



Sexagesima

The Sower goes out to sow

The Seed

February 8th, Year of our Lord 2026

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

[About the cover art:](#) Although this piece is rather self-explanatory, note how full the bag of seeds is and how far He has already come from the mountain on high in the background. Jesus is the sower; He is the Word, the very seed which becomes the “plant” of faith wherever it takes root. Faith is only created by the Word Himself, sowing Himself into the hearts of men. See how some trees are small while others are large, that is a product not of the tree but of Him who gives the water, sunshine, and nutrients for the tree to grow. The birds snap up much of the seed; the cracks along the way are also numerous, but the growing trees are few by comparison. This is not due to the Sower being stingy regarding His planting, but rather it is due to the

inhospitable nature of man's heart which will not receive the implanted Word unto faith and salvation.

### 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- Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

### Service of the Word

#### **Invocation**

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

C **Amen.**

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.

**Please Kneel (or Stand)**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**Please Rise**

**Service of the Word**

**Introit - Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a**



Awake! Why are You sleeping, | O Lord?\*

Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!  
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:

**C 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.**

P 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.**

P Awake! Why are You sleeping, | O Lord?\*

Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!  
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\*  
Rise up; come | to our help!

## Kyrie



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



are the Most High over | all the earth.  
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,\*  
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

### **The Epistle:**

**Hebrews 4:9–13**

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.

*Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst. (The Tract verse is sung by the congregation.)*



**O God, You have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses;\***  
**You have been angry; oh, re- | store us.**  
**You have made the land to quake; You have torn it | open;\***  
**repair its breaches, for it | totters.**  
**That Your beloved ones may be de- | livered,\***  
**give salvation by Your right hand and | answer us!**

### **The Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 8:4-15**

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.

## **Nicene Creed**

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**☩ 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.

*Please be seated.*

Hymn of the Day – Preach you the Word, and plant it home



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
 bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
 broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
 choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
 nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
 all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
 heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered  
 plenteousness One-fourth  
 waves ripe on hill and flat,  
 And bears a harvest  
 hundredfold: "Ah, what of  
 that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and  
 plant it home And never  
 faint; the Harvest Lord  
 Who gave the sower seed  
 to sow Will watch and  
 tend His planted Word.

**Sermon**

*Please rise.*

**Offertory**



 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.

**Prayer of the Church – *Prayed by Pastor***

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface – Chanted by the Pastor

### Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper The Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### 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

**Distribution Hymns - *Please be seated.***

My soul, now praise your Maker

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1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me  
 2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and  
 3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on His  
 4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of  
 righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His  
 chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All  
 yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose  
 yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we  
 who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
 in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



mee - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry  
 mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite  
 pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the  
 dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and  
 spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as  
 flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but  
 cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -



care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who  
 heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So  
 through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We  
 ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our



leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.  
 far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.  
 with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.  
 life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

# Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav-en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

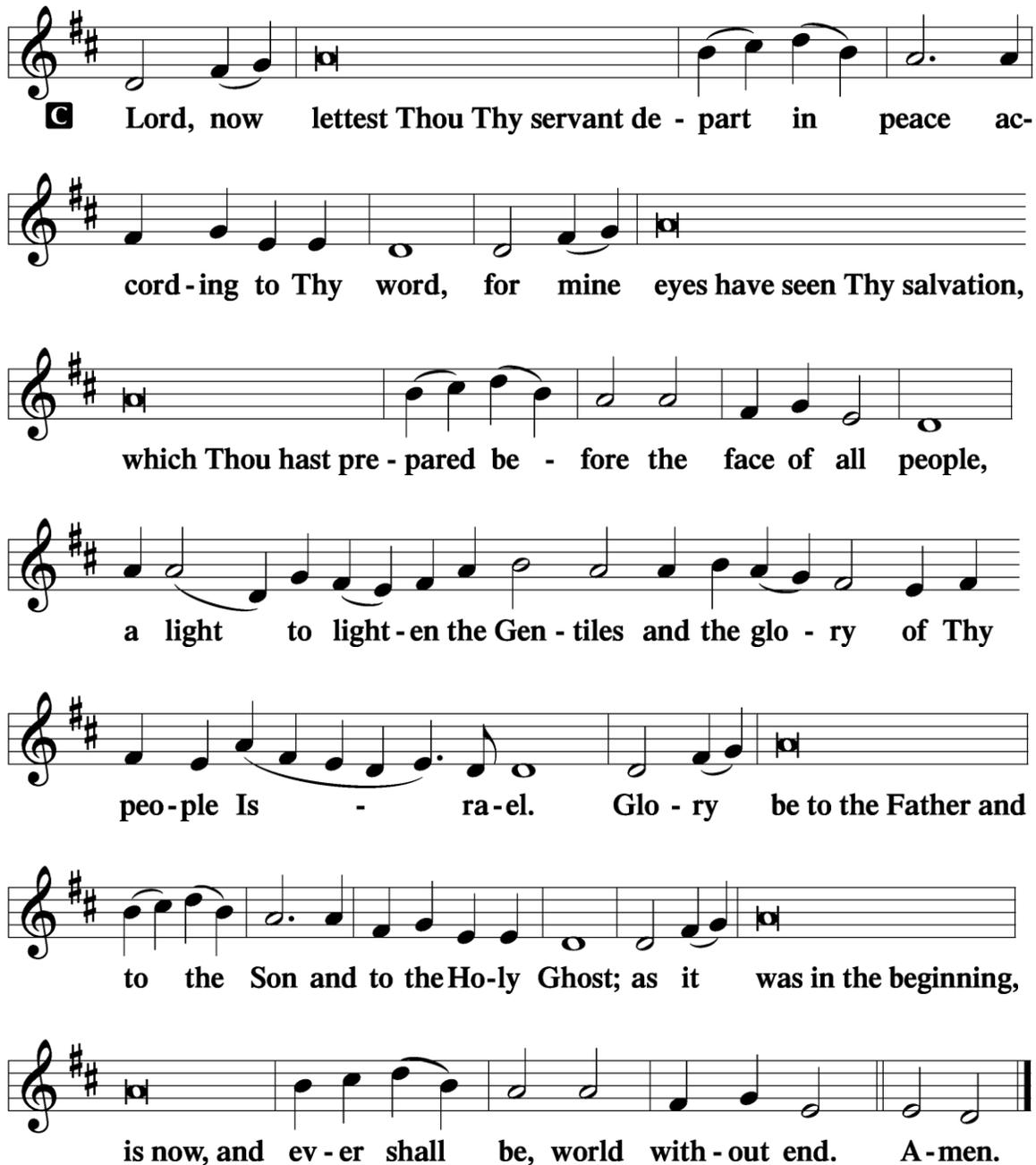


With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

*Please rise*

## Nunc Dimittis

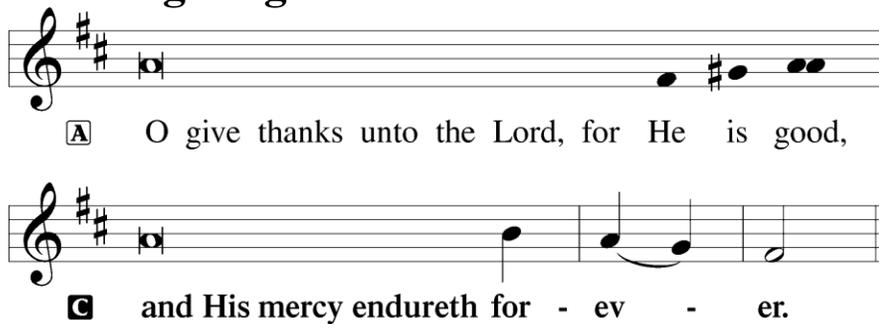
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

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## Salutation and Benedicamus

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



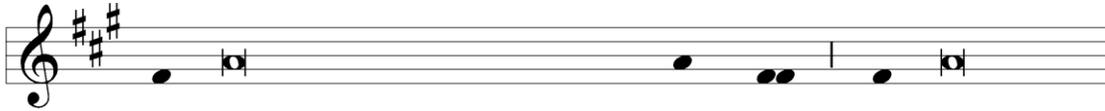
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

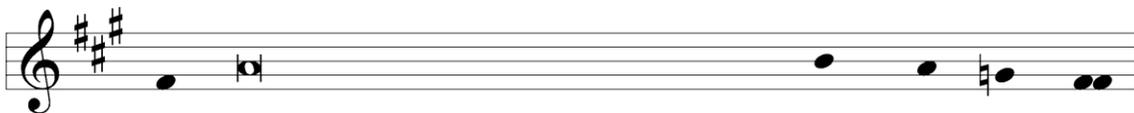
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

*Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.*

**Closing Hymn – O God, O Lord of heaven and earth**

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1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

**Altar Flowers** Are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to Him for life as we celebrate Tara's birthday and Travis' 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Pierces

**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

8<sup>th</sup> so that we can prepare the eggs. Thank you. Please invite your family and friends to join the fun.

**Chili Cook-off Fund raiser:** Today is our annual chili cook-off following our Worship Service. We are raising funds to help the Josh Hardesty family with some of their many medical bills. Please come, make as generous a donation as you feel you can and enjoy the friendship and good food. Chicken noodle soup will also be available. Hope you can join us for 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. Our first organizational meeting will be Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at 6 pm. If you would be interested in helping in any way, teacher, crafts, music, food, other support roles, please join us for a simple potluck meal and discussion. If you could bring a small thing to share i.e. salad, chips, dessert or beverages please do so. But that is not a requirement for coming. We want you. Thank you. Becky Wilburn.

**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 21st. 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!

**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.

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**Chrismon Corner**

Sexagesima    Is 55.10-13    Luke 8:4-15



Snowflake star    *“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the*

*sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*    (Isaiah 55:10)

Obviously, the preacher has the task of casting the Seed of God’s Word from the pulpit, in the classroom, and even to those on the highways and byways of the

world. But all Christians likewise cast the Seed of God's Word in their own way as well – in teaching your children the catechism, in praying before meals, in bringing your family to where the Word is proclaimed and the Seed is implanted into their hearts. All Christians are themselves offshoots of the Holy Vine that is Christ, commanded to bear fruit themselves – for such fruit also bears seeds.

To us “it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God.”

In whatever way we are called to do so, we are to sow the Seed of Christ, we are to speak the Word of God, and we are to scatter the Lord's reckless love, “intent alone that all may have the wholesome loaves that all men need

Let us sow in whatever way the Lord calls us to sow. Let us do so in love, knowing that the seeds we scatter are givers of life. Let us do so in humility, knowing that the power is not in our eloquence or piety, but only in the Word's itself. And let us do so without growing discouraged, for the Lord Himself has given us His Word that: “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”



### **Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter**

**Ash Wednesday – February 18th**

**7am-** spoken service with imposition of Ashes

**7pm-** Divine Service with imposition of Ashes

**Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten Vesper Services – 7pm**

**(light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)**

February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Holy week Evening Services**

**Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm**

**Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm**

**April 5th The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Divine Service 9am**

**Breakfast 7:30am**

## **PRAYERS FOR:**

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:**

Bonnie Broviak- Recovery

Jim Brown- Remission

Robert Sprout - Cancer

Greg Mohlke Kidney Transplant

Ellen Strutz – Cancer

Mary Cruz – ALS

Betty Sut - Cancer

Marilyn Skinner – Cancer

Lillie Johnston – Alzheimers

Lois Brown – Parkinsons

Pete Sut – Cancer

Jerry Weingarden – Cancer

Bob Granzow – Dr Care

Micah McKay – Recovery

Pat Maile – Dr Care

Dave McCall – Dr Care

Mike Arnold - Cancer

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

Paula Rukavina – Cancer

Mamie Raschke – Rehab

Bob Steingass – Therapy

*Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor*

## **THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD**

## **THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Ashleigh Hora 2/12

## **THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Griechen 2/8 Jocelyn Griechen 2/8 Aimee Wentz 2/10

Claire Horvath 2/12 Tara Pierce 2/14 Stephanie Canfield 2/14

## **THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

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