

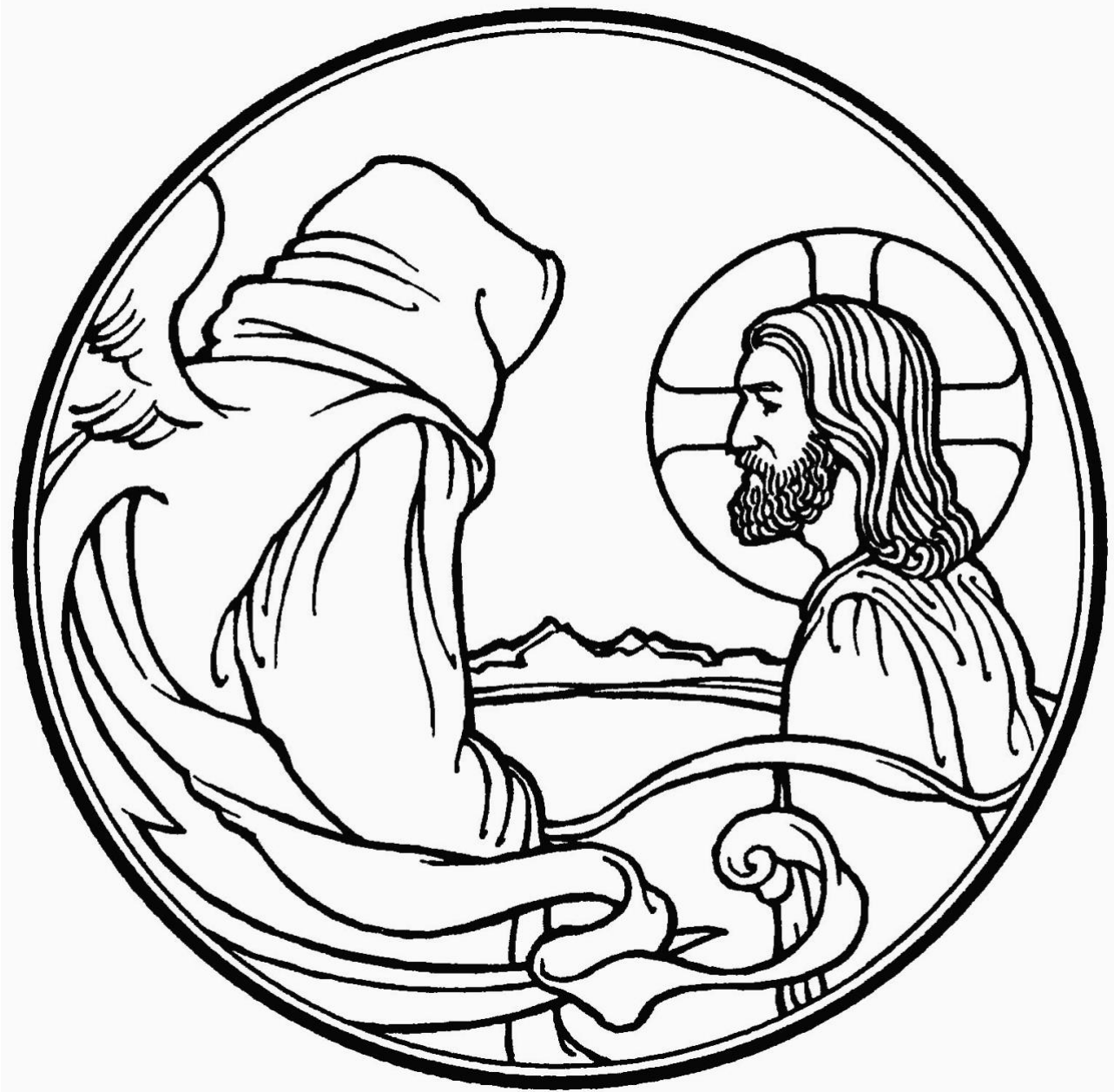
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March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

Service Notes: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).


Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)


OPENING HYMN: #196 "Lord God, to You We All Give Praise"




1 Lord God, to you we all give praise;
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we;
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe;
 5 But watch - ful is the an - gel band



To you our joy - ful hymns we raise
 And con - stant - ly be - hold your face.
 Their whole de - light is but to be
 His en - vy and his wrath they know.
 That fol - lows Christ on ev - 'ry hand



That an - gel hosts you did cre - ate
 They heed your voice; they know it well;
 With you, Lord Je - sus, and to keep
 So now he sub - tly lies in wait
 To guard his peo - ple where they go



A - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
 In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 Your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
 To ru - in school and church and state.
 And break the coun - sel of the foe.

6 O Lord, awaken songs of praise
 For angel hosts that guard our days;
 Teach us to serve you and adore
 As angels do forevermore.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of

bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighted six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

³² And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armor.. And he tried to vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he 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.

⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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."

⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ 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.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 91

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Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,*

“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.” ***Refrain***

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Cantor) Matthew 4:10b

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve."

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,'

¹¹ and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,**

and became fully human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #201 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Text and tune: Martin Luther (1483-1546)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - mighty Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – LENTEN SEASON (p. 125)

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M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the

kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from (+) evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*) ©1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A722670. All rights reserved

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: Cantor **CWS#754** “The Tree of Life”

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The tree of life with every good in Eden’s holy orchard stood,
 And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.
 Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew;
 Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned.

The stillness of that sacred grove was broken, as the serpent strove
 With tempting voice to Eve beguile and Adam to by sin defile.
 O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
 Its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.

What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by His grace:
 In sending One from woman’s seed, the One to fill our greatest need—

For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head!

Now from that tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat.
To find within this cross of wood the tree of life with every good.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#455 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

Text: Wilhelm E. Arends (1677-1721); Tune: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

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455 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you,
2 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish,



O Chris - tians, lest the foe de - stroy you, For Sa - tan
And keep them that they nev - er per - ish Whom you have



has de - signed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weap - on
pur - chased with your blood. Let new life to us be



glo - rious; A - gainst each foe you'll be vic -
giv - en That we may look to you in



to - rious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
heav - en When - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell— Here is Im - man - u - el!
Your Spir - it on us pour That we may love you more,



Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,
Hearts o'er - flow - ing; And then shall we, From sin set free,



And we as con - qu'rors hold the field.
Sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

202

If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
 3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and
 have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his
 pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
 net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and
 storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.
 soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
 he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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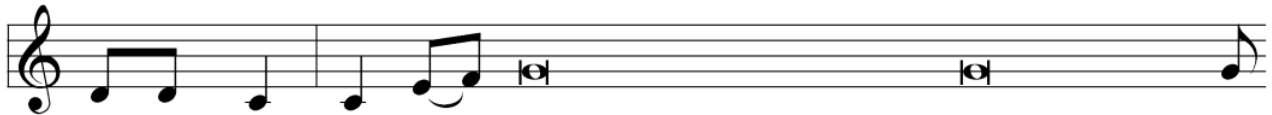
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND


SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)




C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

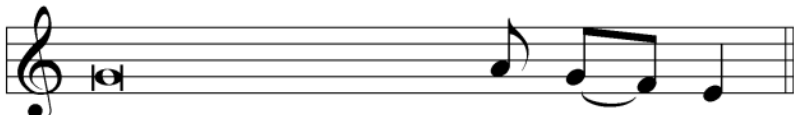


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Accompanist: Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Scott Beckerman

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Wednesday - 9:30 Online Bible Class
- 6:00 PM Lenten Meal
- 7:00 PM Lenten Service
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving Mar 12: Altar – no communion; Ushers: #3

Serving Mar 16: Altar Guild – Joy Schaefer; Ushers #4

Lenten Services and Meals – All are welcome to our Wednesday Lenten vespers of repentance and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Preservice meals begin at 6:00 PM in the church basement. See sheet in narthex to volunteer and signup to provide.

2025 Evening Lenten and Holy Week Services: “Reflections on Repentance”

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Officiant
March 12	Psalms 51:3-4	‘Recognizing Against Whom We Sin’	Pastor Schroeder

March 19	Psalm 51:5	'Revealing Our Sinful Nature'	Pastor Frey
March 26	Psalm 51:6	'Remembering God's Perfect Demands'	Pastor Schaefer
April 9	Psalm 51:7	'Relying on God's Grace'	Pastor Schaefer
April 17	Psalm 51:10-13	'Renewed Through the Gospel'	Pastor Schaefer
April 18	Psalm 51:14-17	'Restored by His Sacrifice'	Pastor Schaefer
April 19	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 E	Luke 24:1-2	<i>"The Resurrection of Our Lord"</i>	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 L	Psalm 51:18-19	'Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope'	Pastor Schaefer

E = Early; L = Late

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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