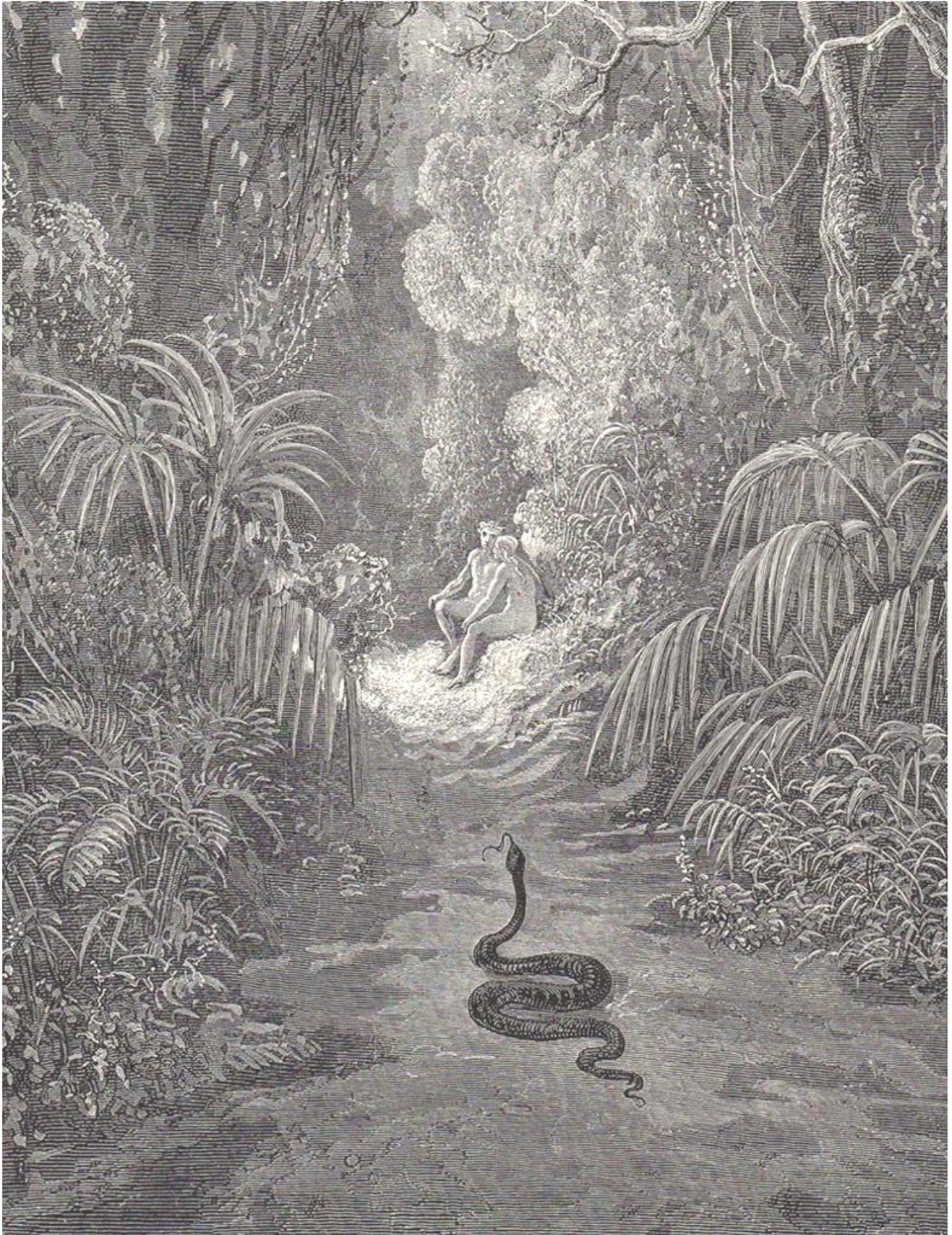


+The Divine Service+

The First Sunday in Lent | February 22, 2026 | 8AM



The Liturgy of Lent

Lent is a season of solemn, penitential reflection of our sin and the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. In Lent, we put away the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and the *Gospel procession* until the Easter Vigil. These changes reflect the solemn, penitential character of the season and aid our Lenten reflection. We will also use Divine Service Setting Four throughout Lent, a setting with less chanting and more speaking, to highlight the solemn and penitential nature of the season, thereby to aid our Lenten observance.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

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

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

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**





C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading

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.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The 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.

¹⁵ I 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.”

¹⁶ To 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.”

¹⁷ And 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;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By 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.”

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

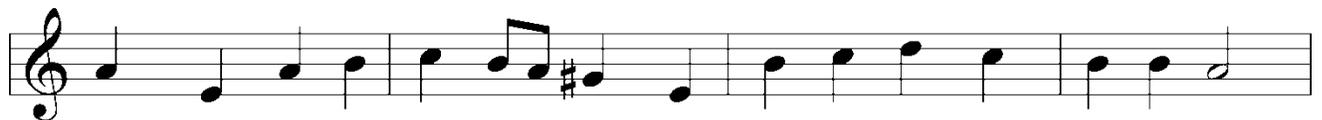
In Lent, there is no Alleluia or Gospel Procession.

The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.

The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

C (*spoken*) **Glory to You, 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 (*spoken*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Mirror of Confession

P This Lent, as an aid for self-examination, we will rehearse the Ten Commandments. Then the pastor will ask the following questions.

The First Commandment

P What is the First Commandment?

C **You shall have no other gods.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

P What am I afraid of?

In what, or in whom, do I trust for financial security, physical safety, or comfort, who is not my Father in heaven?

Do I fear God's wrath and displeasure?
Is the love of God evident in my thoughts, words, and actions?
Do I bear the cross with patience?
Do I doubt?
What have I made an idol of?

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Second Commandment

P What is the Second Commandment?

C **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by his name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

P Do I pray faithfully?

Do I curse, speak carelessly, or misuse God's name?

Have I become bored or indifferent in prayer?

Have I kept the vows I made in the Lord's name?

Does grace adorn my daily speech and conduct?

Can others tell from my words that I am a Christian?

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

The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

The Offering

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 569 In Adam We Have All Been One

Distribution Hymn | 561 The Tree of Life

Distribution Hymn | 574 Before the Throne of God Above

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart | 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!

A Lenten Midweek Series at St. Paul

“That The Thoughts From Many Hearts May Be Revealed”

At the birth of Jesus, old man Simeon prophesied to Mary that her child was destined for a sign that is opposed, **“that the thoughts from many hearts may be revealed,”** Luke 2:35.

Jesus’ advent into the world reveals human beings for what they are.

In the Passion of the Lord Jesus, the thoughts of his enemies—and his friends—are revealed. In the Passion of the Lord Jesus, we see the *envy* of the Priests who delivered him up, the *treachery* of Judas who betrayed him, the *injustice* of Pontius Pilate, the *mockery* of the crowds, and the *cowardice* of his friends...
and at the center is Christ who redeems them all.

This Lent midweek series will be an examination of the anatomy of sin. We will see how sin manifests itself in the hearts and lives of the people surrounding the Lord in his Passion. We will examine our own hearts to find the same sin dwelling there, and how it causes us to fail the Lord in our own lives. And above all, we will see through our own weaknesses and failures to be faithful our need for Christ who came to redeem us from sin and by his death on the cross. Join us this Lent for a fruitful meditation upon God’s Word!

Lent Midweek 1

Wednesday, February 25th, 7PM | Vespers
The Envy of the Chief Priests

Lent Midweek 2

Wednesday, March 4th, 7PM | The Divine Service
The Treachery of Judas Iscariot

Lent Midweek 3

Wednesday, March 11th, 7PM | Vespers
The Injustice of Pontius Pilate

Lent Midweek 4

Wednesday, March 18th, 7PM | The Divine Service
The Mockery of the Crowds

Lent Midweek 5

Wednesday, March 25th, 7PM | Vespers
The Cowardice of His Friends



Announcements

St. Paul

Individual Confession and Absolution will be offered today from 6:30-7:15AM and every Sunday throughout the season of Lent, or by appointment with Pastor Yeager.

The five midweek services of Lent begin this Wednesday February 25th at 7PM. We will host a Lenten Supper before each of these five midweek services. There is a signup sheet in the narthex should you like to provide a meal, perhaps working with some friends. *The youth and confirmands will host the first Lenten Midweek Supper on February 25th*. Confirmation students are asked to attend to serve this meal and bring a side dish to share.

Easter flower order forms are in the narthex and will be available until March 1st. Please make checks payable to Heller's this year. Cash in exact amount is also accepted. Text or call Kelly Todd with questions. **This year, St. Paul will be purchasing Easter flowers and outside flowers through a Thrivent action team grant. If you would be interested in 1. Taking flowers to shut-in members of the congregation after Easter service—those who could not make it to Church or just need to have their day brightened, or 2. Helping plant flowers in the beds around Church this spring at a date to-be-determined, please talk to Brian Steiner. We would like to pursue both projects this year.**

Senior fellowship. A group of Lutheran seniors have begun to meet informally at 1PM Thursdays in the fellowship hall for cards and fellowship. We would like you to join us if you are interested. Please talk to Diana Hoffman for more information. You are welcome to join us!

Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) will continue one more Tuesday, **February 24** this year at Wyneken. Classes are from 7-9:15PM. \$10 per adult (covers 4 sessions), Bring your own Bible.

Collection for the Hope Clinic continues through March 8, 2026. Totes are in the narthex for your donation. They are in need especially of baby clothes. Thank you for your donation!!

Job Descriptions. We are gathering job descriptions for every office and contracted position in the Church. If you are serving on Church council, or working for the Church in any capacity, we ask that you write a detailed-as-possible job description of your work and turn it in to Pr. Yeager. We would like to have these in before the April Voters Assembly.

Circuit and Community

Vendors wanted! The St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School 7th/8th grade classes are sponsoring a spring craft show on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Emmanuel (Soest) to raise funds for their Washington, DC Trip. Craft booth pricing and registration form available at <https://bit.ly/SJECraft>. Direct questions to Mr. Jesse Muehler by email to jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com or call the school office at (260) 639-0123.

The Women of Bethlehem invite you to join us for CRAFT FOR A CAUSE!

March 7 from 7am-7pm - Bring your crafting supplies and enjoy 12 hrs of crafting fun at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian. Crafting space, 3 meals, snacks and drinks provided.

Visit www.blcsossian.org/craftforacause/ to download the registration form. Contact Deann Oliver for more information 616-894-0144

Wyneken

Trivia Night: “All About the Holidays”, Saturday, March 7th at the Zion Friedheim FLC. Doors open at 6PM and Trivia starts at 7PM. Table of 8 people: \$250. Individual tickets, \$35. Snacks and desserts including cash bar. RSVP to Janine Conrad by February 28th, 260-402-3481. Make checks payable to Wyneken PTL.

Scrap Metal Drive. The Wyneken 7th grade class is sponsoring an ongoing scrap metal drive in support of their trip to Washington, DC. You may drop off your items at Metal Source and tell them it is for the Wyneken Class of 2027, or contact Ryan Scherer via text or email (260-639-3330) to arrange for pick-up. Scrap metal can be anything to include old mowers, ovens, washers, dryers, etc. This is an ongoing account that should continue to be open for future Wyneken classes as well. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Youth—Middle and High School

Sunday, February 22; 2-6 p.m. – Ice Skating and Coney Island. We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 22 to carpool to Headwaters Park Ice Skating Rink. After skating for a while, we will then head to Coney Island for some life-changing hot dogs, coney-dogs, cheese dogs, chili, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, and, of course, pie. We plan to be back to Bingen by about 6 p.m. Parents, please consider serving as a chaperone, and let your pastor know if you’re able. Cost for youth is \$15. Chaperones are free as always.

Saturday, March 21; 6-9:30 p.m. – P.F.W. Men’s Volleyball Match (RSVP Required by March 1). We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 to carpool to P.F.W. and watch the Mastadons take on Ball State. The cost is \$5, and please RSVP by March 1, so we can get the group rate.

Acolytes

2/22 8AM Clayton Minnich 10:15 Andrew Yeager

Attendance

Wednesday, February 11 22

Sunday, February 8 8AM 98 10:15AM 102

Stewardship for 2/8/26

Offering: \$11,688.94 Online Offering: \$2,055.99 Total for the week: \$13,744.93

vs. Year to Date: +\$2,276.64

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 22	6:30-7:15AM Individual Confession/ Absolution 8AM The First Sunday in Lent—Divine Service 9:30AM Bible Class/Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM The First Sunday in Lent--Matins 11:30-12:30PM Lutheran Lads Greek Study
Tuesday, February 24	9:30AM Early Bird Bible Study—St. John Parish Hall 7PM LBI, Session 4 at Wyneken
Wednesday, February 25	5PM Youth/confirmands arrive to help Pr. Yeager with Lent Supper 5:45PM Lent Supper 7PM Lent Midweek 1
Thursday, February 26	1PM Senior Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 1	6:30-7:15AM Individual Confession/ Absolution 8AM The Second Sunday in Lent—Matins 9:30AM Bible Class/Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM The Second Sunday in Lent—Divine Service 11:30-12:30PM Lutheran Lads Greek Study

Prayer of the Church

- +**The Sick and recovering:** Anita Spiegel; Cindy Gallmeyer.
- +**Our Wyneken School:** Mrs. Karrie Fuhrmann, teachers, staff, students, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Katie Keuneke.
- +**The Homebound:** Laurina Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).
- +**Birthdays 2/17—2/23.** Brittney Gallmeyer, Eve Yeager, Oakley Elwer, Tori Miller, Laverne Borne, Bobby Keuneke, Anita Spiegel, Rob Keuneke, Brian Gallmeyer, Leroy Werling, Sam Albert, Evelyn Shaffer-Todd, Travis Elwer, Ben Faurote, Ed Albert.

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