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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

Greetings and welcome in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

Restrooms are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1st, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FIVE, PAGES 156-164

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Concerto

Chopin

WELCOME AND *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live. *(A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)* Holy God, **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world. **Amen.**

*GREETING

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE

ELW 157

*(Please refer to Hymn #157
in Evangelical Lutheran Worship for the melody.)*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the Creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

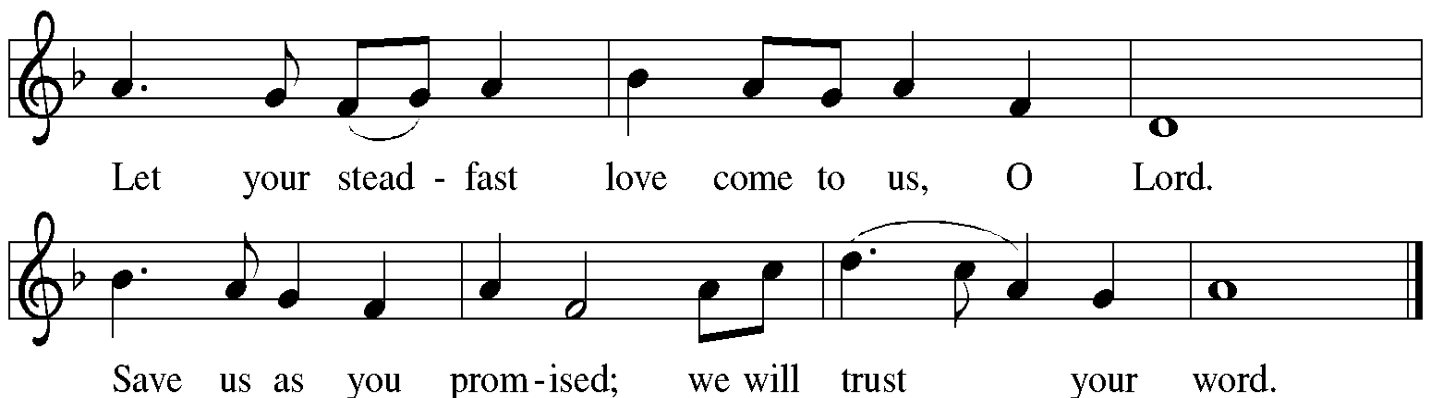
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 176

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Taking Up Something for Lent

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the whole Christian church. Instruct and teach your church in the way that it should go so that it worships and serves only you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the well-being of creation. Renew all waters, lands, and skies to reflect your glory and guide us to be respectful in how we use all earthly resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples. Grant justice where there is inequity, peace where there is conflict, and wisdom for all who lead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all in need. Provide caring communities for all who are burdened by guilt, shame, addiction, and illness, especially... Preserve them from all trouble. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for this assembly. Keep all who worship in this place steadfast in your word. Fill with your Spirit all who are preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Additional prayers may be offered here in speech and silence.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed whose transgressions are forgiven and who now rejoice in heaven, remembering especially... Lead us in their path. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

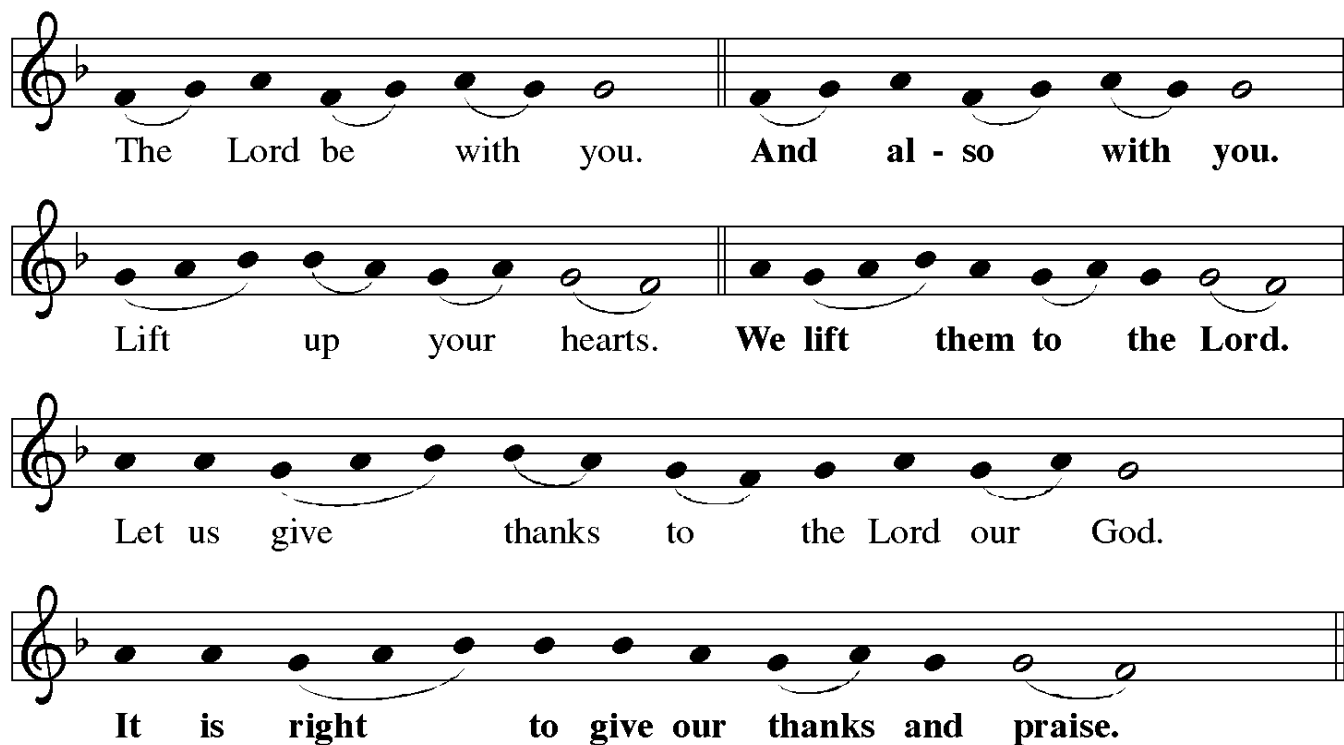
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DIALOGUE**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

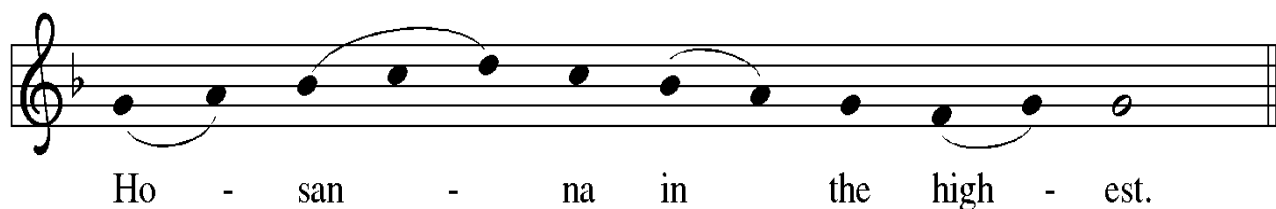
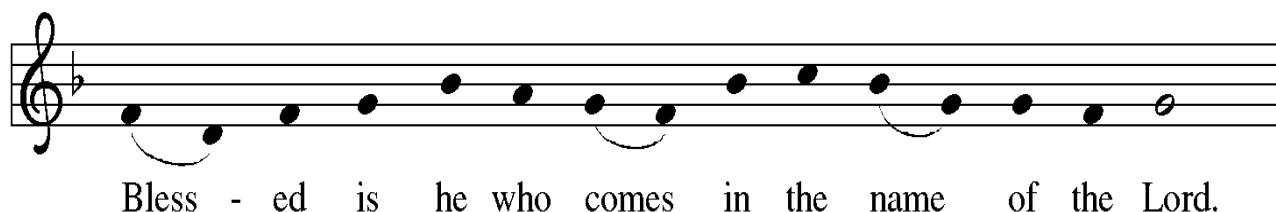
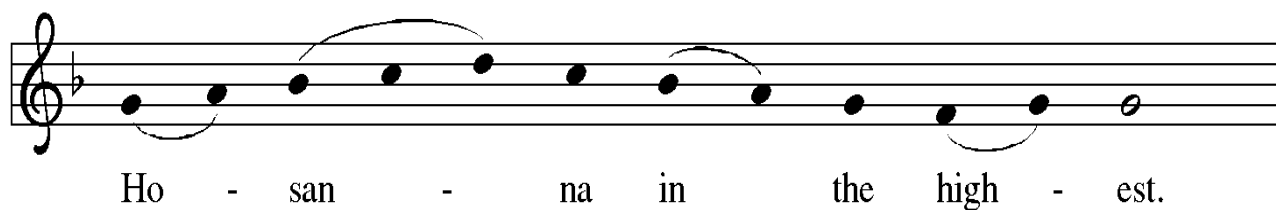
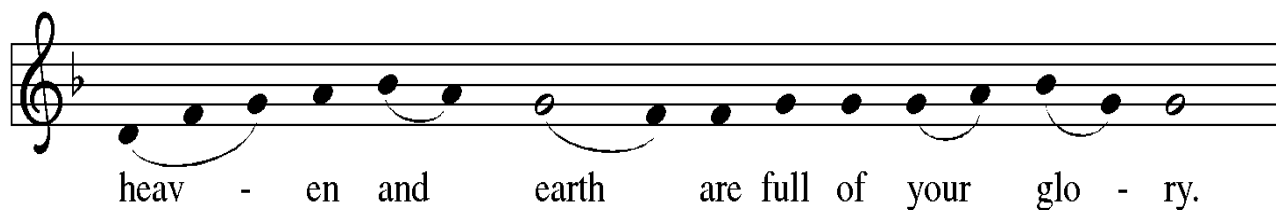
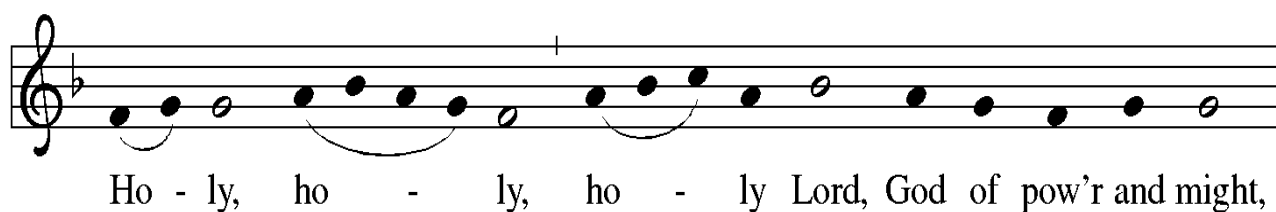
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

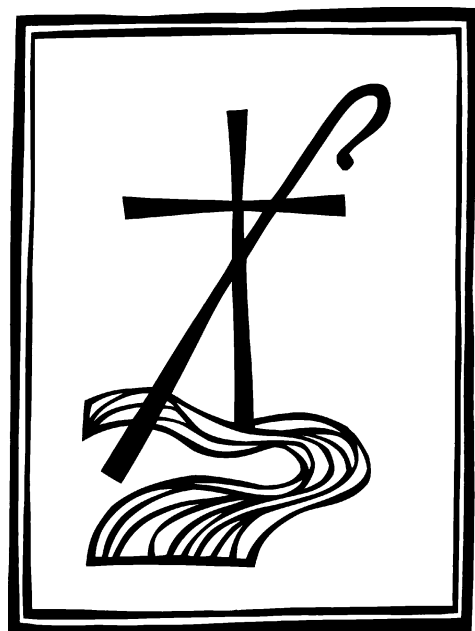
Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.**



*LORD'S PRAYER



*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to the Lord with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey and drink for the desert.

You are welcome, if you choose, to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELW) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy

on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

ELW 328

*DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Inflammatius

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SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Tom Myers

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Claire Watkiss and Isabella Myers

COMMUNION MINISTER

Charles Matthies

ACOLYTE

Ben Myers

GREETERS

Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

USHERS

Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Ruth Bakalich

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Sunday, March 1

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Monday, March 2

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent Communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

Saturday, March 7

Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 1

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
7:00 PM	Windsome Quintet Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 PM	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting
6:30 PM	Lenten Soup Supper
7:15 PM	Evening Prayer, Holden Setting
7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

11:00 AM	AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 8

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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2020 offering envelopes are still available for pick-up in the lower hallway. Please pick up envelopes for friends and relatives. Karen in the office will be glad to mail envelopes to those who cannot make arrangements for their envelope pick-up.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

Olga Zavodny, Elaine Haase, Sheryl Hallmann, Dot Myers, Anne Gavic, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel, Bob Skudrna, Wally Kessler and Steve Podzamsky.

Taz Zajac (*in-law of Kathy Ganschow*), **Carol Zitko** (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiari** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Sandy Rossella** (*sister-in-law of Mary Jo Meyers*), **Denise Fricano** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Sue Doyle** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Wally Bisping** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Joe Caruso** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Eric Dennison** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **John Racek** (*life-long friend of John Kostelny*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daus** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabriga** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

*Please let us know when people may be removed
from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!*

Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Lenten Vespers and Supper

every Wednesday in Lent, March 4th thru April 1st.

Vespers (Evening Prayer) is Sung at 7:15,
preceded by Supper at 6:30.

*The offerings received at Evening Prayer are given in the spirit of
the Lenten discipline of almsgiving for people in need through
Lutheran World Relief.*

The meditations for the Evening Prayer liturgies are taken from *Simplifying the Soul: Lenten Practices to Renew Your Spirit* by Paula Huston, Benedictine oblate who invites us to de-clutter our minds, hearts, and souls in a book of daily Lenten practices woven from the gospels and the desert fathers and mothers.

You and your household, friends, groups or others are invited to **host a light soup supper** on a Wednesday evening during Lent preceding Evening Prayer. A simple soup (from the store or made at home or in the church kitchen) with bread for 15-20 people would be much enjoyed and appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted in the dining hall at the usual place (lower west entrance). Thank you for considering this opportunity for Lenten prayer, fellowship and breaking of bread.

Lenten Food Collection

in participation with Hauser Jr. High School in Riverside on the 50th Anniversary of the students helping to fight against hunger!

March 1st through March 29th



Bags are available today for donations of non-perishable and unexpired food items. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Volunteers are welcome to pack meals on **Saturday, April 4th** for **Feed Our Community Day** between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit www.hauserpto.org/contact-us.



Students are hoping to reach their goal of 15,000 non-perishable items and raise \$15,000 for the meal packing supplies.

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever. Amen.

Traditionally, Lent is a time for giving up something. People quit eating chocolate or drinking coffee or alcohol. Lent becomes a time to fast from all sorts of things that are not good for our physical or spiritual health. What if people were instead invited to take on a practice during Lent: daily prayer, daily scripture reading, meditative walks, acts of kindness and generosity. What might forty days of taking on such practice yield?

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering
February 23rd, 2020

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,966.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ 631.00



NERVE, SKILL, AND TRUST

It's tempting to write off Jesus' victory over temptation as admirable but distant from our own experience. Usually nothing as obvious as a devil appears in order to engage us in repartee, let alone quote scripture. Right and wrong are seldom so clear. The stuff that actually tempts us on a daily basis stands out by how dull it is in comparison to today's gospel; when in recent memory have any of us been offered world domination? Then there are those elegantly-crafted responses Jesus pulls from thin air without missing a beat. When ambushed, how often can we think on our feet and argue effectively? We may be in awe of Jesus; can we identify with him?

The temptations of Jesus follow his baptism. He has been called Beloved by God. What will he make of that? Will he manipulate the environment purely for himself, pretend to be helpless by taking risks, or try to take over? Fall off the temple, or fall down before Satan? The religious and political tests foreshadow the accusations in his final trials: that he threatens the temple and Caesar. Our own temptations may not be imperial or divine, but they are specific to our relationships and callings. We who share baptism in Christ must also discern on a daily basis what to do with the gifts and power we have.

Much Christian devotion has encouraged letting go of power; but too often goodness and passivity have been equated, with terrible consequences. Today's gospel encourages developing our ability to struggle and to defend ourselves, not least against the accusing voices within our own heads. We sing, "lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal word" ("O Lord, throughout these forty days," ELW 319). We may be surprised at the angels that join us for our song.

