



## *The Invocavit*

*The First Sunday in Lent*

*The Temptation of Christ Jesus*

*February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Year of our Lord 2026*

*The Reverend William Foy, Pastor*

About the cover art: First it is important to note position, Jesus is above Satan and although the angels descend from yet higher, they are not as great as Jesus. Certainly we see that this is a cosmic battle, all of the earth is smaller than the breadth of Jesus outstretched arms and even the devil is far greater in size and power than are we. The devil's kingdom behind him is dark and falling down, a place of death and dying. The kingdom of God is bright and filled with light and life. But also not the robes of Christ Jesus, red and black. Red for His blood which He sheds to defeat Satan and the black in which He is robed certainly speaks about how He will accomplish that victory, through His own death. The very Word of God, Jesus, overcomes all the words against you and me by Satan, the great accuser. In Jesus cross, Satan's mouth is stopped.

## 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- Father Most Holy

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1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

### 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/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 - (Congregation chants the bold stanzas)**



When he calls to Me, I will | answer him;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him My Sal- | vation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My Refuge and my |  
Fortress,\***

**my God, in | whom I trust.”**

**Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling  
place—\***

**the Most High, who is my | Refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
 no plague come | near your tent.  
 You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample |  
 underfoot.

**(The Gloria Patri is Omitted during Lent)**

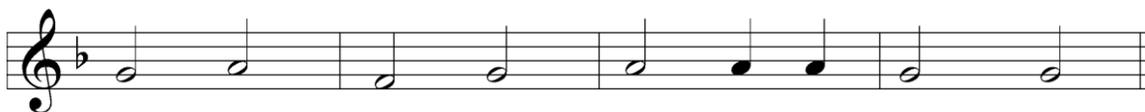
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**Kyrie**

**186**



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



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

**Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter  
 Salutation**

**189**



☐ The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

**Collect of the Day – Prayed by Pastor.**

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 17:40–51**

Then [David] took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

**Gradual** – Chanted by the Cantor

**Ps. 91:11–12**

He will command His angels con- | cerning You\*



But He answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, “He will command His angels concerning You,’ and “On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.””

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.”” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

## **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 –**

**O Christ, You Walked the Road 424**



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.  
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.  
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

**Sermon**

*Please rise.*

**Offertory**

**C** 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.

## Rite of First Communion – Levi Poppe

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

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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**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**

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**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

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### Pax Domini

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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

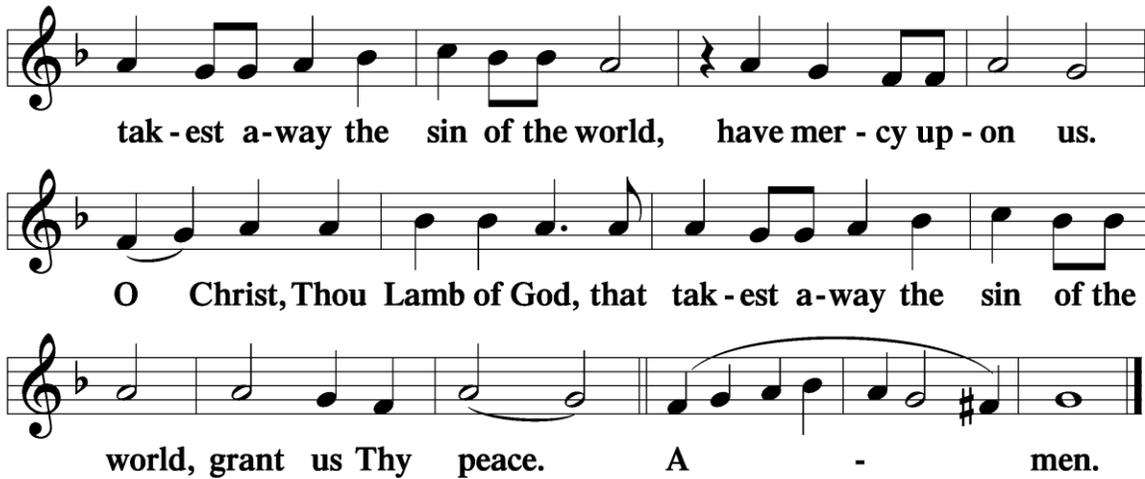
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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.

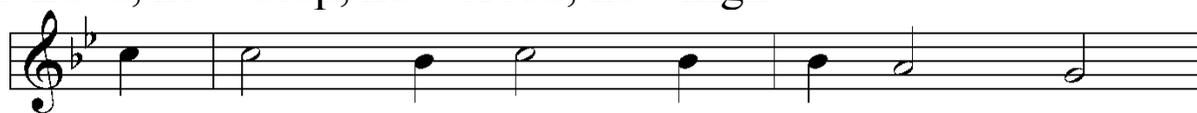
**What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar**

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 -**

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
 5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here  
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 The Trinity whom we adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

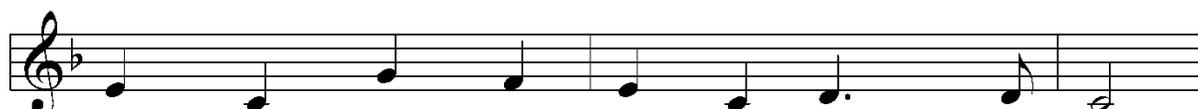
In the shattered bliss of Eden



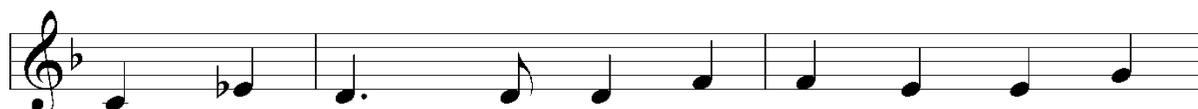
1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'rings Crest - ed  
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
 "Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of



gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you.”

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
 Known by saints around the  
 throne, Where the Lamb, in closest  
 union, Lives to love and feed His  
 own. From His riven side forever  
 Flows the purest stream of love,  
 Love that robes us with the raiment  
 Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden,  
 Gone the age of sacrifice;  
 Ours the time of grace and favor,  
 Ours the call to paradise!  
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
 Only You can cover sin—  
 Take our worthless, self-made  
 garments; Clothe our shame and  
 cleanse within

**I Walk in Danger All the Way**



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ill's con -  
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



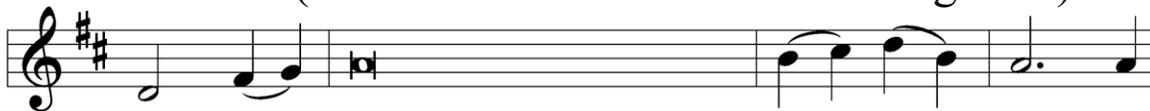
watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay  
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

*Please rise.*

**Nunc Dimitis** (The Gloria Patri is omitted during Lent)



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,



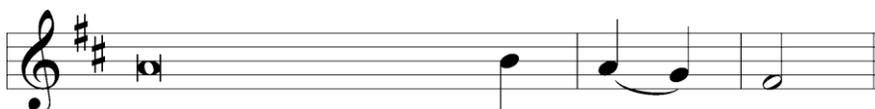
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## 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.



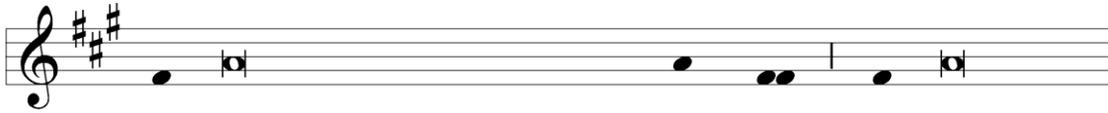
**A** Bless we the Lord.



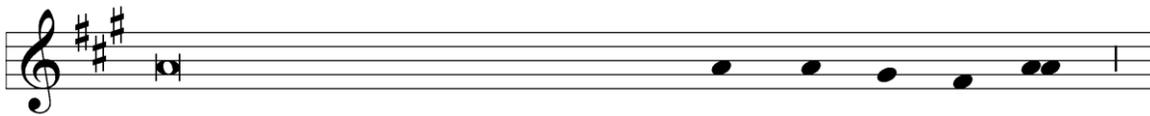
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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: Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle**

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1	Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;	Sing the end - ing
2	Tell how, when at length the full - ness	Of the ap - point - ed
3	Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished,	He went forth from
4	Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph,	Be for all the
5	Un - to God be praise and glo - ry;	To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

**Altar Flowers** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings and especially the life of our daughter-in-law Patricia. Paul and Graciela Olivares

**Thank You very much:** The Josh Hardesty family thanks all of the congregation for the wonderful outpouring of love and support throughout Josh's health issues and also for the incredible gift from the chili cookoff. Thank you very much. God bless you all. Josh

**Rite of First Communion:** Levi Poppe has been welcomed to the Lord's Table today via the Rite of First Communion prior to confirmation. When Levi is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade he will begin the confirmation classes. He has been examined by me and found knowledgeable according to the catechism and self-examination and thus welcomed to the Table. Any child that is prepared by their parents may be examined by me for the same reason. If you have questions, please see me. Pastor.

**Midweek Soup & Salad before service:** Please plan on joining us for a light soup & salad dinner prior to our Lenten evening Worship Services beginning Wednesday

February 18th thru March 25th at 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is located on the Whiteboard in the foyer.

**Easter Flowers for Order:** Flowers to adorn the Altar. Please see Heidi, Pam or Joann to order your Easter plants to adorn the altar Easter Sunday. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. You may choose Daffodil, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Easter Lily. If you would like your flower in memory of a loved one please let us know. **LAST DAY TO ORDER 3/15**

**Easter Breakfast** Plan on joining us Sunday April 5th for Easter breakfast prior to our Worship Service. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am. A sign -up sheet is located in the foyer for attendance as well as items needed for breakfast.

**Thank You:** Daybreak shelter is very appreciative of our continued support through the delicious dinners we send. Thank you for your continued support of this mission project.

**Eggsellent 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.

**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. 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 21. 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.

**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:**

Pat Maile – Dr Care  
Jim Brown- Remission  
Greg Mohlke Kidney issues  
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

Robert Sprout - Cancer  
Dave McCall – Dr Care  
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  
Sibylle Horvath – Brain Tumor

*Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor*

### **THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD**

### **THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Kuder 2/22 Samantha Elkins 2/23 Nancy Peterson 2/24

### **THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Graciela Olivares 2/25 Heidi Frisch 2/25 Ruth Koeppen 2/26  
Liam Mowbrey 2/28

### **THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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## Chrismon Corner

### **Invocavit - Lent 1    Mt 4.1-11    Jesus in wilderness**

#### Twelve Tribes of Israel

In Exodus 4 God sent Moses to stand before Pharaoh to tell him to let His people go. God said, “you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son,<sup>23</sup> and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”. When Jesus was baptized He took on the identity of Israel. The first servant failed. Jesus is the new servant—He stands for all of Israel reduced to one. Jesus was not baptized because He was a sinner. He was baptized because He would be the bearer of all sin. He took on their identity of idolater, a sinner.

And rather than coming from the wilderness into the land, Jesus went from the land into the wilderness to then be tempted by Satan. He was faithfully doing all of the things Israel failed at in His ministry, beginning with the wilderness wanderings.

Sin demands death. Someone had to die. So at His baptism, Jesus takes the identity of Israel: the identity of sin and death. He goes down the road their sins paved and is nailed to a cross and dies.

But Jesus’ identity isn’t in death! He rose from the grave and lives and reigns to all eternity. Jesus doesn’t keep the identity of life all to Himself. He is faithful to His promises and redeems all His people. Isaiah said, “Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many and makes intercession for the transgressors” (Is 53.12). He gives it to you—all of you.

And He gives this victory to you in Baptism. In your Baptism God withdraws His wrath and turns away from His hot anger. He forgives your iniquity and covers all your sin. He does all of that because Jesus took upon Himself your sin and killed it.



### Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter

**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**