Invocabit

The Sunday on the Temptation

"Christ Suffered Temptation by Satan"



And the devil 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!" Qatthew 4:9-10

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

239 Frank Street Council Bluffs, IA March 9, 2025

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the

ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. **Members of sister congregations** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask **visitors who are not members of the LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill Pianist: Rev. Timothy Frank Violinist: Kirsten Zaryky (8:00 a.m.) Kantors: Cantate Domino (8:00 a.m.); Brett Allen (10:45 a.m.)

The Word In Music

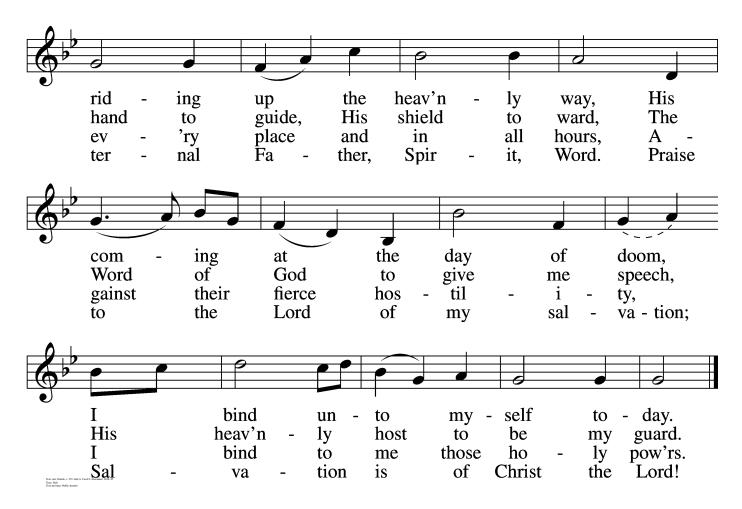
Prelude: Handbells – "Kingsfold" – Arr. Anna Laura Page Offering: Handbells – "Let All Mortal Flesh" – Arr. Kevin McChesney (8:00am); "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" Setting by Kristina Langlois (10:45 a.m.) Distribution: Choir – "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (8 a.m.) Postlude: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" – Setting by Sam Eatherton

Kantor's Notes: Throughout Lent, we will be using an alternate tune for "Create in Me" found at LSB 956. Some will be familiar with this tune from its inclusion in *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941). The text, drawn from Psalm 51, expresses the Christian's desire for a clean heart as brought about by the Holy Spirit. Having heard the Word of God which declares us righteous through Christ, we gladly seek to live our lives according to it. Our learn by heart memory for Lent says it this way: "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

Hymn of the Season: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

Prelude:





Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

- 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.
- **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.

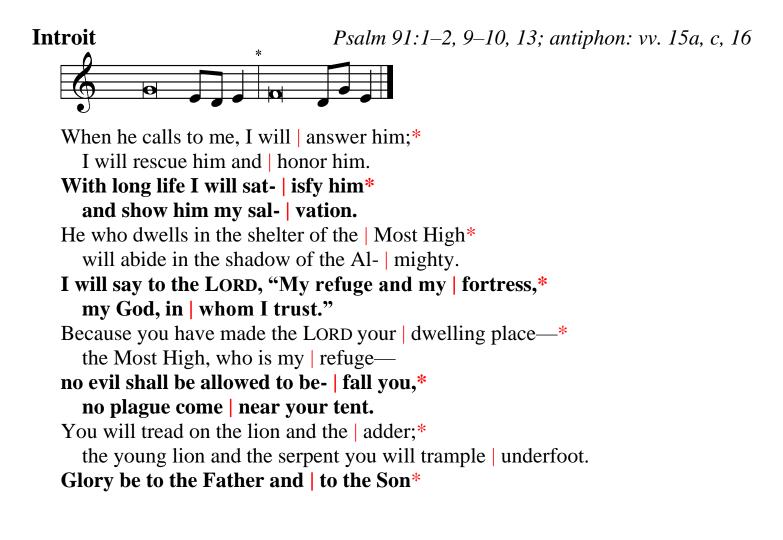
Confession of Sins

- **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.



and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. 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.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

▶ 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew

that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree

of which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;

in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

"The Tree of Life"

Hebrews 4:14–16

Epistle

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
He will cover you with his | pinions,* and under his wings you will find | refuge.
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;* I will be with him in | trouble.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him* and show him my sal- | vation.

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and 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.""

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

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

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

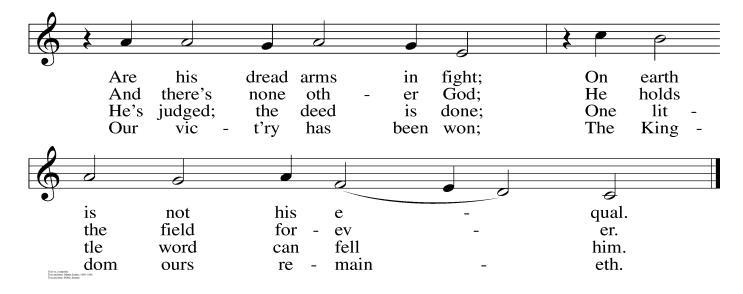
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

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.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 0 1 A might for God, tress is our У -2 With of might ours naught be done, can 3 Though dev ils all the world should fill, _ 4 The Word still shall they let main re _ 0 shield and weap A trust -У on; Soon ef - fect ed; loss were our de - vour All ea to us, _ ger Nor an _ У thanks have for it; 0 0 0 He helps free 'ry from need us ev But for fights the val iant One, us We trem ble not, we fear no ill; He's side by the plain our up - on 0 0 That hath o'er - tak us now en. Whom Him self God ed. e - lect ver - pow'r They shall not 0 us. With gifts Spir His good and it. 9 0 The old Now foe vil e means Who this? Ask ye, Je is _ sus This world's still prince Scowl fierce may And take they our life, Goods, fame, 0 ly guile dead woe; Deep and might _ great Christ it Of Sab is, oth Lord, a He as he will, can harm us none. child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

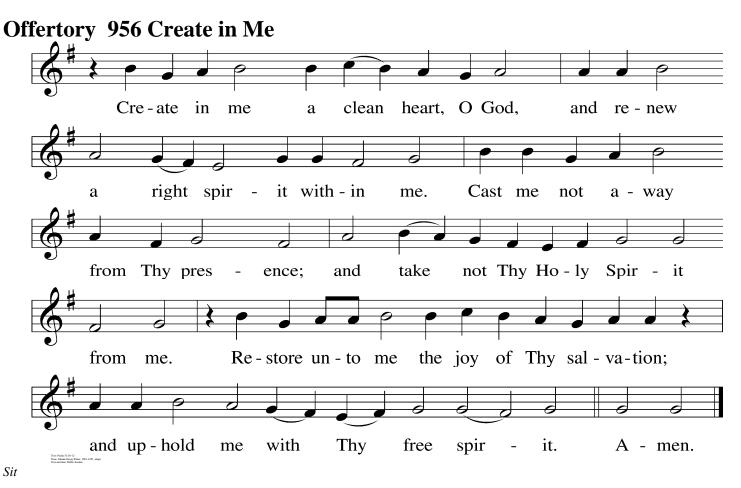


Sermon

"Jesus Was Tempted for You"

Matthew 4:1-11

Stand



Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctu	anctus		
C	Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.		
Lord's	s Prayer	LSB 196	
P	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.		
С	For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glor	y forever and	
	ever. Amen.		

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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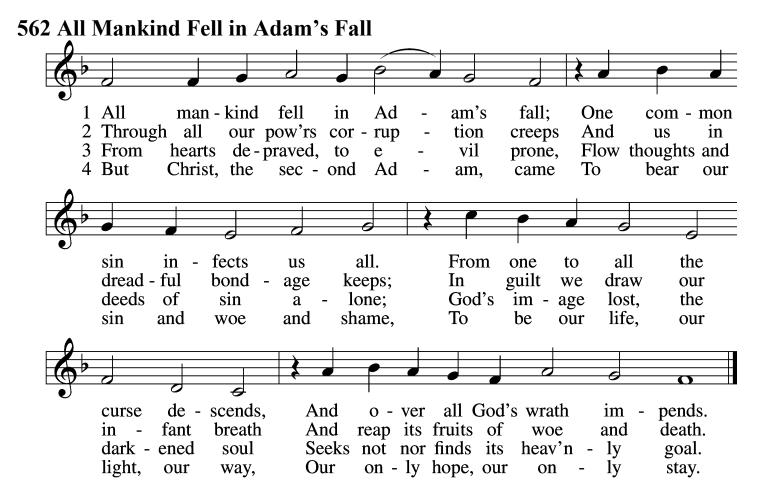
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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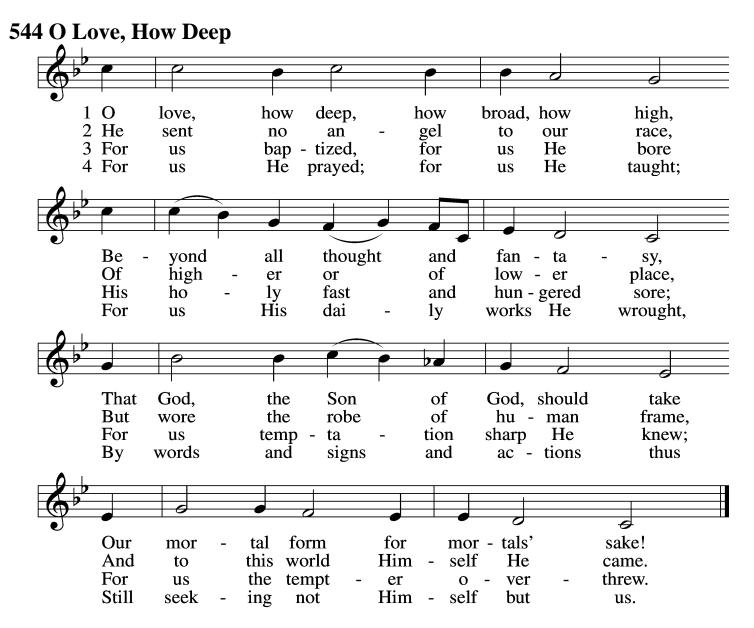
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- 5 As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell, So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace.
- We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs. This grace our ev'ry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

419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee 1 Sav ior, when in dust Thee Low we bow the a -to 2 By help - less Thy Thy in - fant years, By life of 3 ByThine hour of de - spair, By Thine dire ag - o Thy 4 By deep pir - ing By the ex _ groan, sad se -When. skies dor _ ing knee: re pen - tant, to the Thy deep want days of dis - tress and tears, By By of the cross, the nail, the thorn. ny prayer, the vault whose dark a - bode pul - chral stone, By Scarce we lift all Thy weep - ing eyes; О. by our the wil - der - ness, By the In sav - age dread, mys -Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that Held in vain the ris - ing God. from earth О. to Suf-fered once for be - low, Bend - ing pains and woe us tempt-er's pow'r, te rious hour Of the in - sult - ing Turn. 0 sac - ri - fice, veiled the skies O'er the dread-ful Lis - ten heav'n re - stored, Might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry! fa - v'ring eye; turn a Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry! to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial crv! Hear our from Thy throne on high, pen - i ten - tial cry! Text Robert Grant, 1779–1838, Tana: Joseph Party, 1841–1943 Text and tana: Public domain



- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,He bore the shameful cross and death;For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;For us He went on high to reign;For us He sent His Spirit hereTo guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- \triangle 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay



Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy C word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

LSB 199

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

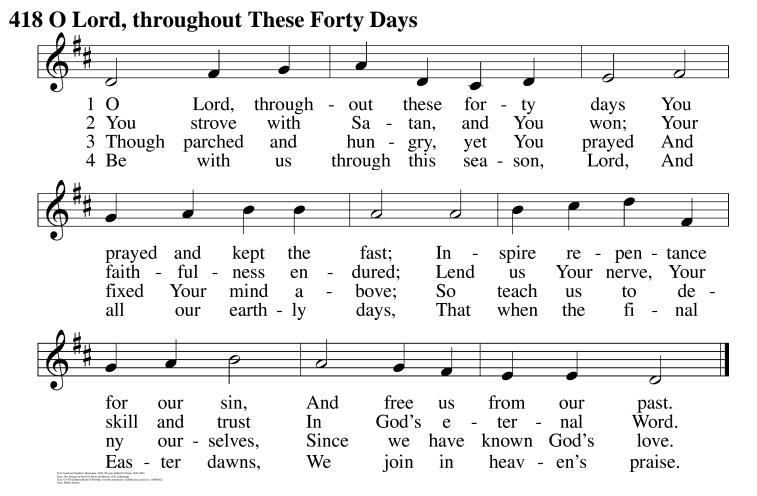
Let us pray. **[A**]

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutat P	The Lord be with you.	LSB 201
С	And with thy spirit.	
Benedicamus		LSB 202
A	Bless we the Lord.	
C	Thanks be to God.	
Benediction		LSB 202
P	The Lord bless you and keep you.	
	The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.	
	The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and $+$ give you peace.	

C Amen, amen, amen.



Postlude:

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Christ Academy
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00-8:15 p.m.	Christian Doctrine Class
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Dottie Jacox, Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Marge Miller, Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Randy Falknor (cousin of Kent Seetin), Sarah and Raymond McCubbin and Jill(family members of Jeff Thomas)

Jessica Overgard, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

News and Notes

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024 will be expiring soon! If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to participate and direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite ministry. Go to **www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice** or call 800-847-4836 before March 31 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Reminder: \$250 Community Impact Gift Cards are also available (two per member per year).

Sing Along: You are welcome to attend the March Sing-Along with Dr. Christensen on Thursday, March 20th. Meet at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of FoxRun Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Dr.).

SPLECC-Our Mission Field: One of the best ways to learn more about our Early Childhood Center is to spend time with our children. But....if working with children isn't your thing, there are still plenty of ways you can help. We are looking for volunteers to help organize our library, help with bulletin boards, organize our toy and supply closets, etc. More your cup of tea? Talk to Becca Heinicke, director, at 712-322-3294.

Ty and Julie Moreno – have moved to Arizona. If you would like to reach them and wish them well, you can reach them at this address: 2471 E. Canyon Crossing, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Picture Directory Reminder: Get your photos taken for the new picture directory. Greg Montgomery will be in the lounge between services and after the late service to take your photos. Sign-up sheets are posted by the lounge.

40 Days For Life - is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful

vigil in front of abortion businesses. If you are willing to join with others and spend one hour praying to stop abortion, please call Jo Raymond at 402-350-3221.

An opportunity this month to donate baby diapers and wipes. **Swaddling Clothes** is a program run by various congregations of the LCMS to share the mercy of Christ through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God. Timothy Lutheran, Council Bluffs is the local location of this program. Every 3rd month they are open for anyone in need of a supply diapers and wipes as well as other things currently available. There is a playpen outside the office here at St. Paul's where you can drop off diapers and wipes. Thank you.

Catechism

The Lord's Prayer

Conclusion: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

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