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Invocavit: The First Sunday in Lent

The Sunday of the Temptation

1 March A+D 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments! **Guests**, please sign our guestbook. To all in attendance, please sign the **Red Attendance Books** as they are passed down the pews during the offering.

Today's Service

Divine Service I,
p. 151

Hymns 562
656
561
424, 420
422, 418

About Communion at Grace

At Grace Lutheran Church, we follow the historical practice of closed Communion. The Lord's Supper is the meal that Christ our Lord bequeathed to the Church on the night when he was betrayed as his last will and testament. In the Supper, we receive the true and substantial body and blood of Jesus Christ which grants to each believing participant the forgiveness of sins. Since those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood without discerning his true and substantial presence do so to their great harm (1Co 11.27), we must, for the sake of love and pastoral care, ask those who are affiliated with other church bodies, or are not affiliated with any church body, to refrain from partaking of the Lord's Supper at Grace. Guests from sister congregations of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod are asked to speak briefly with the Pastor prior to the service. We thank you for honoring us and our confession of faith by helping us to faithfully practice closed communion at this altar, until the time when we may receive the Supper together in true and blessed unity!

For more information, see Mt 26.17ff, Mk 14.12ff, Lk 22.7ff, and 1Co 11.23ff.

A detailed statement of our practice is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

Serving Today at Grace

Pastor	Brian J. Thorson
Organist	Jennifer Thorson
Elders	Mark Summerlin Dan Lefholz
Ushers	Charles Daehler Ethan Daehler
Altar Guild	Marilyn Schumacher Christy Hollingsworth
Greeters	Charles and Christy Hollingsworth
Video	Dan Lefholz

Our Response to God's Grace

Present Last Week

Divine Service	46
Communed	37
Adult Bible Study	8
Sunday School	6
Midweek Study	5
WWW	7
Ash Wednesday	46
Communed	35

Offerings Last Sunday

General	\$966.00
Sunday School	\$16.65

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

—1 John 3:8

The Call to Worship

The Bell is Sounded

Opening Hymn

LSB 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16



When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*

my God, in | whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

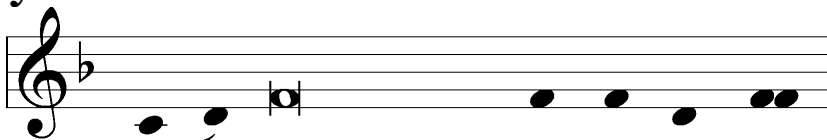
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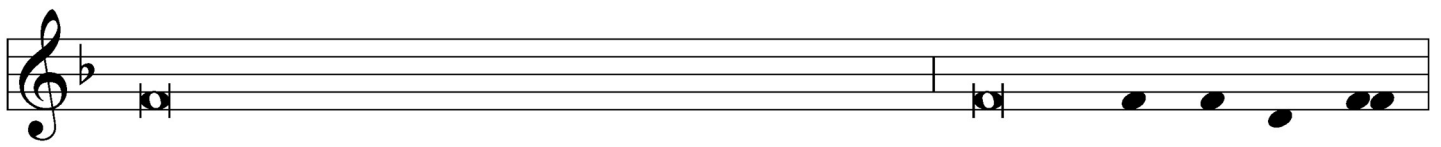
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



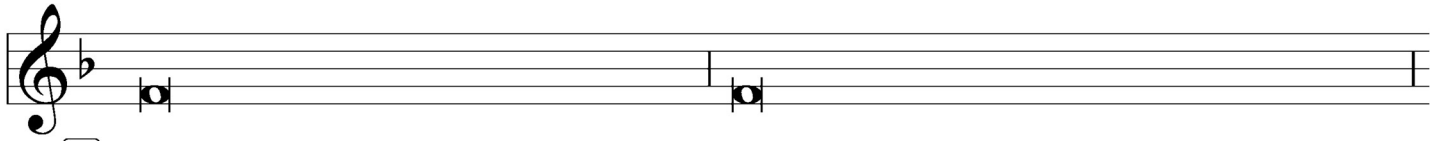
C Lord, have mer - cy.



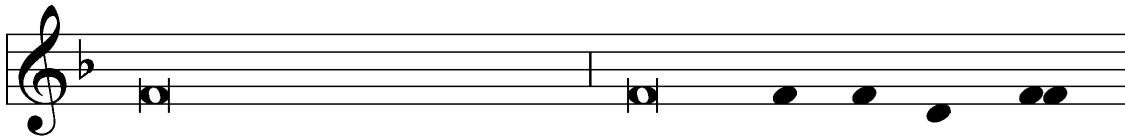
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



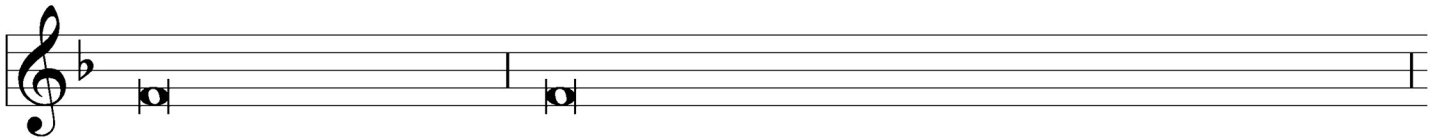
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



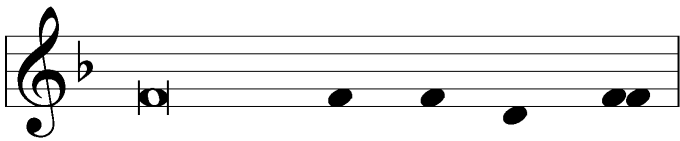
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



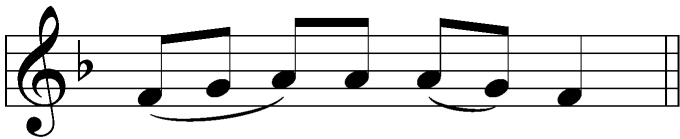
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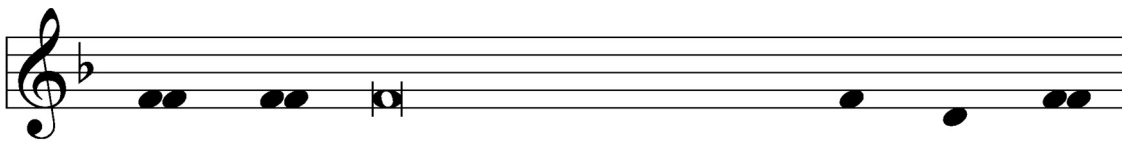
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



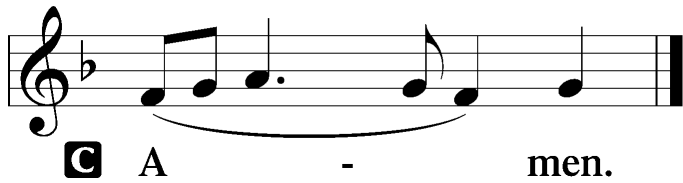
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Lent.

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.

Be Seated

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

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

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

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

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

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11–12



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

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

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

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



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

He will cover you with his | pinions,*
and under his wings you will find | refuge.

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
I will be with him in | trouble.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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



C Glo - ry 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 Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

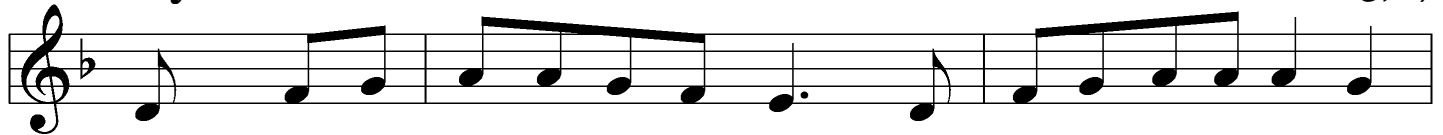
Sermon

Pastor Brian Thorson

Stand

Offertory

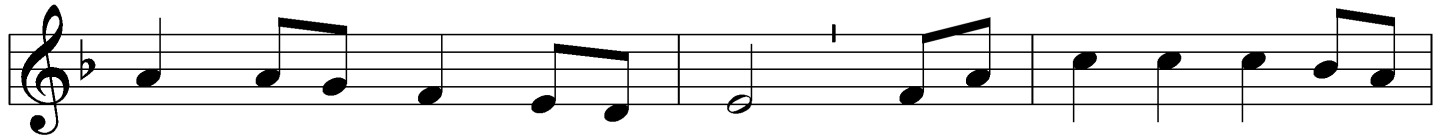
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Be Seated

The Offering is Received

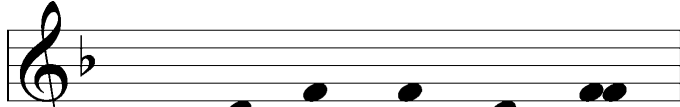
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Prayer of the Church


SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface


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



P The Lord be with you.



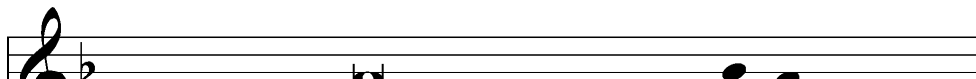
C And al - so with you.



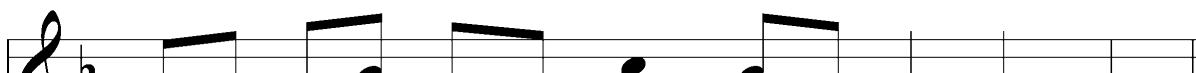
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

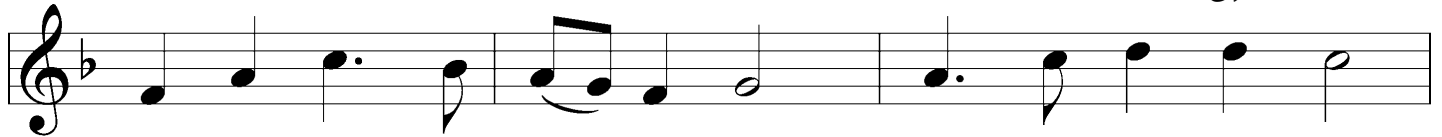


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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,

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.

Be Seated

The Distribution

First Distribution Hymn

LSB 561 The Tree of Life

Second Distribution Hymn

LSB 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Third Distribution Hymn

LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Stand

Post-Communion Hymn

LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

- 1 On my heart imprint Your image,
 Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Never may Your work erase;
 Let the clear inscription be:
 Jesus, crucified for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,
 And my glory and salvation!

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Post-Communion Collect

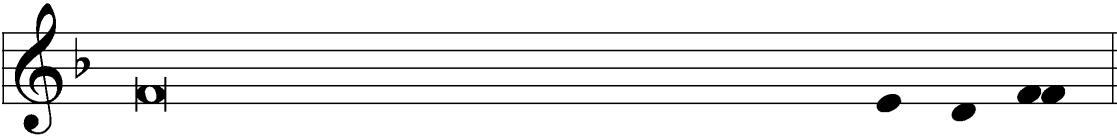
- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with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



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



- 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 A - men.

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

LSB 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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Announcements

The Lent/Holy Week offering designations are as follows:

- Midweek Lent 1 (March 4): Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation
- Midweek Lent 2 (March 11): St. Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia
- Midweek Lent 3 (March 18): Missionary Charles Ferry (SE Asia)
- Midweek Lent 4 (March 25): University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis
- Midweek Lent 5 (April 1): KMMO Radio Missions
- Maundy Thursday (April 9): Seminarian Tom Goodroad from Trinity, Kearney
- Good Friday (April 10): Local Lutherans for Life
- Holy Saturday (April 11): Community Charity

Midweek Lenten Services begin this Wednesday. Our topic is the Lord's Prayer and the Vespers service begins at 7:00 p.m.

A meal will be served before our midweek services beginning at 6:15 p.m. If you would like to donate a meal, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you.

Lenten Devotional books are now available in the narthex.

March newsletters are now available in the narthex. Please pick up your copy today.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Be sure to "spring forward" your clocks an hour this Saturday evening so you aren't late for church!

We will welcome the Girl Scouts next Sunday for Scout Sunday.

Plans for Vacation Bible School are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

Swaddling Clothes will be at Project Connect this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are requested to help man the booth. If interested, please contact Jennifer.

Donations for Project Connect in Lexington are requested. We are collecting toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products. If you would like to donate these items, please bring them to church by this Wednesday, March 4. Toothbrushes must be packaged individually (no multipacks).

Volunteers are requested to help with Project Connect in Lexington on March 7. Information is available in the narthex or talk to Pastor Thorson. Thank you.

Look for Swaddling Clothes in the Lexington St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14 at 2 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the float, contact Jennifer Thorson.

Thank you for your cards and prayers for Ella following her recuperation from the accident. She is doing well. ~Sharon Crump

We have a Preschool teacher. If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waverly will be hosting their annual Soup and Chili Dinner on Sunday, March 15 from 11:00-1:00. The dinner is freewill donation and will be held at Eagle Bluff Ranch (31827 HWY 65, Waverly). There will also be crafts and baked goods for sale, and all proceeds from the event will go toward church repairs. All are invited!

Thrivent Choice Dollars expire March 31. Please take time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choosing. Choice Dollars can be designated online at www.thrivent.com or by calling Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars, they will expire at the end of March. If you require further assistance, please contact your Thrivent Financial Representative.

Our hymn of the Lenten season is LSB 420, “LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living.” written by Ernst Homburg (1605-1681). He became highly regarded as a poet while writing secular poetry but after an illness and domestic issues, he began to write Christian poetry. This hymn is based on John 1:4, “In him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

An Order for Daily Prayer

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

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **And with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips, **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

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.

Hymn: LSB 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the living,

Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit

Christ, the death of death, our foe,

I eternal life inherit.

Who, Thyself for me once giving

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

To the darkest depths of woe:

Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Catechism Recitation: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5–8)

Scripture Recitation: Colossians 2:12

Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.

Let us pray. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Prayers

Homebound: Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

Sick, injured, recovering or special needs: Perry Copus (recovering from surgery; he was found to be cancer free!), Erma Hechsel (pastor's grandmother who has 3 cracked vertebrae), Terry Thorson, Sam Wagner, and Lyn & Barb Wilkey

Expecting Parents: Rebecca & Scott Steele

Those in the armed forces: Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

Seminary Students: Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

Missions: Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

Our congregation, as we observe our centennial

To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.

This Week at Grace

For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.

Today, Mar. 1, 2020: Invocavit, the First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Galatians)
10:00 a.m. Divine Service

Tues, Mar. 3: 7:00 p.m. Elders

Wed, Mar. 4: 7:30 a.m. Midweek Study (*The Hammer of God*)
12 noon Ladies Circle
5:00 p.m. Wednesdays With the Word
6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m. Vespers

Next Sunday, Mar. 8: Reminiscere, the Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Divine Service
6:30 p.m. Lexington Care Center

Looking Ahead

March 10 Nominating Committee
Apr. 5-11 Holy Week
Apr. 12 Easter
Oct. 4 Centennial Celebration