

New Hope Lutheran Church  
The First Sunday in Lent  
Invocabit  
February 26, 2023



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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST  
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;  
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;  
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

# Welcome!

*We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. To prepare for the Divine Service, you are encouraged to pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal. As you prepare for communion, please read the statement on page 9.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

**Hymn of Invocation: 505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay** *sts. 1–3 (using the words in italics and the special ending for the season of Lent)*

*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** 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** (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

*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.**

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.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now 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’?”

<sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but 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.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

<sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So 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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>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.”

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.”

<sup>16</sup>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.”

<sup>17</sup>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;

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

<sup>19</sup>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.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>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.

**Gradual** (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

*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*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>Let 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*

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent)**

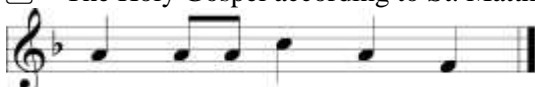
*LSB 157*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and 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.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**G** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church** (After every “...let us pray to the Lord,” the Congregation responds, “Lord, have mercy.”)

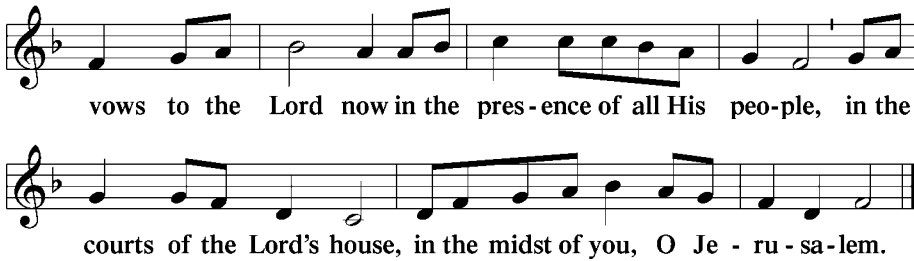
**Offering** (Offerings placed in the plates at the sanctuary doors will be carried forward during the singing of the Offertory below. Plates will still be available near the sanctuary doors for those who wish to offer their gifts to the Lord following the service.)

**Offertory**

LSB 159

**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.

## Service of the Sacrament

*God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16–17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27–32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who*

- 1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,*
- 2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,*
- 3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- 4. Have spoken with the pastor prior to the service.*

*If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.*

### Preface

LSB 160

**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.

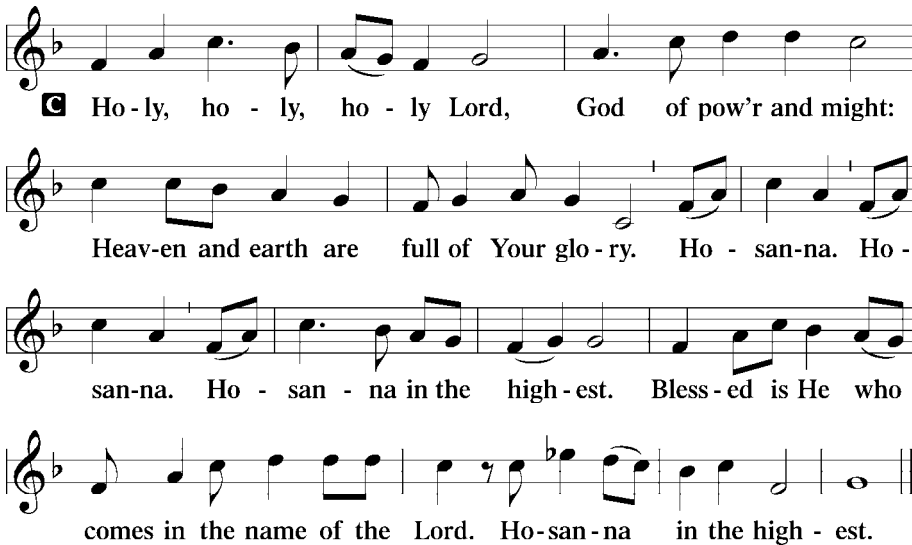


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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

*LSB 161*



**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

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** Our Father...

### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

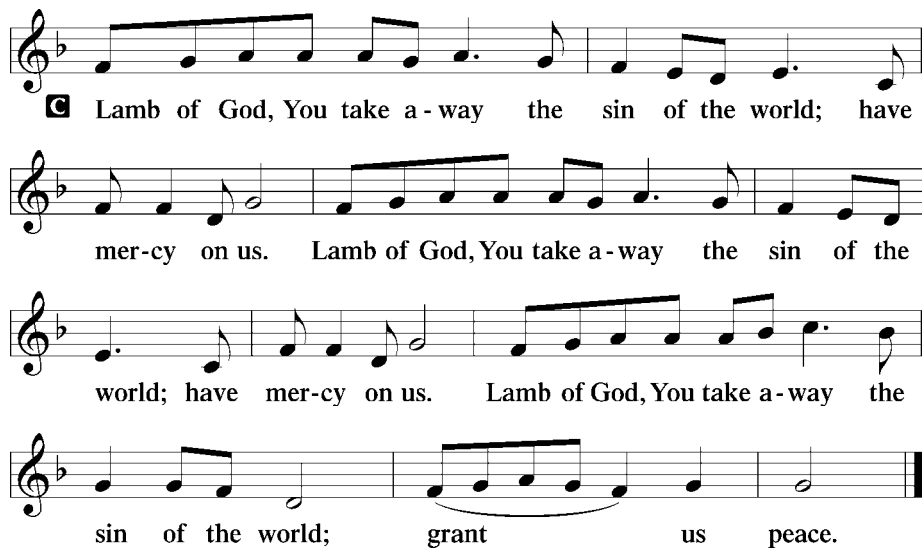
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns: 561 The Tree of Life**

**544 O Love, How Deep**

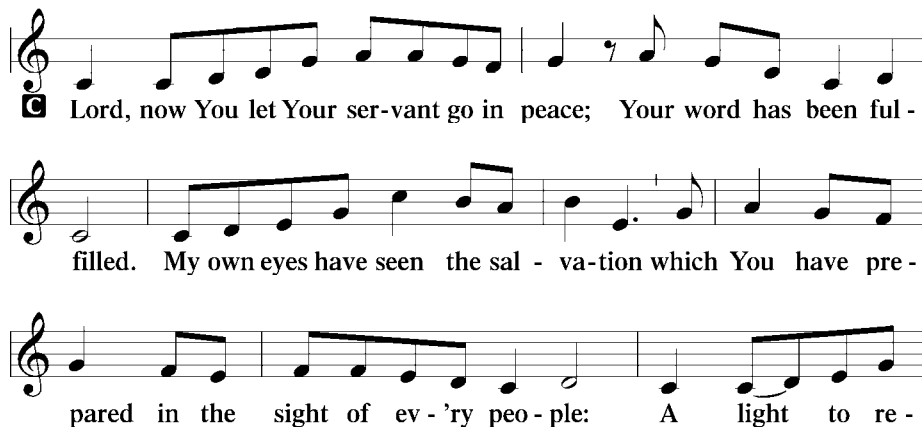
**572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden**

**716 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

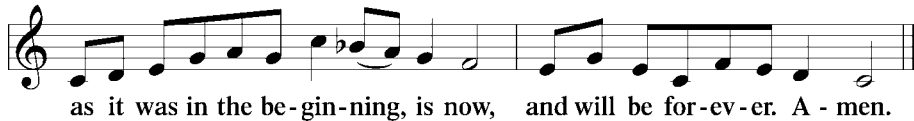
*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



**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.

**Benediction**

LSB 166

- 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.



**Hymn to Depart: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

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# New Hope News and Notes

## February 19 Stewardship

Attendance: Divine Service: 52; Bible Study/Sunday School: 11  
 Giving: General Fund: \$1,780 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,967)  
 Mortgage: \$0 (Remaining Debt: \$38,254)



### Upcoming Events

Today, February 26	New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am Service at Ossian Health Care, 1 pm
Wednesday, March 1	Lent Supper, 6 pm <b>Lent Evening Prayer Service</b> , 7 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8 pm
Sunday, March 5	Prayer and Anointing for Healing/Rite of Private Confession and Absolution, Pastor's Study, 8:15 Bible Study/Sunday School, 8:45 am <b>Divine Service, 10 am</b> New Testament Class, Conf. Room, 11:30 am

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** Denver Burkley (grandson of Joey Septer), Ethan Bearman (cousin of Randy Buuck).

**Members and catechumens of our congregation:** Marilyn Kimmel, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Keith Fuller, Marjorie Johnson, Don Milholland, Janet Fuller, John Hartup, Carol Schumacher, Chris Alfeld, Bryce Bowman, David Hoopengardner, Lynette Esslinger.

**Friends and family of the members of our congregation:** Rev. Paul Doehrmann; Susan Gaines; Alice Jacobs; Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher); Robin Graham (friend of Randy and Diana Buuck); Don Hockemeyer (friend of Dara Phillips); Lynne Kuzeff (sister-in-law of Jeani Klaus); Charles Brown (brother of Sue Hansen); Cole Parker (friend of Tad Steckbeck); Joanna Daniel (Niece of John and Karen Peck); Darlean Schell; Stanley High (son-in-law of Karan Shell); Sherry Bearman (cousin of Bonnie Brandewie); Linda Strait (friend of Diane Garrett); Karen Gerbers (friend of Jeani Klaus); Jerry and Casey (brother and niece of Janet Speed); Sam Aeschliman (uncle of Lori Bauermeister), Lucas Rielsh (nephew of Bonnie Brandewie); Andy Klaus (brother of Diane Garrett and Duane Klaus).

**LIFE QUOTE** "The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* "Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679."

**SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT...**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**DEVOTIONS** based on this year's Lenten theme (the Lord's Supper) are available on a table in the narthex.

**TOMORROW AT 6:30 PM** the Friends of Wyneken will host its final presentation on the history of the LCMS, focused on the synod's schools, colleges, and seminaries. Special focus will be given to the schools and higher education institutions in and around Fort Wayne. The presentation will be held in the fellowship hall of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Soest. Doors will open at 6:00, and the presentation will begin at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

**MARCH 1-29 - LENT SUPPERS AND SERVICES**— During this year's Lenten observance, we will reflect on the importance of the Lord's Supper and the practices associated with it. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from March 1 to March 29. A light meal will be held at 6 pm prior to the service. If you are able to help provide a meal, please sign up in the gym.

**MARCH 1-29 CHOIR REHEARSALS** following the midweek Lenten service. Please join the choir as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

**MARCH 5 – APRIL 2 PRIVATE ABSOLUTION AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR HEALING** will be offered from 8:15 to 8:40 every Sunday morning during Lent. Private Absolution is a blessing for consciences burdened with sin. This practice is also consistent with the Lutheran Confessions, which state, "Of Confession [the Lutherans] teach that Private Absolution ought to be retained in the churches" (Augsburg Confession, Article XI). Anointing with oil for healing is a rite for those who are sick and is practiced on the basis of God's Word in James 5:13, which says, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (ESV).

**MARCH 5 PORK CHOP DINNER** at Bethlehem, Ossian. Carry-out only. Purchase tickets for \$11 today in the narthex. Proceeds support the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip.

**MARCH 6-9, 13-14 PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist the teacher aides while teachers assess individual students. Please sign up in the gym.

**MARCH 12 – MAY 28 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED** to teach from 8:45 to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the gym.

**MARCH 12 DECATUR CIRCUIT FASTPITCH SOFTBALL REUNION** at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

**MARCH 19 FISH AND TENDERLOIN LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** at Wyneken Lutheran School (11565 US Hwy 27, Decatur). 10:30 am to 1 pm. Dine in or carry-out. \$12.00 adults, ages 6-12 \$6.00, 5 and under - free. Cash or check only. No credit cards.

**MARCH 19, 4 pm THE SEMINARY KANTOREI** will lead a service of Lenten Evening Prayer in Kramer Chapel at the seminary (6600 N. Clinton St., Ft. Wayne). The Kantorei is a choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary.

**MARCH 25 PACKING MEALS** at Wyneken Luth. School and sponsored by Zion, Friedheim. See the bulletin board outside of the gym for more information on volunteering.

**MARCH 25, 9 am ALTAR GUILD TRAINING** for anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild and for those who already serve and have questions.

**MARCH 26 USHER/GREETER TRAINING** after the Divine Service in preparation for Holy Week and Easter

**APRIL 2 TRAINING FOR THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** – All women interested in participating in the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, please meet in the sanctuary after the Divine Service on Palm Sunday.

**APRIL 13-16<sup>th</sup> LUTHERAN MEN'S GATHERING** – Join Lutheran men for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth at camp Lakeview near Seymour, Indiana. The retreat includes golf, shooting, axe-throwing, a zip-line, fishing, a great speaker, fellowship, and worship. See [www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us) for more information. If you have any questions about what to expect at the retreat, speak with Erik Schlemmer, Randy Buuck, or John Peck.

**JUNE 26-29, 9 am-Noon, VBS AT BETHLEHEM, OSSIAN.** Please see the flyers on the entrance doors for more information.

### **SERVING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

#### **February 26**

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Tony Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Kami Brandewie  
Coffee Hour: Tina Bauermeister  
Sound: Randy Buuck  
Ushers: Terry and Nathan Bauermeister

#### **March 5 - *Lord willing***

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Burfiend  
Fieldworker – Sem. Kjetil Homdal  
Organist: Amy Schueler  
Elder: Terry Bauermeister  
Altar Guild: Melissa Schlemmer  
Coffee Hour:  
Sound: Erik Schlemmer  
Ushers: John Peck and Theo Burfiend

## **The Season of Lent**

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-lent. The second is Lent which is the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide and Holy Week.

Today, the first Sunday in Lent, is called **INVOCABIT**, which means “he will call.” It comes from Psalm 91: “He will call upon me and I will answer him. The Gospel is Our Lord’s temptation in the desert and the Psalmist gives voice to Our Lord’s prayer as He faces Satan in order to deliver us from evil.

In Lent, we continue to abstain from the “Alleluias” and Greater Gloria. The color is violet to signify mourning for a monarch. As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in them when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

This season is meant to order our hearts and minds upon not only on the terrible cost of Our Lord’s gracious sacrifice on our behalf but also on His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and persons, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

### **From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Lent 1 – Invocabit Matthew 4:1-11**

5. This narrative, however, is written both for our instruction and admonition. First, for instruction, that we should know how Christ has served and helped us by His fasting, hunger, temptation and victory; also that whoever believes on Christ shall never suffer need, and that temptation shall never harm him; but we shall have enough in the midst of want and be safe in the midst of temptation; because his Lord and Head triumphed over these all in his behalf, and of this he is assured, as Christ says in John 16:33 – “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” God, Who was able to nourish Christ forty days without any food, can nourish also His Christians.

6. Secondly, this is written for our admonition, that we may in the light of this example also cheerfully suffer want and temptation for the service of God and the good of our neighbor, like Christ did for us, as often as necessity requires it; which is surely accomplished if we learn and confess God’s Word. Therefore this Gospel is sweet consolation and power against unbelief and infamy of the stomach, to awaken and strengthen the conscience, that we may not be anxious about the nourishment of our bodies, but be assured that He can and will give us our daily bread.