

**Laetare Sunday** 

"This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Jesus feeds the 5000

"and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated.... And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, 'Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost."

# March 10th, Year of our Lord 2024

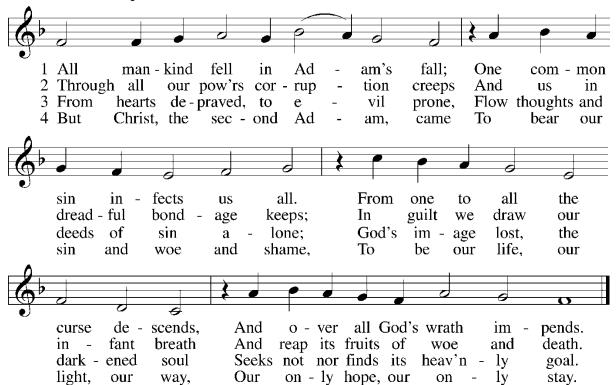
The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

About the cover art: The feeding of the five thousand. The super abundance of food that the Lord provides from the meager rations of one small boy. Men, women, and children filled to the full. They have come out into the wilderness with nothing to sustain them, they are surround by the mountains, the high places from where the Lord provides for His people, think Mt. Sinai, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Calvary. And recognize how His servants who distribute His gifts to His people are careful not to waste, they take up each fragment and conserve it unto the next time the Lord enters into the presence of His people to feed them.

## **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: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



- As by one man all mankind fell
  And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
  So by one Man, who took our place,
  We all were justified by grace.
- We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
  New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
  This grace our ev'ry way attend
  Until we reach our journey's end.

### Invocation

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

C Amen.

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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)



Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her; that you may nurse and be | satisfied\*

from her con- | soling breast.

- P I was glad when they | said to me,\*
  "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
- C Our feet have been | standing\*
  within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
  Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!\*
  May they be secure who | love you!
- P For my brothers and com- | panions' sake\* I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"
- P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\* all you who | love her; that you may nurse and be | satisfied\* from her con- | soling breast.

Kyrie
Gloria in Excelsis omitted until Easter
Salutation
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## **Collect of the Day** – *Prayed by Pastor*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 49:8–13

Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages,

saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for He who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! for the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Ps. 122:1, 7

Gradual - Chanted by the cantor

I was glad when they | said to me,\*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Peace be with- | in your walls\*

and security within your | towers!

The Epistle: Acts 2:41–47

So those who received His word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day

by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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



Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\* which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His | people,\*

from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

## The Holy Gospel:

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

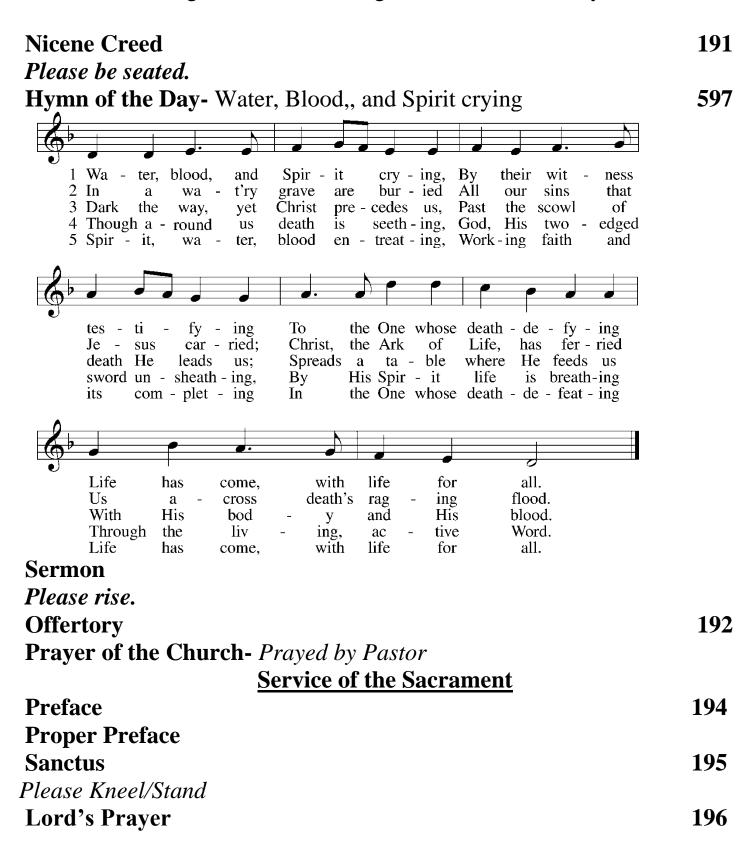
Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw the sign that He had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.



## The Verba - The Words Instituting the Lord's Supper

#### The Words of Our Lord 197 Pax Domini 197 198 **Agnus Dei**

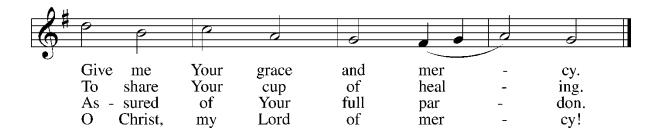
#### What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

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**

Please be seated.





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## Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

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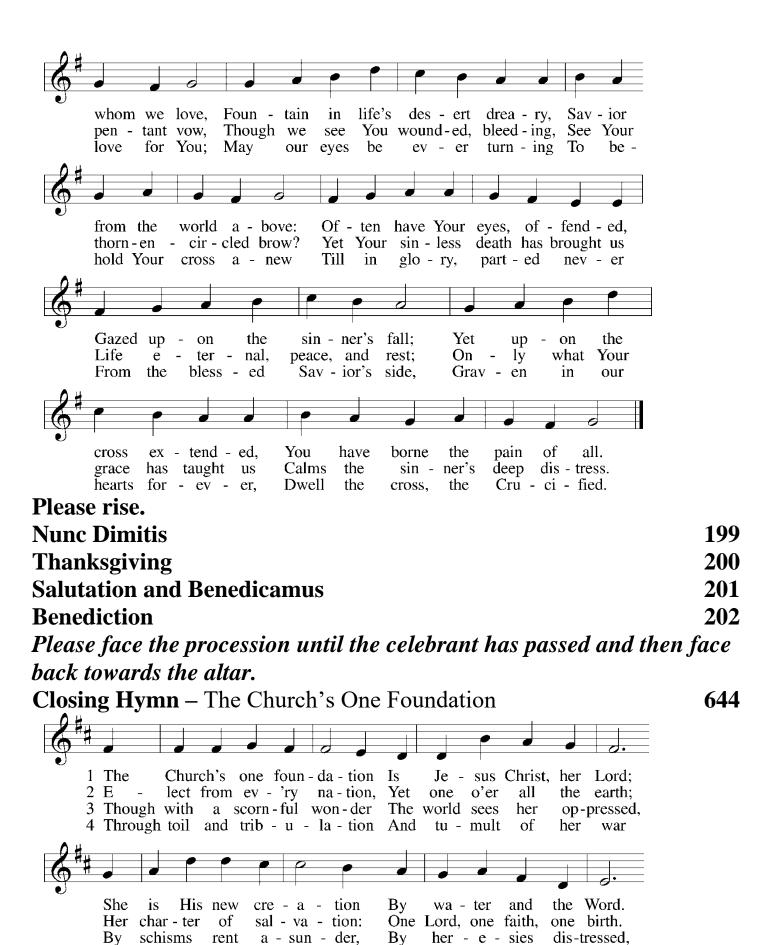
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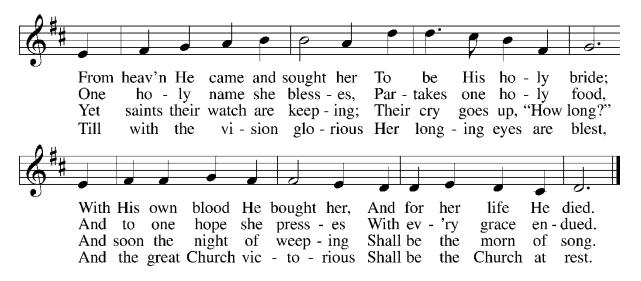




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Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

<u>Altar flowers</u> are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving to Him for the institution and gift of marriage, one man and one woman for life. We rejoice as we celebrate our anniversary and our life together in Christ Jesus. Steve and Tara Pierce

**Special Congregation Meeting:** NEXT Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Divine Service, we will have a special congregation meeting in the Parish Hall. We want to discuss and seek approval for a wheel chair lift into the basement. Also, we would like to inform the congregation about the situation of the Westville property and decide which way to go. Thank you. Church Council

<u>Gerhard Readings:</u> 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

<u>Chili Cookoff - Thank you</u> to all who prepared chili, purchased items for lunch and attended our annual chili cookoff. As usual the chilis were delicious. We raised \$655.00 which will be sent to Pastor David Preus and his family who are missionaries in Romania.

Please help the Ladies Guild with your donations: Coffee Hour: All of the items for coffee hour are paid for by the Ladies guild. Until recently, all who enjoyed the various refreshments and beverages would make some manner of contribution/donation into the basket on the kitchen counter to offset those costs. For some reason, that is not happening much these days. Please, make some donation when you can for the things you enjoy. Eggs: Pastor and Greg Haliburt donate eggs that you are welcome to purchase, please don't take them for free and please do not take more than one dozen per week. They are a bargain at \$2 per dozen, you may donate more if you like. Thank you for your understanding and support. SMS Guild

<u>Please help the flower fund:</u> Fortunately, this year most of the dates on the flower chart are spoken for, however, if there is not someone signed up for flowers, they are purchased that week by Prince of Peace. We have a flower fund but it is sorely depleted and needs replenishing. If you are able to make a donation in addition to your weekly offering, please help. Please note that it is for the flower fund. Thank you. Church Council

<u>Crafting Together:</u> A number of ladies are going to begin meeting on Thursday morning in the Parish Hall at 9:30 to do their crafts together and enjoy one another's company. Many of those crafting are doing things with yarn or needle and thread but all crafts and ages are welcome. If you want to learn a craft, come.

**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.

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>Bible Study-</u>** We are studying the Word of God, after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We will begin at 10:45. Pastor Foy

#### For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer Elder: Jeff, Josh, Carl

**Altar Guild Servers:** Shirley, Cheryl

**Bible Study:** Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Service: Wednesday 4 pm

Week day Service: Monday thru Wednesday 11:00 Veterans PTSD/Moral Injury: Tuesday 6:30-8 pm

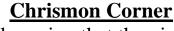
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Lent 4 John 6.1-15 knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force 7 point crystal crown

The Lord tells the disciples to gather together the broken pieces so that none perish. Our translation says "are lost." This isn't about waste. This is about Hell. The word translated lost

is the same word Jesus uses in John 3:16 and which is usually translated as perish or be destroyed. God sent His Son to death in order that whoever believes in the Son would not perish but have eternal life. The broken fragments gathered up symbolize the new Israel which will be gathered out of sin and darkness lest they perish and they will be made one. This filling of the 12 baskets is a significant part of the miracle, part of the multiplication, the sign that Jesus did. It shows what sort of King He is. He is the sort of King who not only feeds the hungry but also gathers the broken so that they do not perish.

The crowd is half-right in wanting to make Him King, except that He is already King and that He has not come to set up a political order on earth or re-establish Israel as a kingdom among men. He is the King named and enthroned on the cross. He is King for the sake of His new citizens. His Body and Blood shield His people from the angel of death. His Body and Blood initiate the passage out of slavery to freedom, out of death to life, and out of Egypt to the promised land. Men, women, and children partake of His Flesh and are washed in His Blood so that they do not perish but obtain the right to become the children of God.



## **Service Dates and times for Lent thru Easter**

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

March 13<sup>th</sup> & , 20<sup>th</sup>

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

**Evening Services** 

Maundy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm Vigil of Easter – March 30<sup>th</sup> 8 pm – At St Paul Chesterton

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

#### **PRAYERS FOR:**

- -Persecuted Christians everywhere and families of the martyred
- -All human life from conception unto natural death
- -All humans who are trafficked or enslaved -

**PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS:** Kathy Hegenow, Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Penny Robinson

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

#### PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care Pat Maile – Dr Care

Jim Brown- Cancer Dave McCall – Drs Care

Penny Robinson – Dr Care Jim DeSmith – Brain Cancer

Susan Snow – Burns Bobbie Nobles – Cancer Bill Lomas – Cancer Lil Johnston – Dr Care

Jo Thompson – Cancer Mary Cruz - ALS

Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor

#### THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Liam Mowbrey 3/11

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Will Schnabel 3/11 Tim Broviak 3/13

#### THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

#### THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Christina Foy & Joey Moser June 8, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Rachel Wilburn & Alex Rodriguez

All Prince of Peace members are invited to all weddings ceremonies in the Church.

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