#### INTROIT - our entrance Psalm of worship

- P How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*
  O | LORD of hosts!
- My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;\* my heart and flesh sing for joy, to the | living God.
- For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\* Rise up; come | to our help!
- O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\* what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

Psalm 44,84

Psalm 9

- you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;\* you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.
- But you have saved us | from our foes\* and have put to shame those who | hate us.
   In God we have boasted con- | tinually,\* and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.
   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.

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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## OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55:10–13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

**GRADUAL** - the historical seasonal response to hearing God's Word

- ${\rm I\!\!P}$   $\,$  The Lord is a stronghold for  $|\,$  the oppressed, \*
  - a stronghold in times of | trouble.
- And those who know your name put their | trust in you, \* for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those | who seek you.

#### **EPISTLE Hebrews 4:9–13** God's Word living and active

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 8:4–15 The Parable of the Sower

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."

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Almighty God Your Word Is Cast

#### SERMON

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

| after each petition, <b>P</b> Lord in You | r mercy,                       |  |  |  |  |
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| 🖸 Hear our j                              | orayer.                        |  |  |  |  |
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors**– it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door. **Parents with small children.** If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

#### Prayer List – members:

Mary Lingo (cancer), Ron Swartz (cancer), Kim Howell (surgery), Julia Cordes (broken arm, surgery), Ken France (broken arms) – family & friends: Jordan Evert (pophew of Suzetto Mack, cancer)

Jordan Fuerst (nephew of Suzette Mack, cancer) Jon Carder (father of Kevin Carder, dementia) Madison Schoen (student at RSCA, surgery) Duncan Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, surgery) Rev. Brian Drebes (friend of Erick & Sarah Bohndorf, cancer) Chad Grimmet (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) Velvet Miller (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer) James Scott (father of Ashlynn Kasunic, cancer) Sonia Jansen (mother of Robert Jansen, cancer) Moira Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, cancer) Linda Deffenbaugh (sister of Frances Brown, hospice) Matthew Albright (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer) Tyler Brown (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer) Jeri Matzeder (family of Steve & Marsha Albright, health issue) Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health issues) Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia) Kelli Scott (friend of Emily Newman, inoperable cancer)

Sunday School gamenight/Parent's datenight, Friday, Feb. 9, 6-8 pm, infants-high school. Food, snacks provided.
Souper Bowl Party, Feb. 11, begins 4:30 pm, kickoff is 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite soup in a crockpot to enter into the Souper Bowl Contest by 5:00 pm to win our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Bring your own food, beverages if

you wish; but in addition to the soups, a variety of snacks and beverages are provided. The game will be on a couple of our TVs. Children may play in the gym or other games.

**Pfann-Kuchen Tag** (Pancake Day) Feb. 13, 6-7 pm, the day before Lent begins. Pancakes, sausage, sweets and races.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8:30 am & 7 pm Divine Services. No evening meal, but meals will be served the next 5 Weds. Midweeks in Lent – Feb. 21,28, March 6,13,20 Supper served: 6:00-6:45 pm, by the LWML or Youth Group Services: 8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

Men's Basketball, Sundays, 8 pm, through Mar. 17

## Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly,

**Feb. 18,** after the 10:30 Service. Agenda available Feb. 11. For our potluck, members last name: <u>A-M</u>: bring a main dish;

<u>N-Z</u>: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread.

**Germany Trip**, Sept. 13-24, 2024. See LutherTours.com. Printed copies in the Narthex. Members along with people from the nation are welcome to join. Please sign up soon if you plan to go. If you do not have a US Passport, make application soon.

| Today    | 8:00 a      | Divine Service                    |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
|          | 9:15 a      | Sunday School/Bible Class for all |
|          | 10:30 a     | Divine Service                    |
|          | 11:45 a     | Vocal Choir                       |
|          | 5:00 p      | New Member Class                  |
|          |             | Youth Group                       |
|          | 8:00 p      | Men's Basketball                  |
|          | 8:30a-3:30p | Risen Savior Classical Academy    |
| Weds.    | 8:30 a      | Midweek Service                   |
|          | 9:00 a      | Bible Class for all               |
|          | 6:30 p      | Midweek Service                   |
|          | 7:00 p      | Youth Confirmation                |
|          | 7:00 p      | Bell Choir                        |
| Thursday | 6:00 p      | LWML meeting                      |
|          |             | Youth Chorale                     |
| Friday   | 6-8 p       | Sunday School gamenight           |
| Saturday |             | Divine Service                    |
| Sunday ( |             | Divine Service                    |
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CALENDAR

11:45 a Vocal Choir 4:30 p Souper Bowl party

## Upgoming Events

Feb. 13PfannKuchen TagFeb. 14Ash Wednesday, Lent beginsFeb. 14Ash Wednesday, Lent beginsFeb. 18Next Quarterly Voter's AssemblyFeb. 27Next Blood DriveFeb. 21,28, Mar.6,13,20 Lent Midweek, 8:30 a, 7 p, Services, 6 pm mealMarch 8Confirmation RetreatMarch 1540 Days of Life vigilMarch 23Spring cleaningMarch 24Palm Sunday, Confirmation, Holy Week beginsMarch 28Holy Thursday, 7 pm Divine ServiceMarch 29Good Friday, 7 pm Tenebrae ServiceMarch 30Easter Vigil, 7 pm Vigil and Divine ServiceMarch 31Easter 7 am, 10 am Services. Breakfast 8-9:45 am

| STEWARDSHIP \$6475/wk. budget |            |            |                 |  |  |  |
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| Date                          | Attendance | Offering + | + Special Funds |  |  |  |
| 1/28                          | 272        | \$9809     | \$475           |  |  |  |
| <br>1/21                      | 276        | \$7803     | \$175           |  |  |  |
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Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving upon the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bruce & Amanda Harbord. See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.
 Financial Reports are posted in Church Office.
 On-Line Giving. Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download the App. There is also a link on our website.

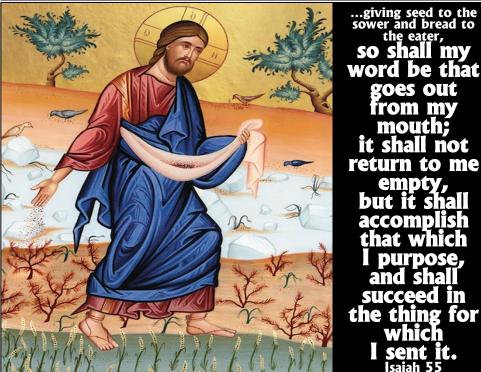
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# SEXAGESIMA MEANING ABOUT 60 DAYS FROM EASTER FEB. 4, 2024

**Welcome to the Lord's House. Scripture Alone.** The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold. **The Lord bless this Divine Service.** 



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.