

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him” (Psalm 37:7).

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF:

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

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

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| Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care | Joy Steingass –failing health |
| Jim Miller- Cancer | Jim McGown – Tumor |
| Tyler Oswald- Concerns | William Devries -Health issues |
| Jim Brown- Cancer | Cathy Clayton- Kidney issues |
| Sylvia Leukens- Cancer | Travis Filipiak – Therapy |
| Mary Granzow – Cancer | Tina Hardesty - Cancer |
| Pat Maile – Dr Care | Don Skinner – Dr Care |
| Erin Lew – Rare Lung Issues | |
| Logan Santure – New born (Apert Syndrome) | |

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

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Cypress McIntosh 2/5 Valarye McIntosh 2/5

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Griechen 2/6 Marigold Steingass 2/7 Alex Walters 2/8
Bill Griechen 2/8 Jojo Griechen 2/8 Aimee Wentz 2/10

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

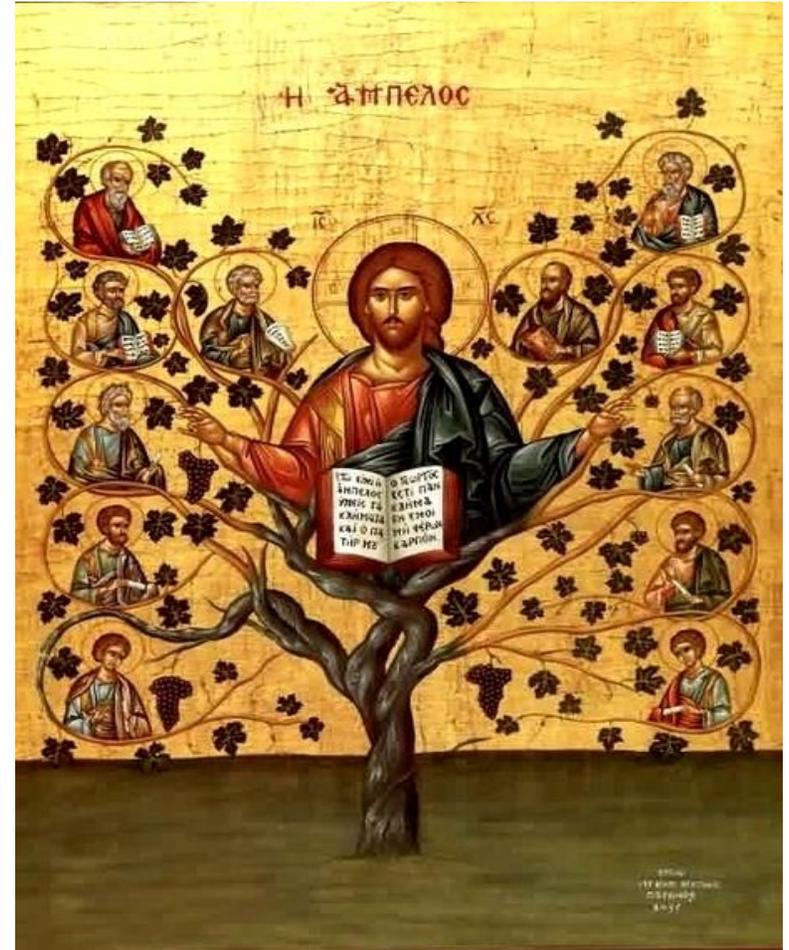
THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Rachel Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez

THOSE EXPECTING CHILDREN

Emily (Brown) Mohlke July

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



Septuagesima

*The Landowner, His Vineyard and the Laborers
The Last shall be First, and the First Last.*

February 5th, Year of our Lord 2023

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

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Pre-Lent: The Gesima Sundays

The First Sunday of Pre-Lent, Septuagesima (70 days), reminds us that God's grace is undeserved. The wages we receive after our human exertions are alone God's gracious gifts. The Second Sunday, Sexagesima (60 days), proclaims that grace is received passively, like good soil that brings forth much fruit from the Seed sown by the Sower. The Last Sunday before Lent, Quinquagesima (50 days), shows that grace is not easily understood. The disciples follow with fear and anxiety as Jesus goes up to Jerusalem. By grace our blind eyes are opened that we may also go up to Jerusalem: with joyful, seeing eyes.

The three Gesima Sundays begin the Lenten Preparation for Easter. They take on the character of Lent, but mildly. The color becomes violet, the color of Lent. The Alleluias and Gloria in Excelsis are dropped. Pictures and Crosses remain unveiled. In the Gesimas, this provides a gradual progression of liturgical removals as we approach the full force of Lent and Passiontide.



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- Word of God, Come Down on Earth **545**

Invocation **184**

Please Kneel/Stand

Confession and Absolution **184**

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit - (Congregation chants the bold stanzas)



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From His temple He | heard my voice.

I love You, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress and my De- |
liverer,

For You save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | You bring down.
You have equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the |
nations,*
and sing | to Your name.

**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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Kyrie **186**

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter

Salutation **189**

Collect of the Day – Prayed by Pastor

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be

mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 17:1–7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Gradual – Chanted by the cantor Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a

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.

For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O LORD!*

let not | man prevail.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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

Tract for Septuagesima- Sung by the Congregation



Out | of the depths*
I cry to You, | O LORD!
O Lord, | hear my voice!*
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for |
mercy!
If You, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?
But with You there is for- | giveness,*
that You | may be feared.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1–16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a Master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’

He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages,

beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

And on receiving it they grumbled at the Master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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| Nicene Creed | 191 |
| <i>Please be seated.</i> | |
| Hymn of the Day –O Word of God Incarnate | 523 |
| Sermon | |
| <i>Please rise.</i> | |
| Offertory | 192 |
| Prayer of the Church- Prayed by Pastor | |
| <u>Service of the Sacrament</u> | |
| Preface | 194 |
| Proper Preface | |
| Sanctus | 195 |
| <i>Please Kneel/Stand</i> | |
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Distribution

What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

Holy Communion, the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

Distribution Hymns - *Please be seated.*

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| Seek Where You May to Find a Way | 557 |
| Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling | 630 |
| By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless | 566 |
| <i>Please rise.</i> | |
| Nunc Dimitis | 199 |
| Thanksgiving | 200 |
| Salutation and Benedicamus | 201 |
| Benediction | 202 |
| Closing Hymn: O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire | 553 |
| <i>Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.</i> | |

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for His many Blessings.

Congregation Potluck Today: Please join us today for our monthly potluck following our Worship Service. Come, please, and share this time with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Tableware and beverages provided.

Mid-Week Lenten Services: Please join us each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:00 pm for Soup & Salad prior to our Worship Service

at 7:00 pm beginning **Ash Wednesday February 22nd**. Donations will be accepted which will be given to help defray the medical expenses of Travis Filipiak and Tina Hardesty.

Fund Raiser: A Fundraiser for Travis Filipiak and Tina Hardesty at Five Guys to help defray their medical expenses. Please go on Tuesday February 28th to the Five Guys located at 2505 LaPorte Ave. in Valparaiso (close to Gelsosomo's Pizzeria) from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. We will receive 20% of our sales that day. The flyer on the Narthex table is required to insure credit for your purchase. Take several and give them to family and friends. Please invite your family, friends & co-workers to go that day as we can all help to defray the mounting medical expenses of Travis and Tina. Any questions please see Pam Hardesty or Joann Schultz

St. Paul Lutheran Church's Life Team is reaching out to all the surrounding LCMS churches, We would like to invite all the members of your church to this important event.

Join us at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Chesterton on Sunday, March 19th 2:00-5:00 pm as Rev. Michael Salemk, Executive Director of Lutheran for Life shares:

Going Gracefully: Beholding the Gospel in Life's Twilight

The joy of the Christian Gospel enables us to welcome God's blessings even as life is ending. Hear and learn how advance directives, family conversations, and funeral preparations can courageously and compassionately affirm the sanctity of life even in situations of pain, impairment, and advancing age. We'll also consider the benefits and drawbacks of hospice care and organ donation as opportunities for confessing the faith. And we'll explore suggestions for upholding life in our congregations and communities.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 10th to St Paul's office 219-926-1556
St Paul Lutheran Church 106 E 1100 N Chesterton, IN

Chili Cook-off FUND RAISER!! Please mark your calendars for our annual chili cook-off **Sunday March 5th** following Worship. Please bring a crockpot or two of your favorite chili for judging. Chicken noodle soup will also be available for our non-chili eaters. Please sign-up for additional items needed on the white board in the foyer. This will be a fundraiser for Travis Filipiak and Tina Hardesty.

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 beginning January 15th. Thank you. Pastor Foy

Flower Chart: The 2023 Flower Chart is available. Please reserve those dates that are dear to your heart.

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Tylor Smith; Kathy Hegenow, Joy Steingass, 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 & Carl

Altar Guild Servers: Joann, Pam, Shirley, Penny

Bible Study: Bible Study Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4:00

Service: Monday- Thursday 11am

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Chrismon Corner

Septuagesima 1Cor 9.24---10.5

Wreath with cross. The wreath is a symbol of victory. The cross is where Jesus finished the race to win the salvation of the world

St. Paul speaks of the Christian faith with an athletic metaphor of running a race to win a prize. Only one person wins the victory wreath. And in order to win it, an athlete

must train, work hard, be diligent, and persevere. Jesus has run the race and won the prize. He has gained the victor's wreath for finishing in first place. But we are His followers. As His disciples and followers, we too discipline ourselves. Not so that we can earn our own prize, but rather because we share in His. We run the race knowing that we too have a share in His prize. And that reality should not make us lazy, but it should encourage us to train even harder, knowing that the prize of eternal life given to the Victor is given to us as well. For St. Paul says that we are "more than conquerors."

Even as we train and practice self-discipline, even as we run with perseverance, we keep our eye on the prize so as not to lose it. We know that though our efforts do not earn us salvation, our efforts do bear fruit for the good of the kingdom, bringing more and more people to the victor's stand with us to share the prize.

As St. Paul teaches us, there is a prize awaiting us. And so we train for victory like an athlete. We run the race with joy knowing that there is a crown waiting for us at the finish line, not merely a perishable wreath, but an imperishable.

And if we are honest with ourselves, we are the least worthy of all of God's creatures to cross the finish line. And this, is all the more reason to rejoice and to boast in Christ alone: for "the last will be first, and the first last." The Lord is generous! The Lord is gracious! The Lord keeps His promises! Thanks be to God!

