

“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:

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care	Joy Steingass –failing health
Jim Miller- Cancer	Jim McGown – Tumor
Tyler Oswald- Concerns	William Devries -Dr Care
Jim Brown- Cancer	Cathy Clayton- Kidneys
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

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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

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*



Sexagesima

The Sower goes out to sow

The Seed

February 12th, Year of our Lord 2023

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- From God the Father, Virgin-Born **401**

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Confession and Absolution **184**

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!

P 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.

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Kyrie **186**

Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter

Salutation **189**

Collect of the Day – Prayed by Pastor

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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:

Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Gradual – *Chanted by the Cantor*

Ps. 83:18, 13

Let Your enemies know that You alone, whose name | is
the LORD,*
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- | fences;*
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.

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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.

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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 for His many Blessings and for the life and happy birthday celebration of Sage and Emma. Cheryl Stanley

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.

Exciting way to read the Bible: On the table in the Narthex are laminated sheets that you can cut up and use for a very exciting way to read the Bible. Each day in only about 30 minutes you will have readings from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms and Proverbs. Many in the congregation have already begun reading in this way and have had an eye opening experience of the Bible's tapestry as never before. If you have any questions about how to use them (instructions are stapled to the laminated sheet) and most certainly as you are reading God's Word, please DO NOT HESITATE to text, email or call me (not after 9 pm but again by 5 am) and I will joyfully answer your questions or find the answers. **Let's make 2023 the year we all read through the Lord's Word and grow in Him by His Seed (the Word) planted and watered by that same word of God. Enjoy His Word. Pastor**

PLEASE: PLEASE: TAKE FLYERS FOR -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 Tarvis 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 Salemink, 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

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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.

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 beginning January 15th. Thank you. Pastor Foy

WEDNESDAY – Bible Study: We are studying the Book – The Acts of the Apostles (Acts) at 11:45 in the conference room on Wednesdays. Please join us if you can. Thank you, Pastor.

Directory Pictures: There are a number of members whose pictures we do not have for the directory and we would truly like to have them. We have many new members and if you can look in the directory and see a picture you will find it easier to remember a name. Pictures will be taken each Sunday before and after service in front of the Violet Banner in the narthx (in front of the water fountain) There is a list and someone might just ask you to get that pretty face of yours memorialized on film. Thank you for your cooperation. Pastor

Directory App: There is an app (Universal Church Directory) that you can download to your phone, computer or both. Please do that if you have not already. If I have your email address I will send you an email that will give you a “unique Identifier” which you will type into the proper box on the first screen of the directory. The directory will load and you will have it. If you already have this, please, put the

identifier in again and reload, that way you will have the changes since this was first put out. Thank you. Pastor You may also direct all inquiries to me.

Directory Information Needed: If you have moved, changed your phone # or email, or had a birth in the family, please give that information to the church office via email so that I can update all the necessary records. Check out the directory on your smart phone or computer and make certain that your information is correct. Thank you. Pastor (acting secretary)

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: Shirley, Penny

Bible Study: Bible Study Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4:00

Service: Monday- Thursday 11am

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Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

7am- spoken service with imposition of Ashes

11 am Divine Service with Ashes

(light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)

7pm- Divine Service with imposition of Ashes

Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten Vesper Services – 7pm

(light soup supper at 6pm preceding service)

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Holy week April 2nd -9th – Palm Sunday thru Easter

Palm Sunday – Divine Service 9 am

Evening Services

Maundy Thursday - April 6th 7pm

Good Friday - April 7th 7pm

Vigil of Easter - April 8th 8pm

April 9th The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter

Breakfast 7:30am

Divine Service 9am

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."