

"The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to text of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn." - Luther

PRAYERS FOR:

Persecuted Christians around the world
The Unborn – Pray for an end to Abortion

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Recovering	Pat Maile – Dr Care
Jim Miller- Cancer	Jim McGown– Tumor
Tyler Oswald- Concerns	William Devries -Dr Care
Jim Brown- Cancer	Sylvia Luekens- Cancer
Cathy Clayton- Kidney issues	Travis Filipiak – Recovery
Mary Granzow – Cancer	Tina Hardesty – Hospital
Don Skinner – Dr Care	Erin Lew – Lung Issues
Robin Biggs – Recovery	Logan Santure- Apert Synd
Bethany Kutemeier – Dr Care	Linda Boros – Heart Issues
Helen Glass – Hospital	Alan Glass – Knee Replace
Alex Walters -Dr Care	Barb Beach – Tests
Delores (Buz) Berdine –Broken Hip	Fran Duvall – Broken Shoulder

*Please give the Church Office updates of those on this prayer list.
Thank you Pastor*

THOSE EXPECTING CHILDREN:

Emily (Brown) Mohlke July

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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Tim Broviak 3/13

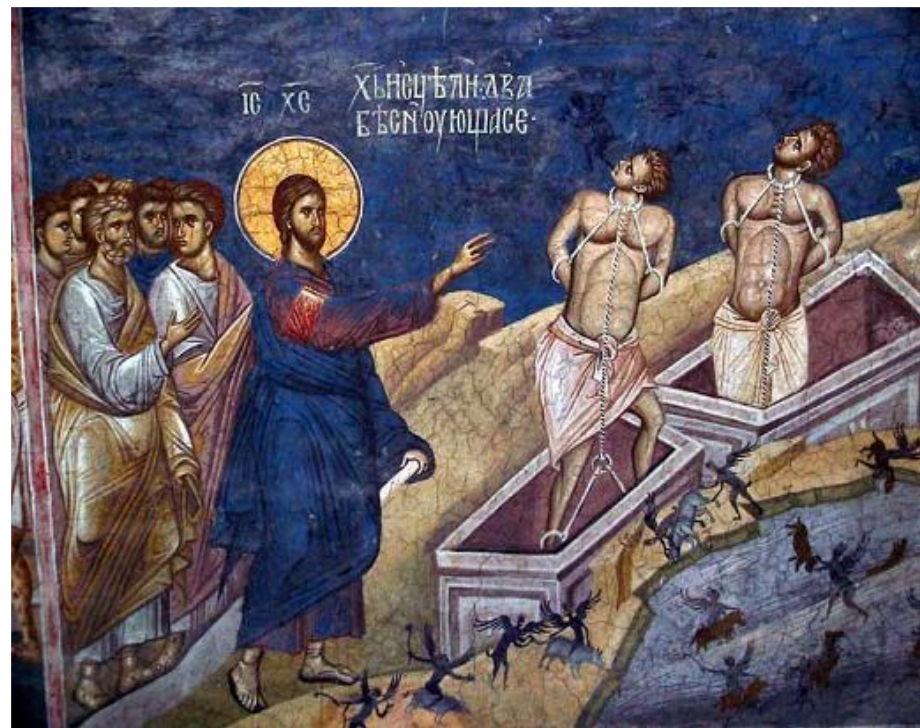
THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Tylor & Sam Elkins 3/18

THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Rachel Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez

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



Oculi Sunday

The Third Sunday in Lent

Jesus casts out demons

A Divided House Cannot Stand

March 12th, Year of our Lord 2023

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

About the cover art: You see man bound by death and the grave. The demonic spirits with their weapons are trying to scare off the Stronger Man who has come to steal away the devil's treasures: man, body and soul destined for hell. Jesus comes, and they are lifted up even as they are looking up onto their freedom from bondage. The graves are opened; the demons are being scattered, and their bonds are being loosed— all by Jesus at His Word. Notice the creatures that the demons ride: pigs, and remember when the Lord freed the man called Legion of his demon possession and cast the demons into the pigs, who then went over the cliff and were drowned in the abyss of the sea.

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- “As Surely as I Live,” God Said **614**

Invocation **184**

Please Kneel/Stand

Confession and Absolution **184**

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Congregation chants the bold stanzas*)



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

P To You, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

C **O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;***

let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*

bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

P Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge
in You.

Gloria Patri Omitted during lent

P My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Kyrie **186**

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter

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Collect of the Day – Prayed by Pastor

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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:

Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Gradual- *Chanted by the cantor*

Ps. 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*

let the nations be judged be- | fore You!

When my enemies | turn back,*

they stumble and perish before Your | presence.

The Epistle:

Ephesians 5:1–9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as

children of Light (for the fruit of Light is found in all that is good and right and true),

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



To You I lift | up my eyes,*

O You who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

have mercy up- | on us.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 11:14–28

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven.

But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore

they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when **One** stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, He takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!”

But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!”

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What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

Holy Communion is offered each Sunday at Prince of Peace (LCMS) in the glad confidence that Jesus, as His Word says, gives in and under the bread and wine His true Body and Blood which was given and shed for us Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. Fellowship in the Eucharist is a public confession of one's beliefs; it is to openly declare one's agreement with the teachings of the church from which one receives it. We adhere to the Scriptural teaching and Apostolic practice of *closed communion*. Non-members desiring to commune are kindly asked to speak to Pastor Foy before the Divine Service. Thank you.

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

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving to Him for marriage, the union of one man and one woman in Christ Jesus. Steve and Tara Pierce

CHILI COOKOFF – Thank you so very much for your very generous donations at our annual chili cook-off last Sunday. We

raised \$2460.00 for Travis Filipiak and Tina Hardesty. All the chilis were delicious. The winners: 1st place Dave McCall, 2nd place Josh Harris, 3rd place Stephanie Devries. Thank you to all who attended and all who made chili. Thank you to all who participated in the Five Guys fundraiser we will receive a check for \$212.44.

ALL THINGS EASTER:

Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for our annual egg hunt Saturday April 1st at 1:00 pm. Please sign up if you plan on attending. Also a sign-up sheet for candy needed to fill the eggs is on the white board in the foyer.

Easter Breakfast Please plan on joining us for Easter Breakfast Sunday April 9th at 7:30 am prior to our Worship Service. An attendance sign-up sheet and sign-up sheet for items needed for breakfast is located on the white board in the foyer.

Easter plants to adorn the Chancel area on Easter will be \$9.00 this year. This year you can choose Lily, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Daffodil. If you would like your plant in memory of a loved one please let us know when you place your order. Last day to order Sunday March 26th. Please see Heidi, Pam or Joann to order.

SUNDAY - Bible Study: We are studying the Word of God, after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We will begin at 10:45 and go to 11:30 each Sunday morning. Thank you. Pastor Foy

WEDNESDAY – Bible Study: We are studying the Gospel According to St. Matthew at 11:45 in the conference room on Wednesdays. Please join us if you are able. Pastor

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Tylor Smith, Kathy Hegenow, Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Alex Sibert, Erich Sibert; Seneca Newkirk

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer

Elders: Jeff, Josh and Carl

Altar Guild Servers: Shirley, Penny

Bible Study: Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4pm

Service: Wednesday only this week at 11am

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Chrismon Corner



Lent 3 Lk 11.14-28 Blessed are those who hear God's Word & keep it

Crown of Life *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12 ESV)*

We need to take heed of Our Lord's

warning today lest the unclean spirit cast out of us at Baptism return and find us swept and put in order not only for him but also for seven of his friends. It would be better to have never been baptized than to fall away.

God threatens to punish all who break His commandments, even the baptized. In the worst of situations, God punishes sin with sin. He threatens to harden and blind those who fall into false security, impenitence, and intentional sins. He threatens to hand them over to their baser desires and turn His back on them. His threats are not insincere or deceptive.

This does not mean that He did not want to save those who fall away, that their Baptisms were invalid. He did save them. He still loves and wants them. But He gives to us, the baptized, free will. He does not make us His slaves.

That freedom is dangerous. Foolish though it is, we are tempted back to the slavery of sin. To our shame, we sometimes indulge our

sins and flirt with disaster. Repent. If we persist in our sins, refusing God's grace, insisting on our own way, then we will be hardened, blinded, and eternally damned. God is not mocked.

God wants to receive into grace all who repent and believe in Christ. He has died for all. He loves all, even the worst of sinners. Yet, at the same time, and without contradiction, He also wants to punish those who turn away from holy prayer and entangle themselves again in the defilements of this world, and who outrage the Holy Spirit.

God threatens to punish all who break His commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He also promises grace and every blessing to those who keep these commandments. Therefore we should not despair. Instead, we should love and trust in Him. In giving us the Holy Spirit, God gives us the ability to resist sin. We do not have to give into it.

The Holy Spirit creates in us a desire to obey God's commandments and please Him. This is not only because we fear His wrath. It is also because we love and trust in Him. This is faith: to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. Faith desires to keep the Law, but faith which trusts that God is good and His Word is good and His Law is good. Faith wants to do better, wants to amend our lives, and desires to please Our Father. We love God's Law. We accept its judgments and its rules as truly good, even if they are out of place in our culture.

"Blessed is he who hears the Word of God and keeps it" means "blessed is he who hears the Word of God and says 'amen' to it." Blessed is he who believes it, who does not turn away from God and insist on his sins. Blessed is he who does not come to God on his own terms and demand his own ways, but who hears and keeps the Word of God.

He guards and keeps us, in the preaching of His Gospel, in His Word and Sacraments. It is not our response to the Gospel that casts our demons or which keeps them out. His sacrifice and gift do that. Yet, at the same time, we are not His slaves. We have free will. So when He calls upon us as His brothers and His bride to guard and keep His Word, we do so gladly because we love and trust in Him. Guarding and keeping the full counsel of God, all of His Word, both Law and Gospel, repenting, confessing, receiving, and rejoicing, this is true blessedness.



Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter

Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten Vesper Services – 7pm
(light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)
March 15th, 22nd, & 29th

Holy week – Palm Sunday thru Easter
Palm Sunday – Divine Service 9 am

Evening Services

Maundy Thursday - April 6th 7pm
Good Friday - April 7th 7pm

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

White Sox Signed Baseball – Silent Auction

Filipiak/Hardesty Medical Expense Fund Silent Auction A Chicago White Sox autographed baseball from the early 60's has been donated. The autographs were obtained by the father of a friend who attended training camps in Florida. The most famous of the 20 plus signatures are Hall of Fame members Hoyt Wilhelm and Early Wynn. If you are interested in submitting a bid for the baseball see the information posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Thank you.

You may enter a bid using the form by the kitchen or by writing your name here _____

And your bid amount here _____

Because not every member comes every week, I will leave the bidding process open for the next 4 weeks. I will give an update on the current highest bid and you may bid again until the final bids and award at the beginning of Coffee Hour on Sunday March 26th.

Thank you.