

Quinquagesima
The Blind shall receive Sight
February 11th, Year of our Lord 2024
The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

About the cover art: This piece embraces the Gospel lesson. The man Jesus is granting sight to also appears to have been lame, note the cane and leg bandages. Also the man washing in the Font is receiving his sight thus Jesus healing through the water. The mountain is Mt. Zion, God's holy mountain from where He speaks via the Holy Scriptures, the pens of men, moved by the Spirit of God as represented by the four Evangelists standing behind the mountain. The walled estate in the background certainly reminds us that to enter into the kingdom of heaven, one comes by the washing of water and the Word, given faith, "sight", by the work of Jesus. Notice the tree on the other side of the great wall, might it be the Tree of Life in the center of the kingdom of God?

<u>Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3</u>

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.



Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now

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- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- 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/Stand

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- O almighty God, merciful Father,

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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. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3 (Congregation chants the bold stanzas)



Be a Rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong Fortress to | save me!
For You are my Rock and my | Fortress;*
and for Your Name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in Your righteousness de- | liver me!

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;*
You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*

my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

Make Your face shine on Your | servant;* save me in Your | steadfast love!

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.

Be a Rock of ref- | uge for me,*
 a strong Fortress to | save me!

For You are my Rock and my | Fortress;*
 and for Your Name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

Kyrie 186

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter Salutation

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Collect of the Day – *Prayed by the pastor*

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons."

And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show

you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for Me him whom I declare to you."

Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"

And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.

And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Gradual – Chanted by the cantor

Ps. 77:14-15

You are the God who works | wonders;*

You have made known Your might among the | peoples.

You with Your arm redeemed Your | people,* the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.

Tract for Quinquagesima (Chanted by the congregation.)



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!* Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | He is God!*

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

The Holy Gospel:

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Luke 18:31-43

Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight."

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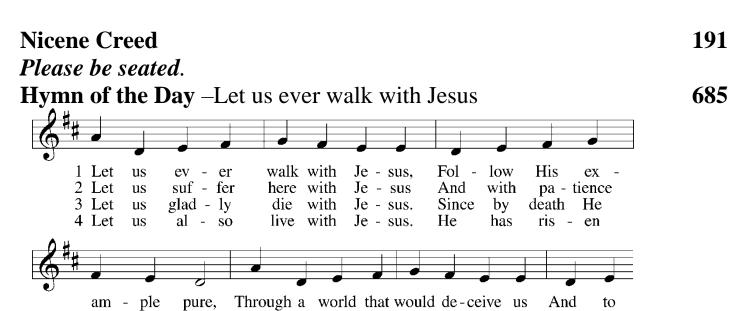
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And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



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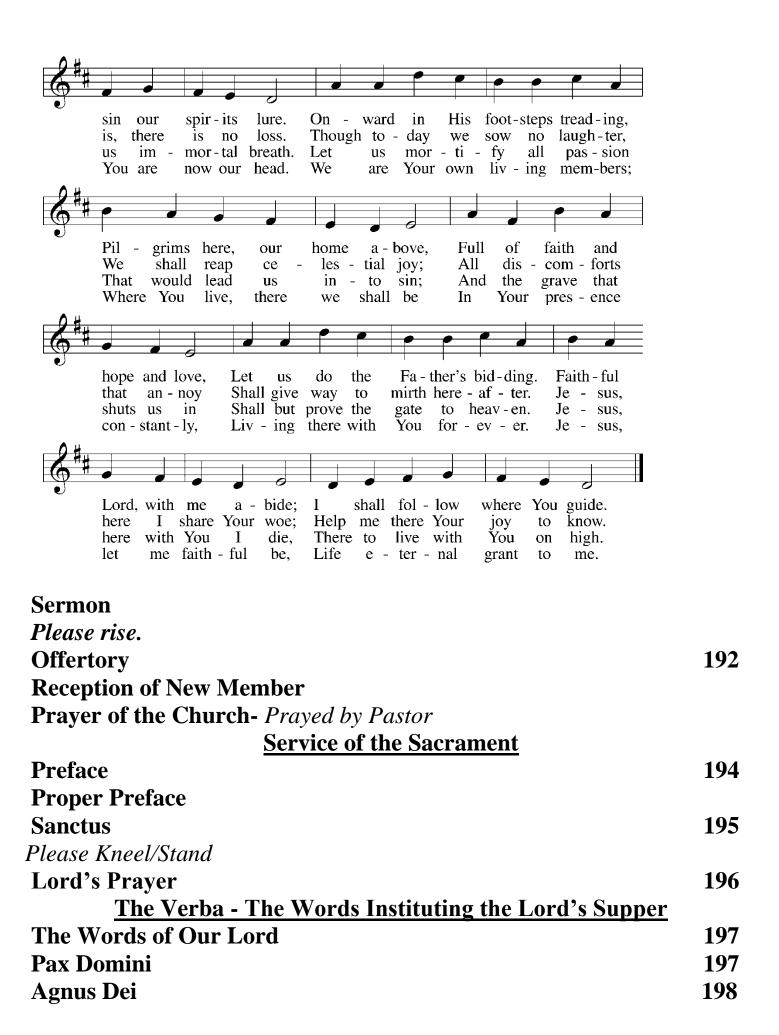
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What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

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

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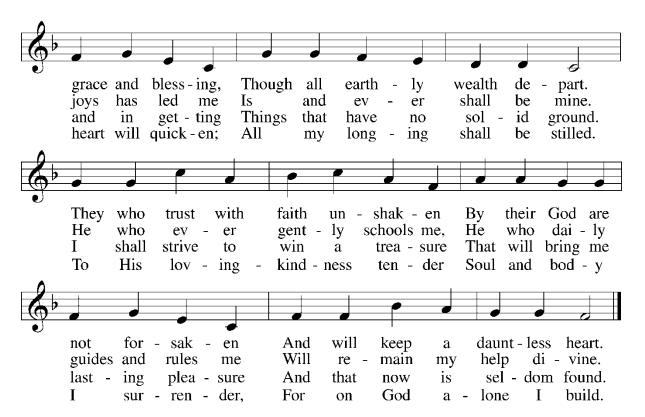
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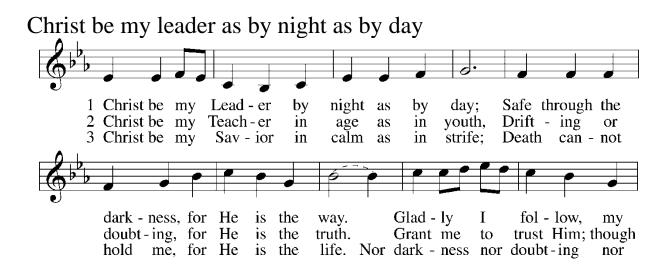


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Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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Please rise.

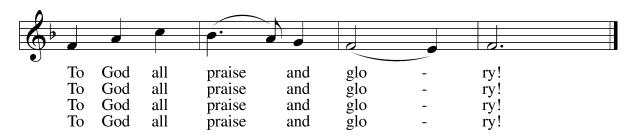
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Closing Hymn: Sing praise to God, the highest good





All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are given to the given to the Glory of God in praise and thanksgiving for life and especially this day in celebration of Tara Pierce's birthday. The Pierces

MY APOLOGIES: As the church secretary I do miss things from time to time for which I am sorry. In particular I did not have on my spreadsheet the birthdays of Shirley Huseman January 30th, and Lilly Layton February 4th. If your name does not appear in the bulletin for your birthday, baptismal birthday or anniversary please let me know. I apologize in advance for any other mistakes. I am sorry.

<u>Please Welcome our New Member:</u> Please welcome Carlos Villarreal as he joins our congregation today by profession of faith.

<u>PLEASE RETURN MY BOOKS:</u> I do not remember to whom I lent a couple of large three ring binders with teaching information on Creation vs Evolution from the Institute of Creation Research. If you have them would you please return them to me. Thank you. Pastor

<u>February Potluck:</u> Today February 11th following our Worship Service. Please plan to stay and share some time with one another. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

<u>Gerhard Readings:</u> Beginning Tomorrow, Monday at noon will be the first reading and then each Tuesday and Thursday until Holy Week. I cannot encourage

you enough if you have the time to come and hear. Each session is about 1 hour. They will be recorded and uploaded to the church website princeofpeacevalparaiso.com

EASTER FLOWERS: Once again we are taking orders for potted flowers to adorn the Altar on Easter Sunday. The cost per potted flower is \$9.00. This year again we are offering Tulips, Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, and Daffodils. Please let us know if you would like your flower in memory of a loved one. Please see Heidi, Pam H. or Joann to place an order. LAST DAY TO ORDER FEBRUARY 25TH

CHILI COOKOFF: Please mark your calendars for our Annual Chili Cook Off Sunday March 3rd following our Worship Service. Please bring a crockpot of chili, or one of the additional items needed for lunch. Chicken noodle soup will also be provided. A sign up sheet is located on the White Board in the foyer. Pastor has promised NO squirrel this year.

Easter Morning Breakfast: Please plan on joining us for Easter Breakfast Sunday March 31st 7:30 am. A signup sheet is located on the white board in the foyer for attendance and items needed for breakfast.

<u>Easter Baskets for Willows Residents:</u> We will prepare Easter baskets for the residents of the Willows similar to the stocking at Christmas. We realize it can be daunting what items to place in the baskets/stockings. A list of needed items is located on the music stand in the foyer. There are several residents of the Willows without family. Help us brighten the day for the residents of the Willows as we share God's love.. Items need by March 17th.

Most Eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt: Please mark your calendars for our Annual Egg Hunt Saturday March 23rd at 1:00 pm. A sign-up sheet for attendees and items needed for the Egg Hunt is located on the white board in the foyer.

<u>Contribution Statements:</u> Your contribution statements for 2023 are located on the floating shelf under the flower chart in the Narthex. Please pick them up today.

New WIFI: In the process of saving money on our WIFI the password has changed. Sign into the POP congregation site and the password is: PeaceB4you. There is a guest WIFI site as well that anyone can use. It will take them to a splash page which our church website. The public/guest site is only available from 7 am to 8 pm.

Stitching & Sewing & Knitting Etc: There are a number of ladies who have expressed an interest in getting together to spend time in Christian conversation while they do their various beautiful work. If you are interested in such a thing, and they will teach beginners, women and men, meet in the Parish hall after service and see Helene or Geri as they are trying to get things set up.

MID WEEK LENTEN SOUP & SALAD: Please plan on joining us for a light soup and salad dinner each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm prior to our Worship Services during Lent. Our dinners begin Ash Wednesday February 14th through March 20th

<u>Bible Study-</u> 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 beginning January 14th. Thank you. Pastor Foy

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elder:** Josh Hardesty

Altar Guild Servers: Shirley, Cheryl

Bible Study: Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4 pm

Week day Service: Monday thru Wednesday 11:00 Gerhard Reading: Mon. Tues & Thur at 12 noon

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<u>Faith comes by hearing, and hearing from the Word of God – In order that we</u> might learn to listen

At every Divine Service God provides a feast for the heart, the soul and the ears. God has ordained that His called servant is His voice box at the feast, Jesus said, "The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." In Holy Absolution the pastor speaks God's Word of forgiveness into your ears. A servant of the Lord has been sent here to speak The Word into the ears of the faithful through the appointed

lessons and the sermon. It may appear to be an ordinary thing when the pastor speaks the words of the liturgy, the lessons, and the sermon. But, it is not the same thing as reading the newspaper, a textbook, or a bulletin announcement. It is the living Word of God delivered through the mouth of Christ via His servant. Something holy is taking place and it is for you.

God says, "This is My beloved Son...Listen to Him". One of the main reasons for the Divine Service is to hear Jesus. I sincerely believe changing our practice of distributing the Scripture lessons before the Service will help the congregation focus more on hearing The Word as God has instructed His children. With that thought in mind and because Christ is worthy of reverent attention, beginning the First Sunday in Lent the Scripture lessons and the announcements will be available after the Service that you might take them home and read them, having already heard them. The Introit, Gradual, and tract will be available before the Service as these have responses that you chant. I pray that, although this change will be different at first, it will bear fruit in your ears and heart and mind.

Let us strive to listen to our Beautiful Savior because truly we love, praise, and honor Him, the Light of our soul, our joy and crown.

Chrismon Corner

Quinquagesima - Lk 18.31-43 Passion Cross -



When Jesus says: "Behold we are going up to Jerusalem and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise" He wants His

disciples to recognize that He is the Son of Man, the Messiah who is come into the world for this very purpose, to be a sacrifice and ransom. He wants them to connect Him to the Passover Lamb and the Scapegoat, to the suffering servant and the Kinsman-Redeemer and the ram caught in the thicket. He wants them to see how the prophets were always prophesying about Him and this great work of love that would be accomplished on the cross. But they don't. They don't notice. They're too caught up in themselves.

Then we get the blind man. Without eyes he sees that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of David. He makes the connection. When the blind man calls Jesus the Son of David, his is calling Him King-Messiah. He is confessing His Divine nature because He is not simply the descendent of David, but He is the fulfillment of David and His Kingdom is eternal.

He also recognizes Him as coming in mercy and having the power to give mercy. When he is asked what he wants he asks for sight and he gets it. But first he asked for mercy – that is the mercy that endures forever, the mercy that passes over sins and reconciles humans to God.

That recovery of sight is important because it is not just for the man himself, but also for the crowd and for the disciples. They should have recognized it as a Messianic miracle. The recovery of sight to the blind was foretold by Isaiah and no prophet ever performed this miracle. It can be seen by them as evidence of God's compassion upon the world, but they don't connect the dots and see that Jesus is the Son of David come into the world.

We, of course, see more clearly than they did. We have their blindness and the blind beggar's example to teach us. But we still see in a mirror dimly. We get the idea: Jesus died and rose for us. God has declared His own righteous children for free. We are vindicated for the sake of Christ even though we were guilty. Yet we have many questions. We see dimly. There are problems, difficulties, logical and emotional, spiritual and practical. We live by faith waiting for the time when we will see clearly, fully, face-to-face and we will know as we have been known.

These three abide: faith, hope, and love – that is enough. The Lord will provide. He goes to Jerusalem to be murdered and to rise again in order to put the devil's reign to an end. He will see us through.



<u>Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter</u> Ash Wednesday – February 14th

7am- spoken service with imposition of Ashes7pm- Divine Service with imposition of Ashes

Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten Vesper Services – 7pm (light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)

February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th

Holy week Services – Palm Sunday 9 am

<u>Evening Services</u>

Maundy Thursday – March 28thth 7pm Good Friday – March 29th 7pm

Vigial of Easter – March 30th 8pm

March 31st The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Breakfast 7:30am Divine Service 9am

PRAYERS FOR:

- -Our Christian brothers and sister around the world, many of whom are persecuted, some very severely unto martyrdom
- -Life at all of its stages from conception unto natural death
- -An end to all trafficking of humans especially children and women

<u>PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS:</u> Kathy Hegenow, Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Buzz Berdine, Penny Robinson

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

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care
Jim Brown- Cancer
Dave McCall – Drs Care

Pat Maile – Dr Care
Erin Lew – Lung Issues
Jim Marconi – Cancer

Penny Robinson – Dr Care
Susan Snow – Burns
Bill Lomas – Cancer
Lil Johnston – Dr Care

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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Claire Horvath 2/12 Tara Pierce 2/14 Stephanie Canfield 2/14 Sue Hallberg 2/17

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Christina Foy & Joey Moser June 8, 2024 Rachel Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez

All Prince of Peace members are invited to all wedding services in the Church.

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