



Laetare Sunday

“This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Jesus feeds the 5000

“and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated.... And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.’”

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About the cover art: The feeding of the five thousand. The super abundance of food that the Lord provides from the meager rations of one small boy. Men, women, and children filled to the full. They have come out into the wilderness with nothing to sustain them, they are surround by the mountains, the high places from where the Lord provides for His people, think Mt. Sinai, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Calvary. And recognize how His servants who distribute His gifts to His people are careful not to waste, they take up each fragment and conserve it unto the next time the Lord enters into the presence of His people to feed them.

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

Preludes- *Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession*
Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.

Procession Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

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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.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

from her con- | soling breast.

P I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

C **Our feet have been | standing***
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
May they be secure who | love you!

P For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

Kyrie **186**

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter

Salutation **189**

Collect of the Day – *Prayed by Pastor*

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. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

The Old Testament

Exodus 16:2–21

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,

when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer,

whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Gradual - *Chanted by the cantor*

Ps. 122:1, 7

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your | towers!

The Epistle:

Galatians 4:21–31

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst. (Chanted by the congregation.)



**Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.**

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His |
people,*
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon |
Israel!**

The Holy Gospel:

John 6:1–15

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, He told His

disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day- Water, Blood,, and Spirit crying

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1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

Sermon

Please rise.

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Prayer of the Church- *Prayed by Pastor*

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The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper

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What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing of Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

Distribution

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymns

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

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1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
 2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
 3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
 sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
 of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
 ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
 Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
 See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
 Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of

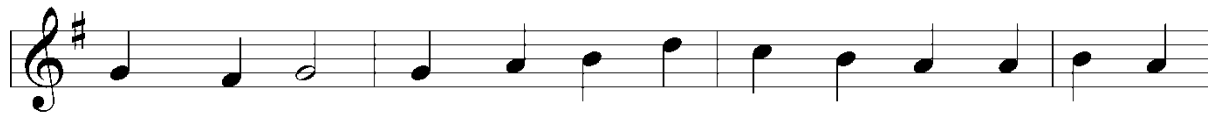


and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
 for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
 bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



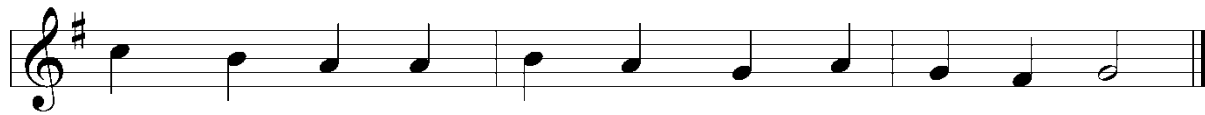
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Please rise.

Nunc Dimitis

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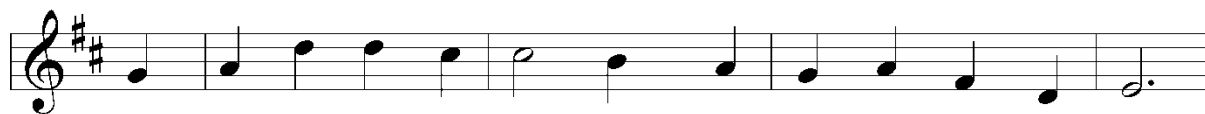
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Closing Hymn – The Church's One Foundation

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Altar Flowers The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for marriage as we celebrate 18 years in the Lord's care as husband and wife. The Pierces

Midweek Soup & Salad before service: Please plan on joining us for a light soup & salad dinner prior to our Lenten evening Worship Services beginning Wednesday March 18th & 25th at 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is located on the Whiteboard in the foyer.

Easter Flowers for Order: Flowers to adorn the Altar. Please see Heidi, Pam or Joann to order your Easter plants to adorn the altar Easter Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. You may choose Daffodil, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Easter Lily. If you would like your flower in memory of a loved one please let us know. **LAST DAY TO ORDER TODAY 3/15**

Easter Breakfast Plan on joining us Sunday April 5th for Easter breakfast prior to our Worship Service. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am. A sign -up sheet is located in the foyer for attendance as well as items needed for breakfast.

Thank You: Daybreak shelter is very appreciative of our continued support through the delicious dinners we send. Thank you for your continued support of this mission project.

Eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt: Please mark your calendars for our Annual Egg Hunt Saturday March 28th at 1:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer for attendance and items needed for the egg hunt. We will need those items by March 8th so that we can prepare the eggs. Thank you. Please invite your family and friends to join the fun.

Willows Easter Baskets: A sign-up sheet for items for the Willow residents is now posted by our door. Donated items may be placed in the box marked Willows. If you prefer to make a cash donation to help purchase these items, a donation jar marked Willows is also available. Both the box and jar are located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

The Willows currently has 32 male and 36 female residents. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you,

VBS ~ June 10-12, 2026 THEME: Who Is Jesus for ME? We have just begun planning for this years VBS. Dates are June 10-12 in the evening. We will be putting up sign up sheets for the things needed after Easter as there is much to do for that High and Holy Season first. If you would like to help, our next planning meeting is **Tuesday, April 14th from 6-7:30 pm** please see Becky Wilburn. Thank you.

Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. A donation box is located in the office across from the counters office. Items needed new dark colored bath towels, nail clippers, tooth brushes, bars of bath soap & combs. Items may be placed in the box located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

Seminary Gift Emporium We will also continue to collect money for gift cards for the Seminary Gift Emporium throughout the year. A jar is located by the flower chart in the Narthex.

Valpo Homeless Shelter Meal: The shelter provides 3 meals for 50+ people in need everyday. Prince of Peace will deliver a meal March 21. A sign-up sheet of items needed is located in the foyer. Thank you for giving a meal for those in need.

Seminary Clothing Co-op: Please bring clothing bagged and in good condition with no stains or tears for men, women and children. Socks and undergarments

must be new and in original package. If you are going to Ft. Wayne and would be willing to deliver some of the clothes, please see Joann.

Eggs in the Kitchen fridge: There are eggs this week. PLEASE ONLY TAKE 1! Your donations support various congregation projects, i.e. egg hunt candy, day break food, coffee hour, etc.

SUNDAY - Bible Study: We are the wisdom literature of King Solomon in the book of Proverbs after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We begin at 10:45

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elders:** Josh, Carl, Jeff, Paul

Altar Guild Servers: Cheryl, Deb, Cathy, Helen

Morning Divine Service: Wednesday 11:00 am

Weekday Bible Study: Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Services: Wednesday 4:00pm

Veterans: As requested with pastor.

PRAYERS FOR:

All who have turned away from the Lord or do not heed His call

All who mourn the loss of loved ones especially those martyred

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald,
Marilyn Skinner, Jim & Lois Brown, Ruth Koeppen

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Pat Maile – Dr Care

Jim Brown- Remission

Greg Mohlke Kidney issues

Ellen Strutz – Cancer

Mary Cruz – ALS

Betty Sut - Cancer

Marilyn Skinner – Cancer

Lillie Johnston – Alzheimers

Lois Brown – Parkinsons

Pete Sut – Cancer

Robert Sprout - Cancer

Dave McCall – Dr Care

Bill Lomas – Lung issues

Jo Thompson – Cancer

Josh Hardesty - recovering

Ginny Fox - Cancer

Carol Becker – Dr Care

Nancy McIntosh - Cancer

Florence Farris – Cancer

Baron Edmiston – Cancer

Jerry Weingarden – Cancer
Bob Granzow – Dr Care
Ginny Reinhertz-Lymphoma

Paula Rukavina – Cancer
Sibylle Horvath – Brain Tumor

Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor

THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Jim Brown 3/19

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Larsen 3/16 Jillian Speckhard 3/17 Sue Kuder 3/21 Mackenzie Kuder 3/21

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Tylor & Samantha Elkins 3/18

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20 on Eph. 5

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Chrismon Corner

Lent 4 John 6.1-15 knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force 7 point crystal crown

The Lord tells the disciples to gather together the broken pieces so that none perish. Our translation says “are lost.” This isn’t about waste. This is about Hell. The word translated lost is the same word Jesus uses in John 3:16 and which is usually translated as perish or be destroyed. God sent His Son to death in order that whoever believes in the Son would not perish but have eternal life. The broken fragments gathered up symbolize the new Israel which will be gathered out of sin and darkness lest they perish and they will be made one. This filling of the 12 baskets is a significant part of the miracle, part of the multiplication, the sign that Jesus did. It shows what sort of

King He is. He is the sort of King who not only feeds the hungry but also gathers the broken so that they do not perish.

The crowd is half-right in wanting to make Him King, except that He is already King and that He has not come to set up a political order on earth or re-establish Israel as a kingdom among men. He is the King named and enthroned on the cross. He is King for the sake of His new citizens. His Body and Blood shield His people from the angel of death. His Body and Blood initiate the passage out of slavery to freedom, out of death to life, and out of Egypt to the promised land. Men, women, and children partake of His Flesh and are washed in His Blood so that they do not perish but obtain the right to become the children of God.



Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter

Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten Vesper Services – 7pm

(light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)

March 18th & March 25th

Holy week Evening Services

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd 7pm

Good Friday – April 3rd 7pm

**April 5th The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Divine Service 9am
Breakfast 7:30am**