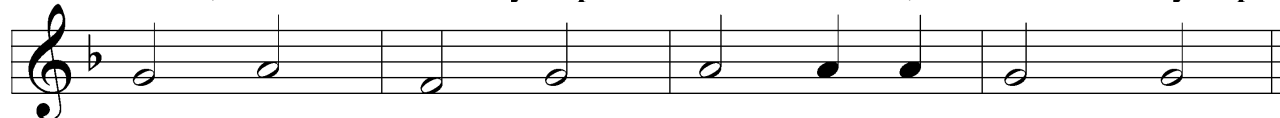
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

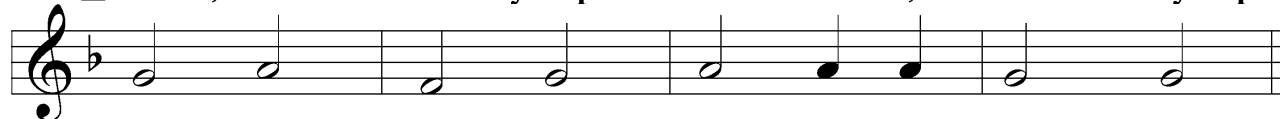


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

P 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 mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

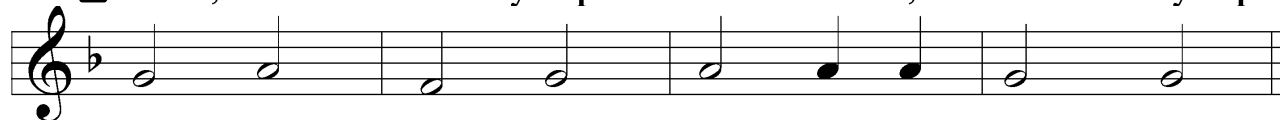


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

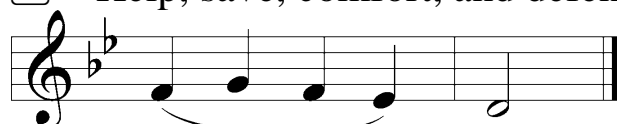


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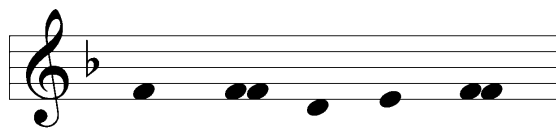
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

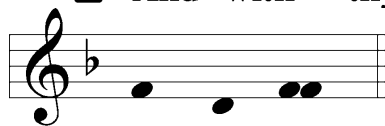
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 3.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened,

and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
 till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
 for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7

antiphon: v. 7

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

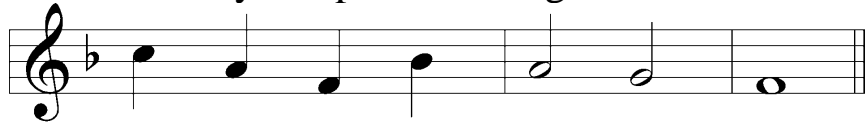
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and

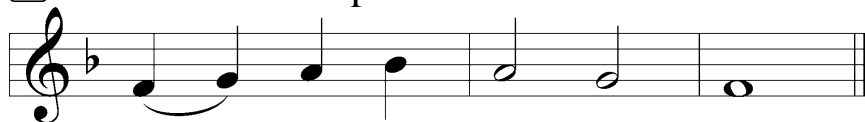
“‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

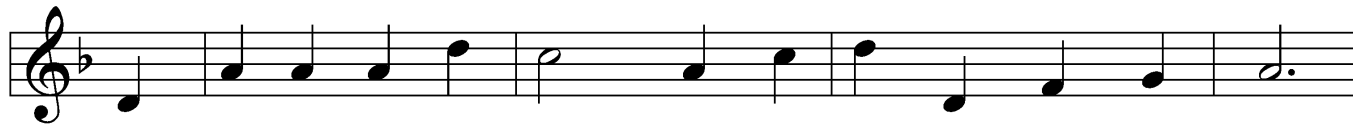
Announcements

Hymn of the Day: If God Himself Be for Me

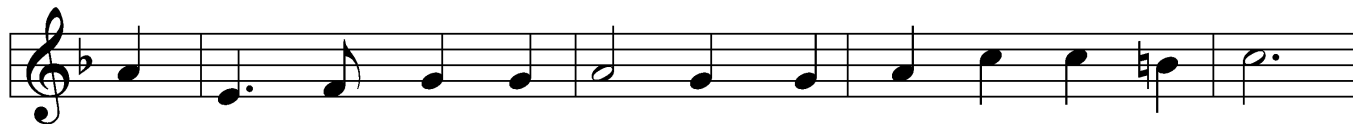
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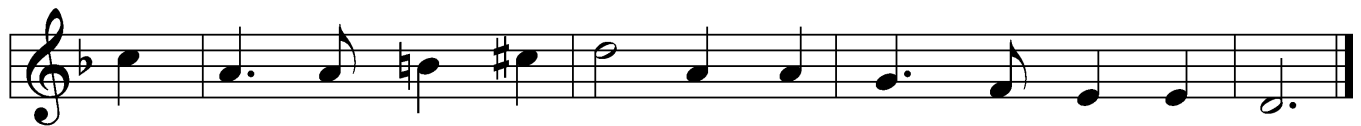
1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 4 He can - celled my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;
 5 For no one can con - demn me Or set my hope a - side;
 8 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, No pain or pov - er - ty,
 10 My heart with joy is spring - ing; I am no long - er sad.



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 He is the Lord who cleans - es My soul from sin through faith.
 Now hell no more can claim me: Its fu - ry I de - ride.
 No earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger Shall ev - er van - quish me.
 My soul is filled with sing - ing; Your sun - shine makes me glad.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
 In Him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;
 No sen - tence now re - proves me, No guilt de - stroys my peace;
 Though earth should break a - sun - der, My for - tress You shall be;
 The sun that cheers my spir - it Is Je - sus Christ, my King;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?
 In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
 No fire or sword or thun - der Shall sev - er You from me.
 The heav'n I shall in - her - it Makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; (sts. 1, 4-5, 10): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1907, Pittsburgh, alt.; (st. 8): tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.
 Tune: Vierundzwanzig geistliche Lieder, 1609, Augsburg
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Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

*Stand***Offertory***Psalm 51:10-12 LSB 192*

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit***Offering**

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
 So by one Man, who took our place,
 We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
 New light, new hope, new strength,
 new pow'rs.
 This grace our ev'ry way attend
 Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
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Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You sought Adam and Eve in the garden and called them to repentance. Seek us when we wander from Your Holy Word, and give us contrite hearts to confess our sins and receive the forgiveness and restoration You promise us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Father in heaven, Your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by His own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all called to preach Christ and Him crucified. Command Your angels to guard them in all their ways and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You created the home as the place where we are brought up in the ways of truth, goodness and mercy. Sustain parents in their sacred charge, and grant that our homes would be places of confession and forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake. Strengthen us when we are tempted, and teach us to rely upon Your Word as our defense against the evil one. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, send Your holy angels to protect and keep us in Your ways, that no evil may befall us. Graciously behold the needy, the sick and the troubled [especially _____]. Satisfy us with long life, and show us Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of the shedding of Your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

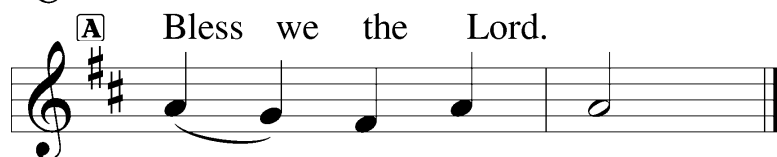
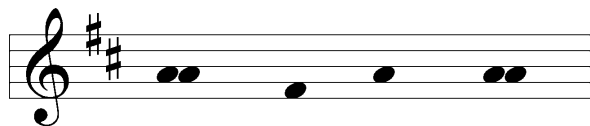
Matthew 6:9-13 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1 LSB 202



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today		NO Walk-In Communion
Monday		NO Confirmation
Tuesday	5-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday	10:00-11:15 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Lent-1 Soup Supper
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Lent-1 Morning Worship
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lent-1 Evening Worship

LWML WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING EVENT Saturday, March 4th, 9am (see insert).

LWML LEADERS' WORKSHOP the LWML Ohio District is inviting all ladies to this Adventures In Equipping Leaders seminar on Saturday, March 25th, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (9:30 AM Opening Devotion) at St. John Lutheran Church in Dublin, OH. Bring your Bible, a clipboard, and a tote bag. For the Columbus area LSS Food Pantry please bring either a jar of peanut butter or canned fruit, or both. Our ladies can carpool to this "adventure" and learn techniques of being a joyful LWML'er and leader together. Please see Ethel Schiemann for registration options.

LWML ZONE PRAYER SERVICE AND SEMINAR "My Soul Rejoices" written by Shirley Smith will be on Sunday, March 26, 2:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, 2265 Garden Drive, Avon, Ohio 44011. Join us as we rejoice in the gifts of reflection, prayer and song. Hear of God's great love for us! See Ethel Schiemann about carpooling.

LWML please note that we will not meet in March, the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT CHOIR To prepare for Easter Sunday join us after the midweek Worship services (8pm or so) as we will have rehearsals during the Lent season. Music will be handed out on Wednesday, March 1st rehearsal. See you there!

LENTEN MEALS will begin on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00 PM. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Our goal is to have these ready for the end of March.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

LWML we are collecting NEW shoes, socks and underwear for our BOD LWML meeting in Columbus on February 25th. These items will help children through Hope Chest of Lake County. Items will need to be brought to the church by Sunday, February 19th and placed in the box by the "Welcome Center." We thank you, and the children thank you! For questions, please contact Ethel Shchiemann or Sandy Turner.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the 2023 Jan-March devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take your copy home today.

PROMISED TREASURES daily Lenten devotionals are available for you in the Narthex hallway, grab yours today! Lent Family Calendars are at the Welcome Center.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. 2022.

Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2023 - so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place **ONLY the bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs) and the unused attendance slips.** Thank you.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided, most likely first a weekday morning playdate. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

"Walk-In" times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 – 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
 - Call Pastor 440-458-0189
 - Visit www.spvc.org and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

TITHES & OFFERINGS are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

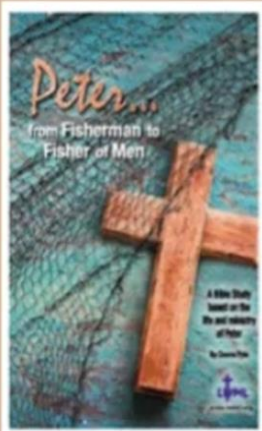
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

Join us for St. Paul Women's Minsistry Spring Event

Speaker Donna Snow
Praise and Worship with
Diane Konyk and Karen Snyder

**Donna
Snow**



**Light Breakfast
and Lunch
Fellowship**

Peter failed.
Jesus redeemed.
Jesus restored.
Peter triumphed.
His story is our story.

Saturday March 4th 9:00am in the activity center
27933 Detroit Rd. Westlake, OH 44145 (440-835-3050)
TICKETS \$20 at the door (cash only). Seating is limited pre-register
at <https://bit.ly/DonnaSnow3423>

THE EPIC VALLEY CITY
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Pancake Breakfast!

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES,
SAUSAGE, & SCRAMBLED EGGS!

When:

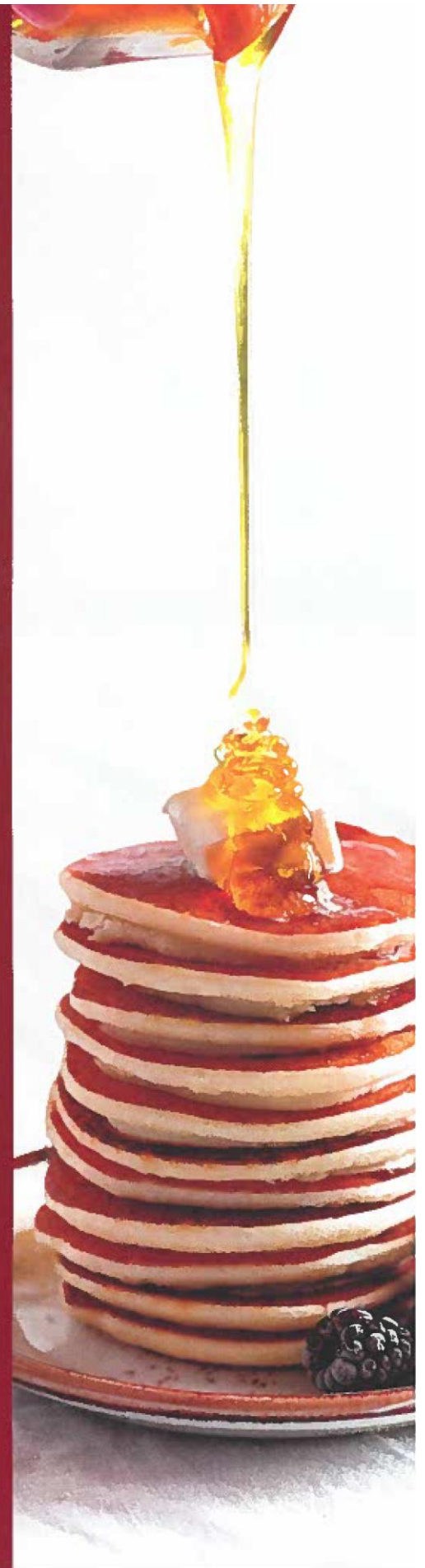
March 5th & March 12th
8AM to 1PM

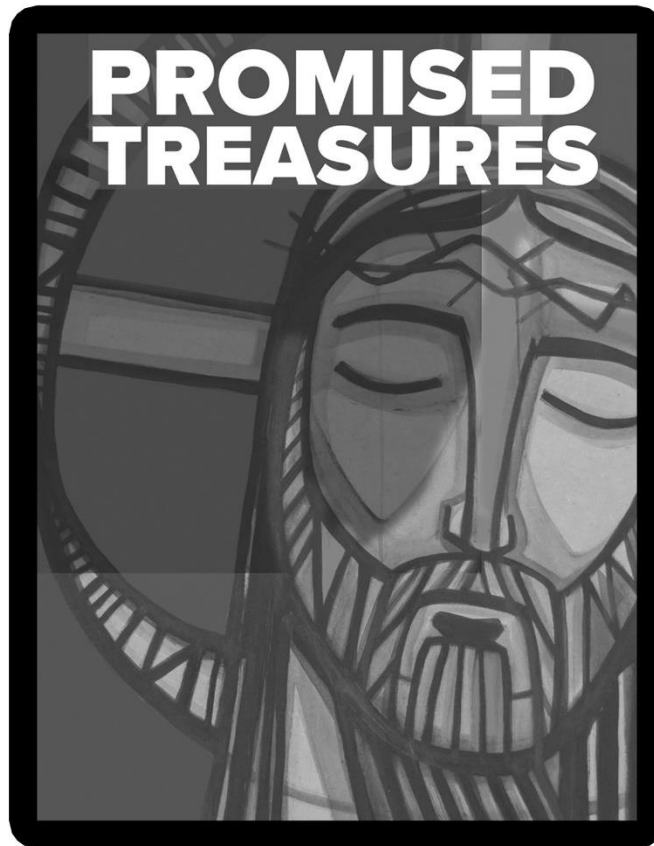
Pricing:

Adults: \$10
Seniors: \$7
Under 13: \$5
Under 3: Free
Family Max: \$35

Where:

6700 Center Road
Valley City OH 44280
T: 330.484.1986





WORSHIP FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 22

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

Lord's Supper celebrated at both services

Maundy Thursday

(Divine Service with the Lord's Supper)

April 6, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 7, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Wednesdays in Lent

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: April 9

8am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service

9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

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FEBRUARY 2023

	SERVICE	February 5 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	February 12 SUNDAY	February 19 SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	February 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Communion</i>	February 26 SUNDAY
ELDER	8am	Chris Duran / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Chris Duran / Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	David Hesketh	Rob Zacharias		Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Rich Proeschel	Eric Gottl	Brian Dearth	Elder to find volunteers	Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Elder		Dean & Beth Bremke
	10:30am	Elder	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Elder		Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO						
Stephen Kato						
330-242-7183						
Tim Wadle						
216-214-7109						
Jim Jackson						
330-391-6393						
Chris Duran						
216-577-5164						
Sam Jakabcic						
216-789-1076						

MARCH 2023

SERVICE	March 1 Wednesday Lent Service	March 5 SUNDAY Communion	March 8 Wednesday Lent Service	March 12 SUNDAY	March 15 Wednesday Lent Service	March 19 SUNDAY Communion	March 22 Wednesday Lent Service	March 26 Sunday	March 29 Wednesday Lent Service
8am	Jim Jackson	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Sam Jakabcic	Chris Duran	Steve Kato
10:30am		Sam Jakabcic		Jim Jackson		Sam Jakabcic		Jim Jackson	
8am	N/A	Mark Gordon	N/A	Dave Hesketh	N/A	Rob Zacharias	N/A	Jim Rafter	N/A
10:30am		Brian Dearth		Eric Gottl		Rich Proeschel		Joe Bennett	
8am	N/A	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	N/A	David & Mackenzie Duran	N/A	Dean & Beth Bremke	N/A	David & Mackenzie Duran	N/A
10:30am		Rich & Jenny Proeschel		Barb Pjior		Jim Jackson		Barb Pjior	

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.