

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Opening Hymn: Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun *LSB 868*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184

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

LSB 184

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

[John 20:19-23] LSB 185

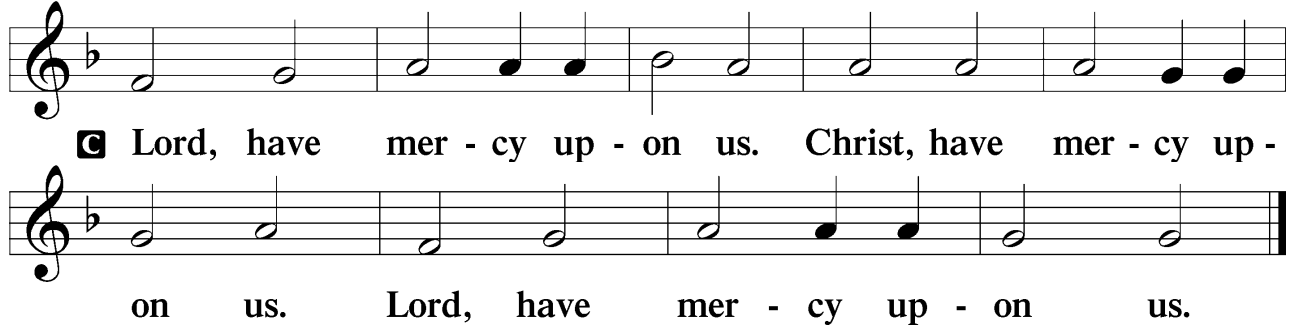
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 40.

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

²³who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,

that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power

not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 9.

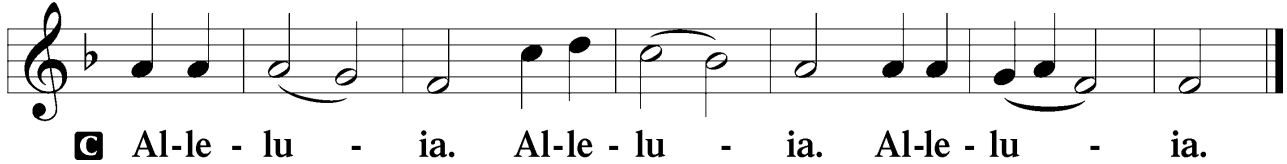
¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

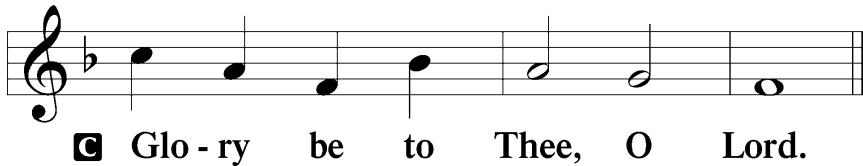
²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand***Alleluia***LSB 190***Holy Gospel***Mark 1:29-39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

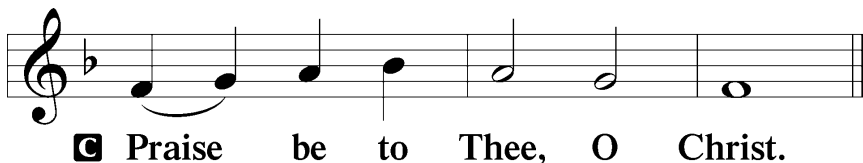


²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

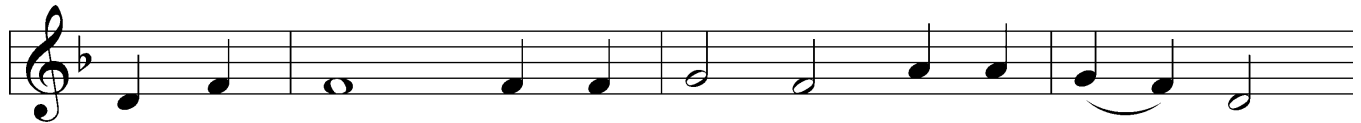
Announcements

Hymn of the Day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

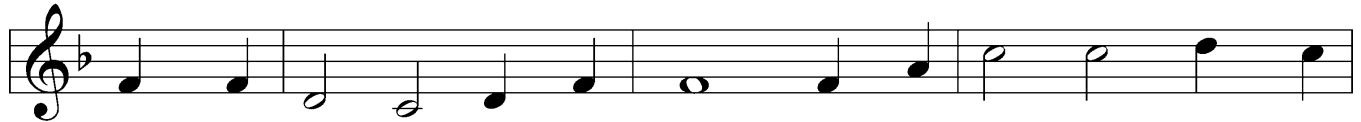
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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12 LSB 192

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.

Sit

Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We give thanks to You, dear Father, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh to preach the Gospel and cast out the works of Satan and the corruption of sin, which we could not overcome. By Your Word, rescue us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Church, give joy to Your servants on whom You have laid the necessity to preach the Gospel, that many would be saved in every nation and that together we may share in the blessings of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from Your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Creator of the world and its foundations, You hold sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth. Graciously preserve our land, its produce and industry, and our leaders together with our people. Do not disregard us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Son is the Great Physician of body and soul, at whose hand demon, disease and every ill must turn away. We bring before You those in any need [especially _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. Bring us in faith to Your Holy Sacrament, that the blood of Christ, which atoned for our sins, may make us whole, strengthen us against every spiritual attack of the devil, turn us in love toward our neighbor, and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 194

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.

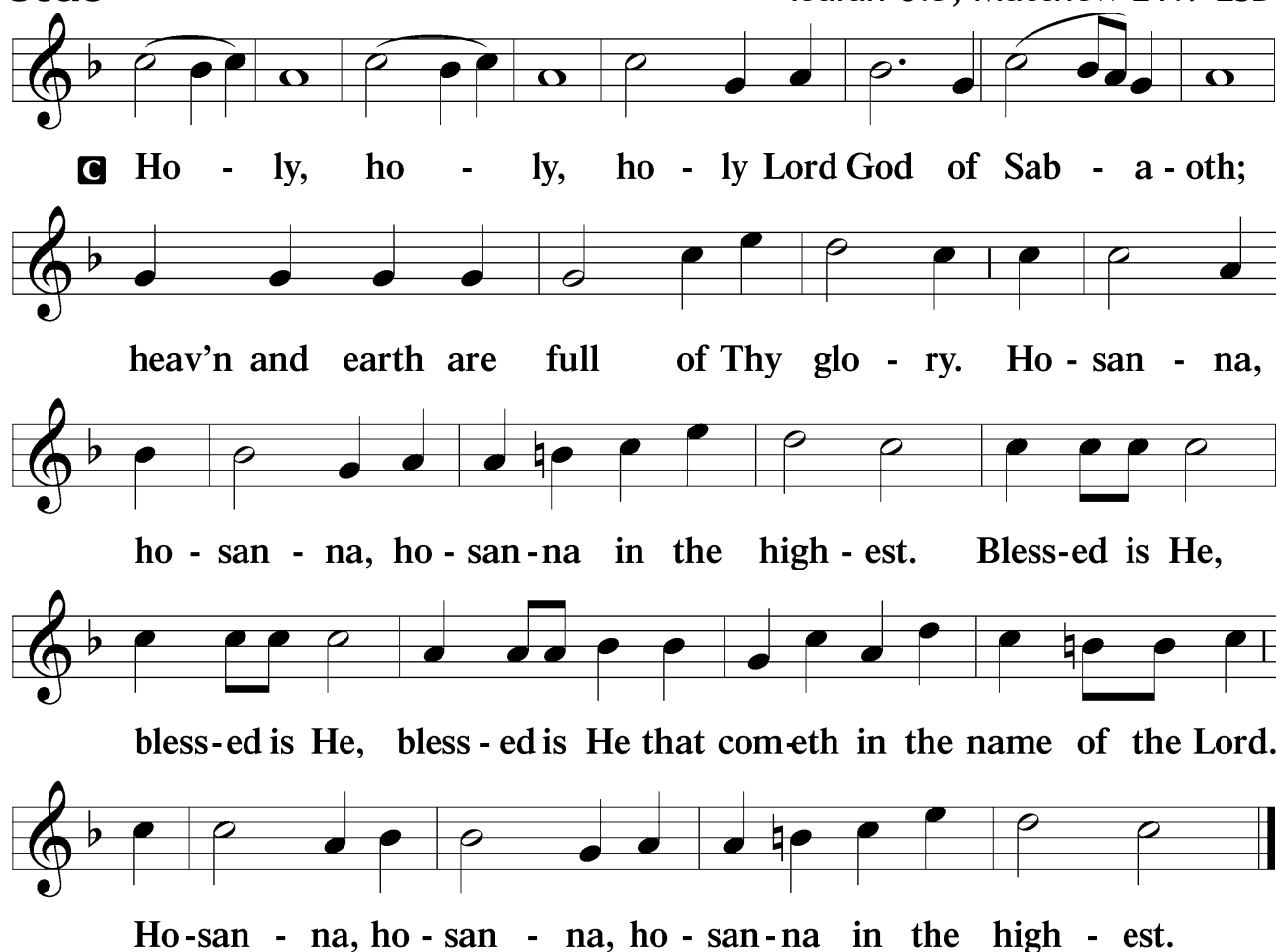
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195



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

Matthew 6:9-13 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

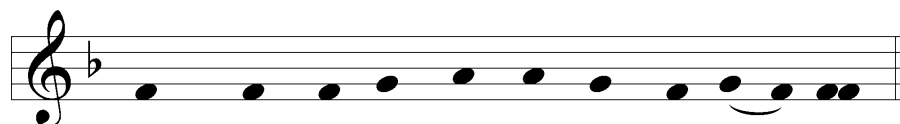
The Words of Our Lord

P 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

John 20:19 LSB 197



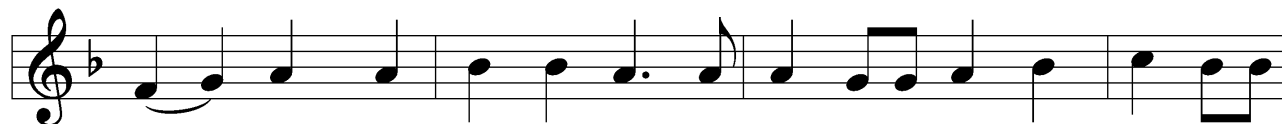
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 198



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



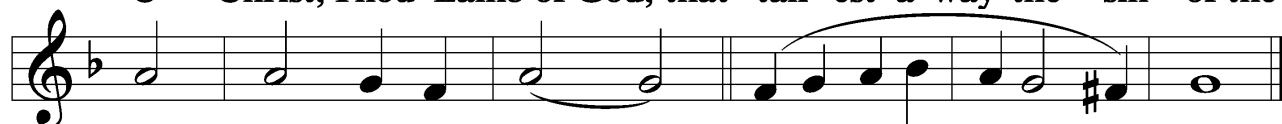
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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.

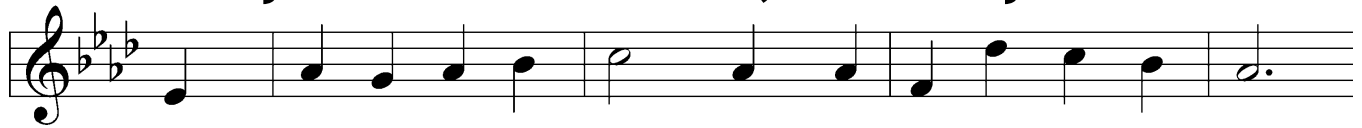
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Distribution

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
 - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
 - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
 - Kneel or stand as you are able.
 - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
 - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
 - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any questions.

Distribution Hymn: Come unto Me, Ye Weary

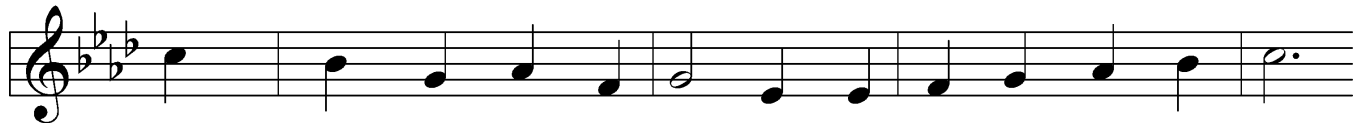
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- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

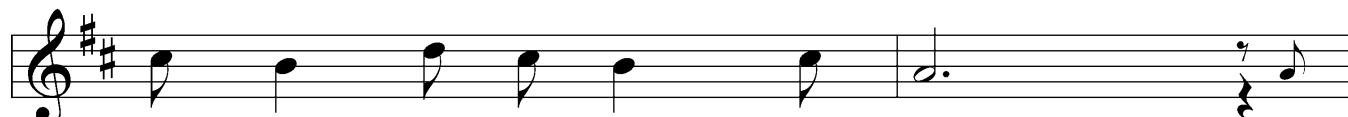
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Distribution Hymn: On Eagles' Wings

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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -

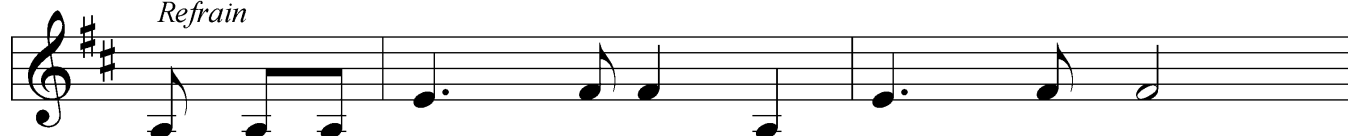


Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge, My _____
 Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
 thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you,
 on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!"
 faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
 Near you it shall _____ not _____ come.
 dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

Distribution Hymn: Christ, Mighty Savior

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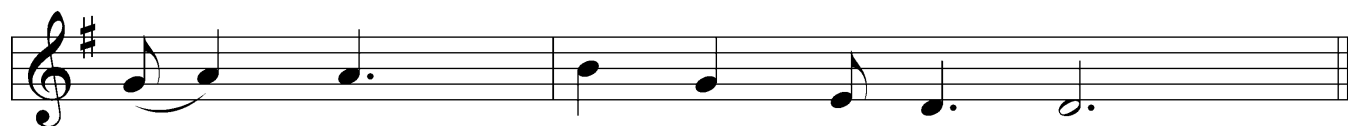
1 Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting,
 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
 4 Give heed, we pray You, to our sup - pli - ca - tion,
 5 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,



You make the day - time ra - dian - t with the sun - light
 Mir - ror of day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion;
 Joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise You,
 That You may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
 For - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



And to the night give glit - ter - ing a -
 While in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap -
 With all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and
 Strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing
 In light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our



dorn - ment, Stars in the heav - ens.
 pear - ing Hal - low the night - fall.
 voic - es Sing - ing Your glo - ry.
 bod - ies, Sooth - ing the wea - ry.
 Sav - ior Now and for - ev - er.

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Stand

The Dismissal

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

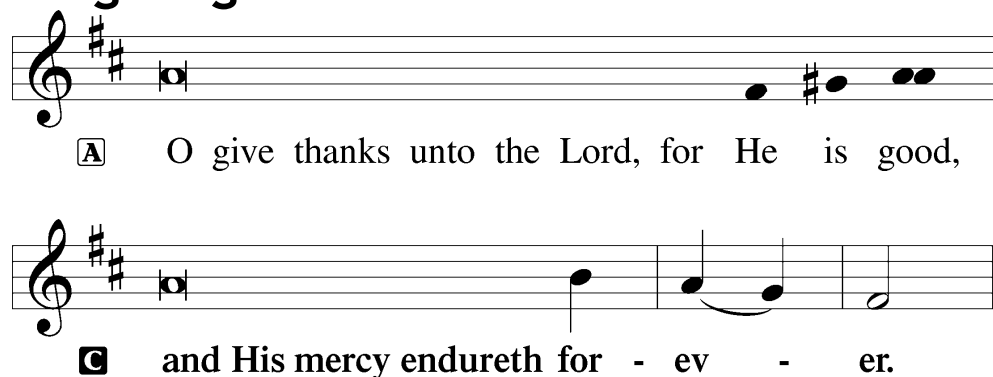
Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199



C 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

Psalms 107:1 LSB 200

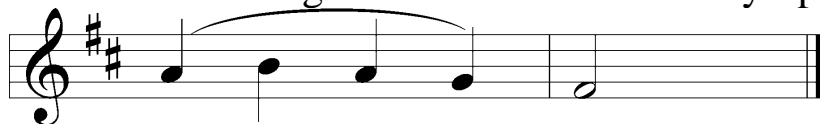


A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

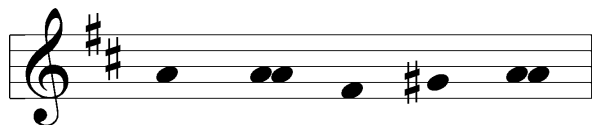
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB 201



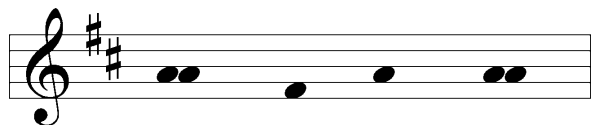
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1 LSB 202



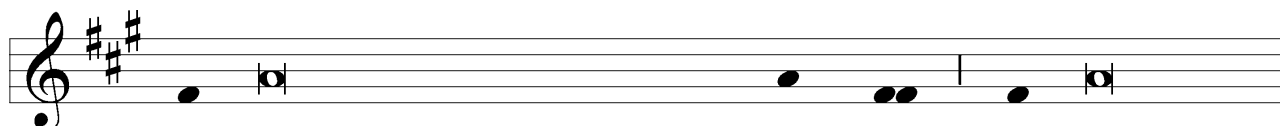
A Bless we the Lord.



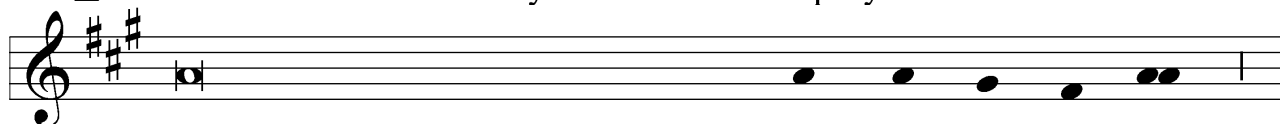
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

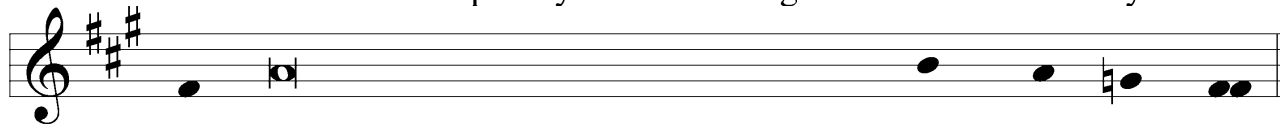
Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202



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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: Praise the Almighty

LSB 797 sts. 1-5



1 Praise the Al - mighty - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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3 Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
 Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
 And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
 To all who trust in Him, our Lord
 Will aid and counsel now afford.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
 Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
 Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
 Their faithful God He will remain.
 He helps His children in distress,
 The widows and the fatherless.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

△ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,
 With happy heart its amen sings.
 Children of God, with angel host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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New Sign Coming to 303 and Lester Road!

Near the end of February we will be having a new electronic sign installed to replace the current one that has finally given out. We tried hard to repair the sign but after 15+ years, its time was up.

The new sign will give a sharper image and will be 20% wider than the current sign (while reusing the current cabinet). It will also be easier to update remotely so will get more use and more variety than before.

It has a full five-year warranty and then continuing support for ten years or more.

You are invited to contribute directly toward the cost of the new sign. The total cost is approximately \$22,000.

Indicate "New Sign" in the memo of your check or give online at www.spvc.org – click "give online" – select "Sign Fund".

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	Between Services	Valentine Card Making
Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Communion
Monday		NO Confirmation
Tuesday	9:15 AM	Scarf Making
Tuesday	10:00 AM	LWML
Tuesday		NO Communion
Wednesday		NO Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	11:00 - 1:00 PM	Young Family Fellowship
Thursday	7:00 PM	Elder Meeting
Friday	6:00 PM	SMP Program Info Meeting

LWML is collecting mites today. Thank you.

VALENTINE'S FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & COLLEGE STUDENTS Today the LWML is inviting the Sunday School children and congregation to make Valentine's Day Cards for our special members and college students between services. **If you would like your college student included in this, please email their name and mailing address by tomorrow, Monday, February 5th to: secretary@spvc.org**

SCARF MAKING is this Tuesday, February 6th at 9:15 AM. The LWML meeting will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

SMP PROGRAM INFO MEETING is this Friday night, 6:00 PM. Come for an informational meeting about the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program which is Rev. Streeper's path forward in ministry. What is the program? How will it impact ministry here at St. Paul? What costs are involved? Answers to these questions and much more! Join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS We are starting something new! Beginning next Sunday, the Sunday School students will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15-9:30 AM for Welcoming/Object Lesson and music before going to the individual classrooms. Sunday School students will be learning and singing various songs during selected church services. The first scheduled program will be Palm Sunday, March 24th, then May 19th, and October 20th. Details will be available closer to those dates.

LWML BAKE SALE is next Sunday! The LWML is requesting your delicious bakery items! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your baked goods that will be sold between and after the late services. Thank you!

OHIO LWML BOARD OF DIRECTORS next Sunday is the deadline to collect your 'in-gathering' items: Granola Bars, packets of Hot Cocoa, and ChapStick. These items will be given to "Food Blessing Box" at Faith Church, Kent, OH. Please place your donations in the purple box located in the Narthex by the Welcome Center. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP Grades 6-12 meet every other Wednesday here at SPVC at 6:30 PM.
NEXT MEETING: Soup Supper Wednesday, February 21. Questions? Please contact Pastor Chris Streeper at 330-441-0502.

UPDATE ON MARILYNN RAUHAUS She has been moved for rehab at Lodi Hospital, 225 Elyria Street, Lodi, OH 44254 Room #110, Bed 2. Will receive calls on cell phone.

LENTEN MEALS Beginning on Ash Wednesday and in the Lent season we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Soup Supper meals at 6:00 PM before the Evening Midweek Lent Worship services. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your favorite dish. **Special Note:** SPVC Youth Group will host Wednesday, February 21st.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. 2023 Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2024, so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

2024 EASTER BREAKFAST As always, we are excited to break food together in honor of Jesus our Risen Lord & Savior! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your favorite Pashcal dish or dessert (or a regular casserole will do too!).

2024 EASTER EGG HUNT will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st for the children between services. Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy donations are accepted. Please give to Beth Bremke, thank you.

2024 VBS is scheduled for June 17-21, 2024. Teachers, kitchen helpers, and youth are needed! Please consider this calling and see Beth Bremke if you have any questions.

HEALTH & SAFETY There is a black First Aid bag hung in the vestibule containing emergency supplies. Some of the contents include bandages, instant glucose, breathing barriers, and blood pressure equipment. Please see Beth Bremke if you would like training in the use of these supplies.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL & FOREIGN MISSIONS We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners who suffer calamity in these areas. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART? This is perfect time of the year to pay attention on how you are being a good steward of your church here at St. Paul. With colds, flu and covid, we ask that you please tidy up all your personal spaces in this season.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP Join us on Thursdays as we will meet in the church basement from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM for light lunch and playtime for kids! (Please bring your own lunch.) Kids of all ages are welcome. There is potential for this group to blossom into a homeschooling group, as we have several homeschooling families at St. Paul! If you are interested in this or have any other questions, contact Sarah Moser.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the 2024 Jan-March devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take a copy home today.

GENTLE REMINDER You are welcome to take home your Worship folders, otherwise, you may place all worship folders in the blue plastic tub in the Narthex Hallway. **We do recycle the black combs** for the Large Print bulletins. **(PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR USED TISSUES IN THIS TUB.)** Thank you.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

WIGGLE BAGS Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities kids may engage and participate in the worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that “big church” is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the “Used Wiggle Bag” plastic bin after the Worship Service. We continue to be thankful for Sandy Turner and Jean Wadle who are keeping-up with providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Donated supplies may be given directly to Sandy Turner or Jean Wadle. Thank you.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

“Walk-In” times at Church:

Sundays, 12 – 2pm

Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times

Call Pastor 440-458-0189

Visit www.spvc.org and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

TITHES & OFFERINGS are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE If your mobile app needs updated and it's asking for an "online code" please use "SPVC" and that should reconnect the app.

February 2024								
	SERVICE	February 4 SUNDAY	February 11 SUNDAY	February 14 Ash Wednesday Lent Service Communion	February 18 SUNDAY	February 21 Wednesday Lent Service	February 25 SUNDAY	February 28 Wednesday Lent Service
		Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion		Communion	
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle	Steve Kato	Steve Kato/Jim Jackson	Chris Duran	Sam Jakabcic	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	N/A	Dave Hesketh	N/A	Jim Jackson	N/A
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Mike Scabel		Jim Sherry		Steve Kato	
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Erich Gottl		Rich Proeschel		Joe Bennet	
	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke		Steve & Colleen Kato		David & Mackenzie Duran	
GREETERS	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Joe Benet		Barb Pijor		Rich & Jenny Proeschel	
ELDER INFO								
Stephen Kato 330-242-7183 Tim Wadle 216-214-7109 Jim Jackson 330-391-6393 Chris Duran 216-577-5164 Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076 Dave Hesketh 330-410-6150				Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter		Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter		Morning Lent Service Tim Wadle Jim Rafter

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.