

February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *LSB 657 sts. 1-4*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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 - Notes

### Pronunciation guide:

Kyrie, elesion

*Kear-ee-ay eh-LAY-zohn*

("Kear" like, "ear")

Christe, elesion

*Chris-tay, eh-LAY-zohn*

"Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy"

## Kyrie

LSB 944



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1-18*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 22.

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

*James 1:12-18*

**A** The Epistle is from James, chapter 1.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

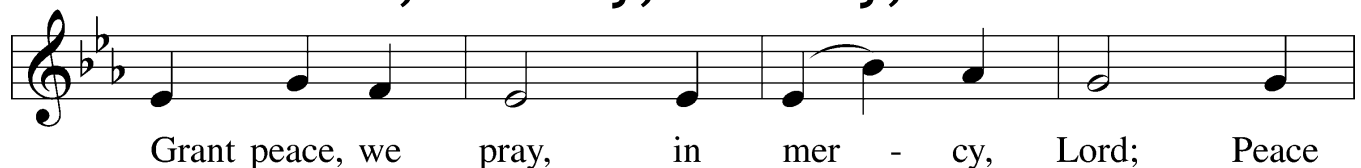
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Hymn: Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

*LSB 777*



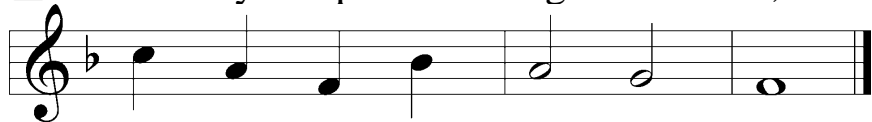
in our time, O send us! For there is  
none on earth but You, None oth - er  
to de - fend us. You on - ly,  
Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

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## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:9-15*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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: Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering LSB 600

1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man  
 2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes  
 3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the

sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the  
 to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of  
 faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal

Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.  
 test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.  
 call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest - hood help us share.

Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,  
 So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -  
 Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That

this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove - like  
 tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to  
 we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a

form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.  
 paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.  
 cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For faith to follow our Lord Jesus and resist temptation, that we would come through this fallen world to dwell with Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church of God, guarded by the Lord who bore the wood of the cross, that her ministers and people may be certain that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us; and for boldness of faith, that we may trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give them the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from all sinful desires and misuse of His gifts; for His help to use them in service to our neighbor; and that He would bless Joseph and all leaders to govern wisely for the good of this and future generations, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our brothers and sisters and all who suffer in our midst, /especially \_\_\_\_\_, / that God Most High, our refuge in every trouble, would command His angels to keep them from every evil of body, mind or soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who commune, that in the blessed Sacrament they would acknowledge the time fulfilled and the kingdom at hand in Christ Jesus, receiving His body and blood with repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

**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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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.

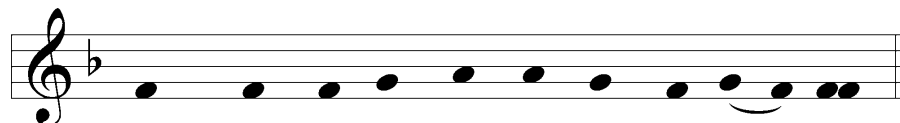
## The Words of Our Lord

**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.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 198*



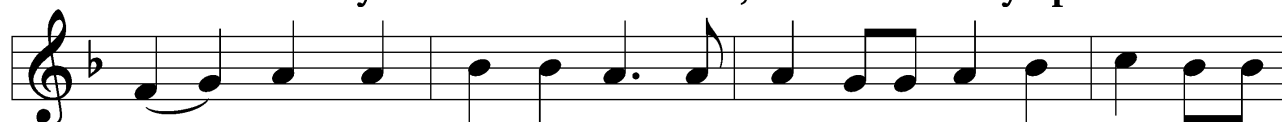
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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.

## Distribution

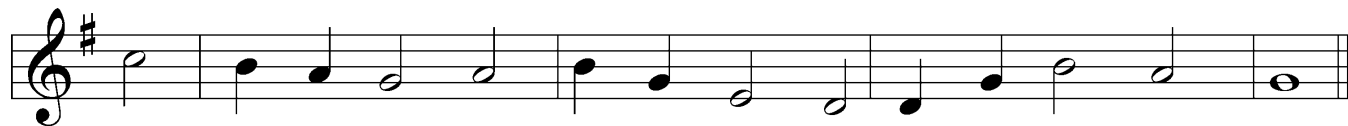
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- Directions
  - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
  - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
  - Kneel or stand as you are able.
  - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed 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: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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# Distribution Hymn: O Christ, You Walked the Road LSB 424



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



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

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# Distribution Hymn: Lord of Our Life LSB 659



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal-va-tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Your ark the hun-gry bil-lows curl-ing; See how Your  
 3 Lord, be our light when world-ly dark-ness veils us; Lord, be our  
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin-ful thoughts are rag-ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev-'ry na-tion: Hear and re-ceive Your  
 foes their ban-ners are un-furl-ing And with great spite their  
 shield when earth-ly ar-mor fails us; And in the day when  
 Church, our trou-bled souls as-suag-ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup-pli-ca-tion, Lord God Al-might-y.  
 fi-ery darts are hurl-ing, O Lord, pre-serve us.  
 hell it-self as-sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
 end-less war is wag-ing, Peace in Your heav-en.

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# 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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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*



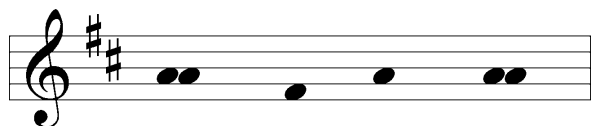
**P** The Lord be with you.



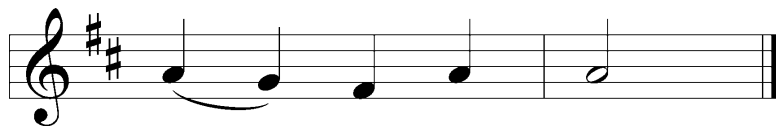
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1 LSB 202*



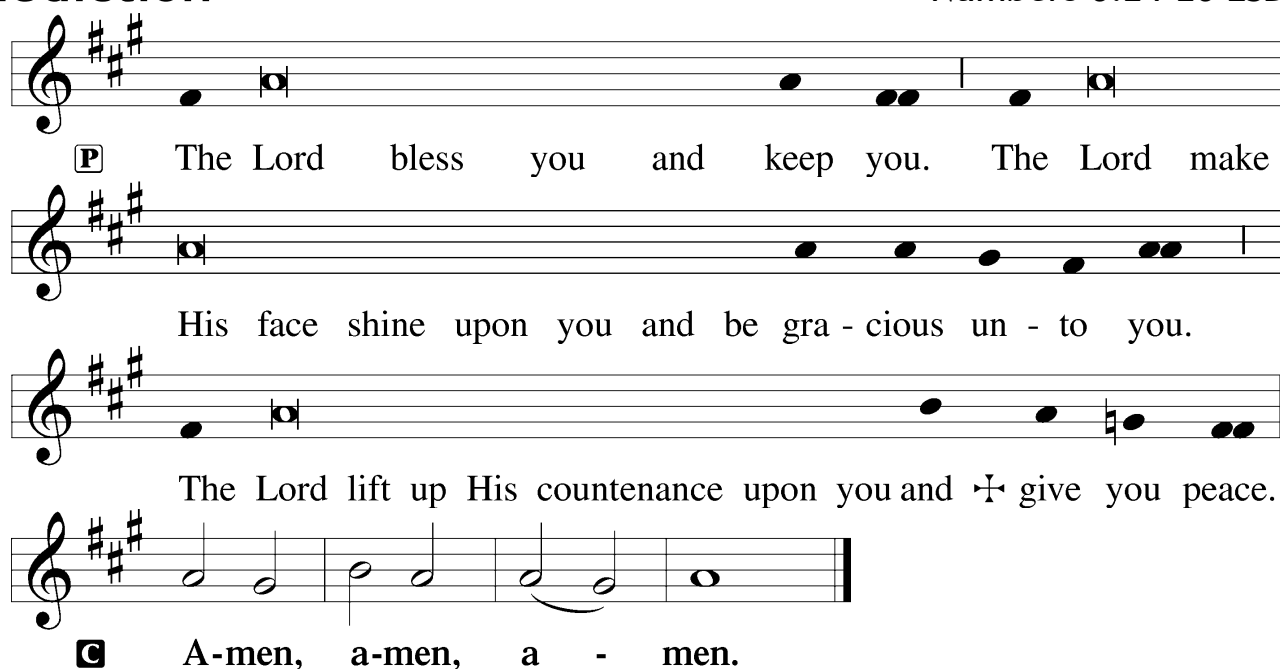
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

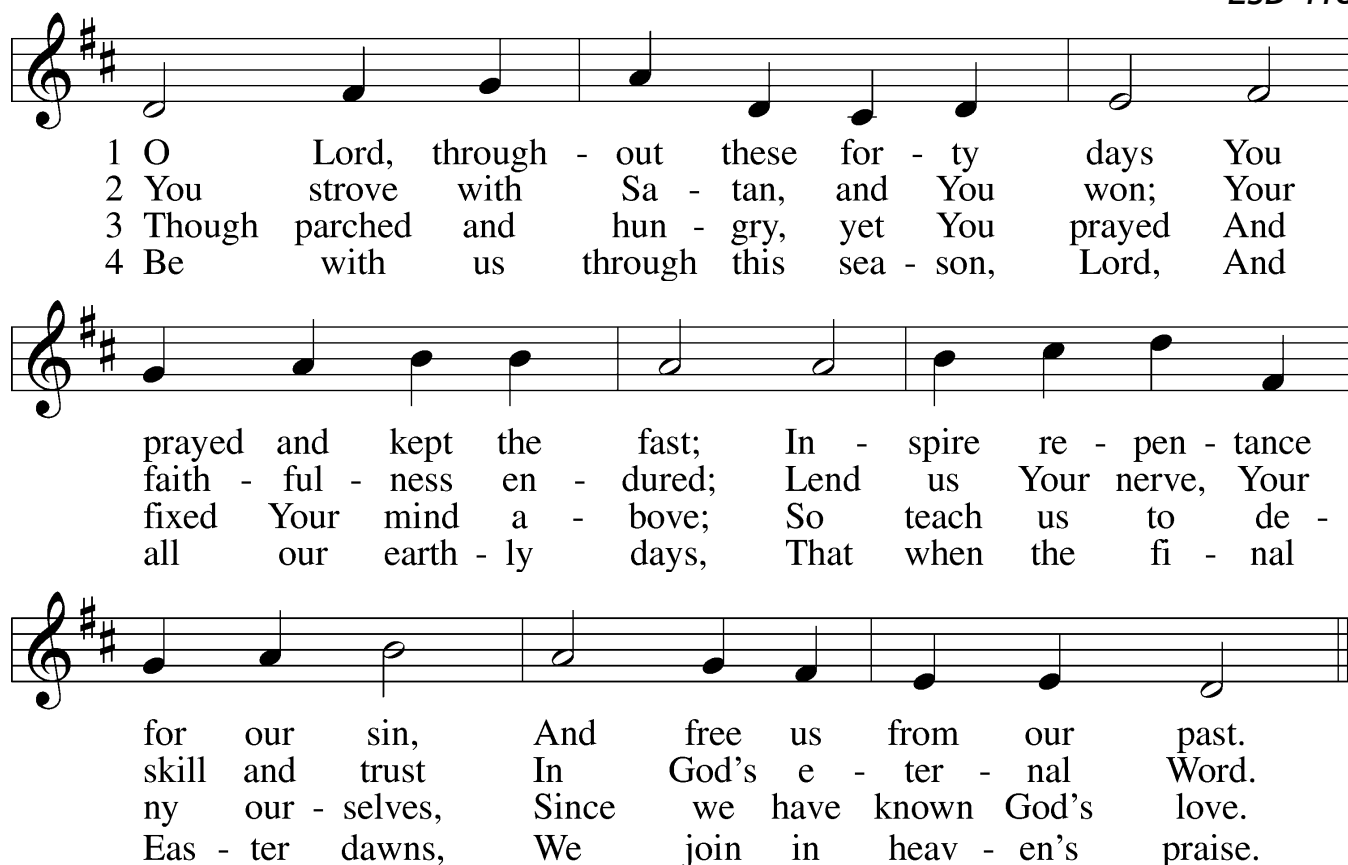
Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202



**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.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And  
prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal  
for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, 1930  
Tune: The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635, Edinburgh  
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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Communion
Monday	6:00 PM	Confirmation
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Quilters
Tuesday	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Communion
Tuesday		NO Executive Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 - 11:15 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Lent-1 Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Soup Supper hosted by SPVC Youth Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Lent-1 Evening Worship
Thursday	11:00 - 1:00 PM	Young Family Fellowship
Sunday	9:15 AM	SMP Program Info Meeting

**THANK YOU** LWML would like to thank our congregation for their generosity, kindness and support for our bake sale last Sunday. The money earned helps us carry out community service projects. Thank you to all the bakers for the many tasty treats and thank you to all who had a sweet tooth! God's blessings to all!

**HEARING AIDS?** Do you wear hearing aids? If they're able to connect to your phone we have an app to help you hear the spoken-word parts of the worship service (readings, prayers, sermon, etc.). Download the "Audiofetch" app then connect to the "Audiofetch" wifi here at church. See Rev. Streeper if you need help getting set up.

**MISSING PURPLE BAG** Last Sunday one of our faithful bakers lost a purple tote bag from the bake sale. Perhaps it was picked up by mistake? If it found its way back to the church office, we would be grateful to reunite it with its owner. Thank you.

**LHM** With the winter cold lingering, there's never been a better time to sit in God's Word and let His love warm your heart. Lutheran Hour Ministries offers a wonderful daily devotion with Scriptures & Reflection Questions. Go to [www/lhm.org](http://www/lhm.org) and click on Today's Devotion.

**LENTEN MEALS** join us as we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Soup Supper meals at 6:00 PM before the Evening Lent Worship services. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center to bring your favorite dish. This Wednesday, February 21st come and support the SPVC Youth Group as they are hosting the meal.

**SMP PROGRAM INFO MEETING** the last meeting to attend is next **Sunday, February 25th, 9:15 AM**. 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.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING:** Sunday, March 10, 9:20am we will hold a special voters' meeting to consider our path forward with the SMP Program and Rev. Streeper. The details of the meeting are being presented in the information meetings so be sure to attend the last one next Sunday during Bible Class. We want you to be fully informed about the details of the program, the commitment, and the costs involved.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Valley City Firefighters' Association will be on Sundays, March 3rd & 10th with a running time of 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For further information contact Kevin at 330.483.1986.

**YOUTH GROUP** Grades 6-12 meet every other Wednesday here at SPVC at 6:30 PM.  
**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 3rd. Questions? Please contact Pastor Chris Streeper at 330-441-0502.

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**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.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS** will be accepted until Sunday, March 3rd. Please use the envelopes provided in the Narthex to turn-in your filled out order forms along with your remittance. You may place the order forms in the wooden drop box. Thank you.

**CPR TRAINING CLASS FOR ADULTS ONLY** will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 8:30-1pm. The cost is \$55.00 each and there can be 20 in the class. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please reach out to Beth Bremke. Thank you.

**2024 EASTER SUNDAY 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 Pascal dish or dessert (or a regular casserole will do too!).

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

**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](http://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 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.

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**COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.

**“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 you may call Pastor Zielinski at 440-458-0189 or, visit [www.spvc.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS** 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.

**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.

**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.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

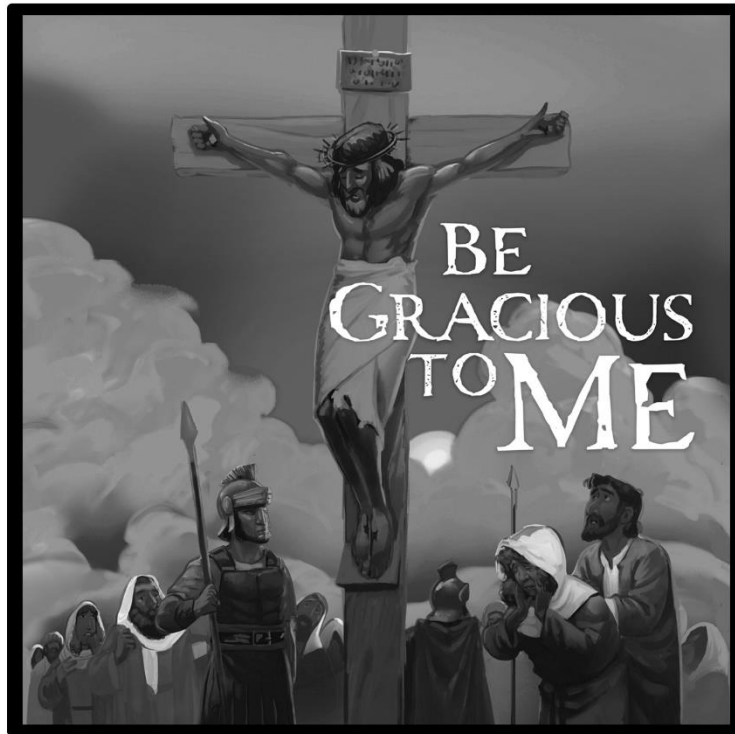
**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL & FOREIGN MISSIONS** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners who suffer calamity in these areas. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

**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.

**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.

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	
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 Scahel		Jim Sherry		Steve Kato	
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Erich Gottl		Rich Proeschel		Joe Bennet	
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke		Steve & Colleen Kato		David & Mackenzie Duran	
	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



## WORSHIP FOR LENT

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14**

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

Lord's Supper celebrated at both services

### **Maundy Thursday**

(Divine Service with the Lord's Supper)

March 28, 11:30am & 7:00pm

### **Good Friday**

March 29, 11:30am & 7:00pm

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

11:30am - Worship (Study @ 10am)

7:00pm - Worship (Supper 6-7pm)

### **Easter Vigil**

Saturday, March 30, 7:00pm

## EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31

8am & 10:30am - Festival Divine Service

9:15am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

**[www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)**



(not actual sign)

### 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.

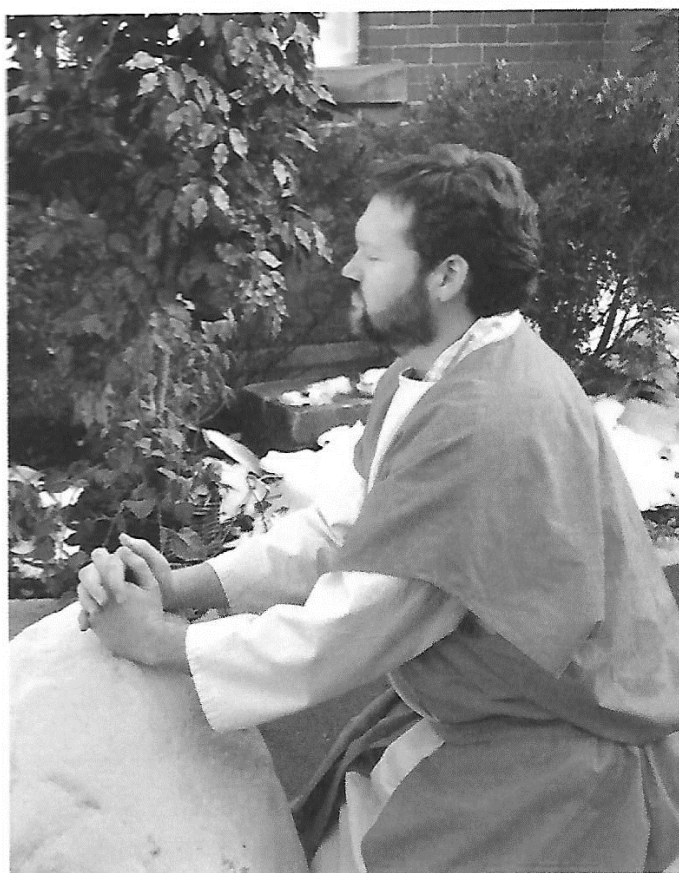
It has a full five-year warranty and then continuing support for ten years or more.

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](http://www.spvc.org) – click “give online” – select “Sign Fund”.



**Fourteenth Annual**  
**Passion Walk**  
**Sat. March 23 & Sun. March 24**  
**Runs continuously**  
**6:15 - 8:00 p.m.**



*Visit a Jerusalem marketplace*

*Be present at the table at  
the Last Supper*

*Hear Jesus praying in the  
Garden of Gethsemane*

*Witness Peter's denial*

*Watch Jesus' trial before  
the court of Pilate*

*Listen to Jesus' last words  
from the cross*

*Stand at the sealed tomb*

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**2233 Abbeyville Road, Valley City**  
**www.zionvc.org      330-483-3873**  
**Handicapped Accessible**

## 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.