

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. You can greet our pastor as you leave the sanctuary after services. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center near the Fellowship Hall for more information. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets** (or scan the QR code below to complete online). Place the card in the offering plate on your way out. NOTE: You can give online at our website or place in offering plates at back of sanctuary (we don't pass plates).

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Saturday and Sunday (except on FRIEND DAYS), and all festival services. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Jesus: "This IS my Body given for you...This IS my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction on this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or meeting with the pastor. To inquire, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are packaged and placed in wafer bowl, indicate to server.**



SURVEY QUESTION

No survey questions during the Lenten season.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

**First Sunday in Lent
Invocabit
February 18, 2024
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Invocabit: This is the 6th Sunday before Easter. It is from Psalm 91:15-16. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages. Also known as Quadragesima (Latin for fortieth) 40 days until Good Friday. The Introit for the Day is: He shall call upon me, and I will hear him...

Prelude

Welcome, Connection Card, and Announcements

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB 418

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
 You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
 And free us from our past.

- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
 Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
 In God’s eternal Word.

- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
 And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
 Since we have known God’s love.

- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
 And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
 We join in heaven’s praise.

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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.** (Matthew 28:19b)

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.** (1John 1:8-9)

Kneel if you are able.

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. (John 20:19-23)
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13

P When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will rescue him and honor him.

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

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C **I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
**C no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**
P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
**All 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.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

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D In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

D 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.

D 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.

D Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Salutation (from 2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.



Collect of the Day

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.



Please 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Holy Cross Choir

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.

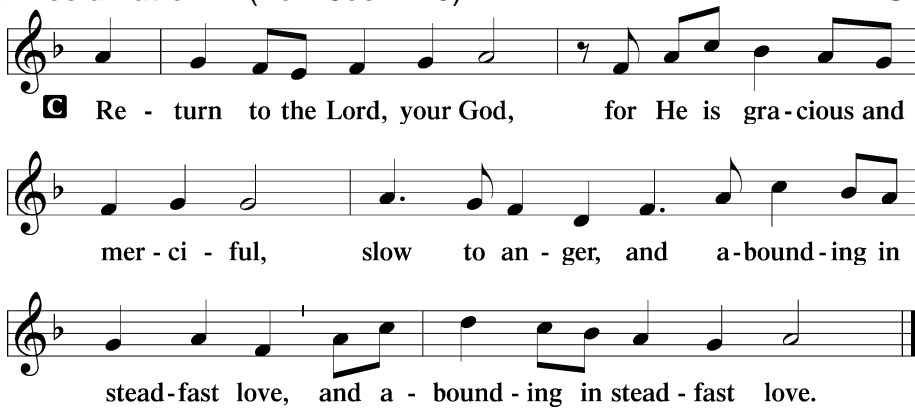
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Gospel Acclamation (from Joel 2:13)

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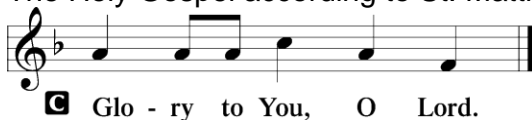


☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

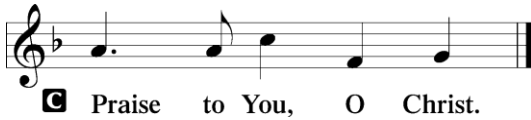
D The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



☐ 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.

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day “On Eagles’ Wings”

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1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!” **Refrain**

Refrain And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4 For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

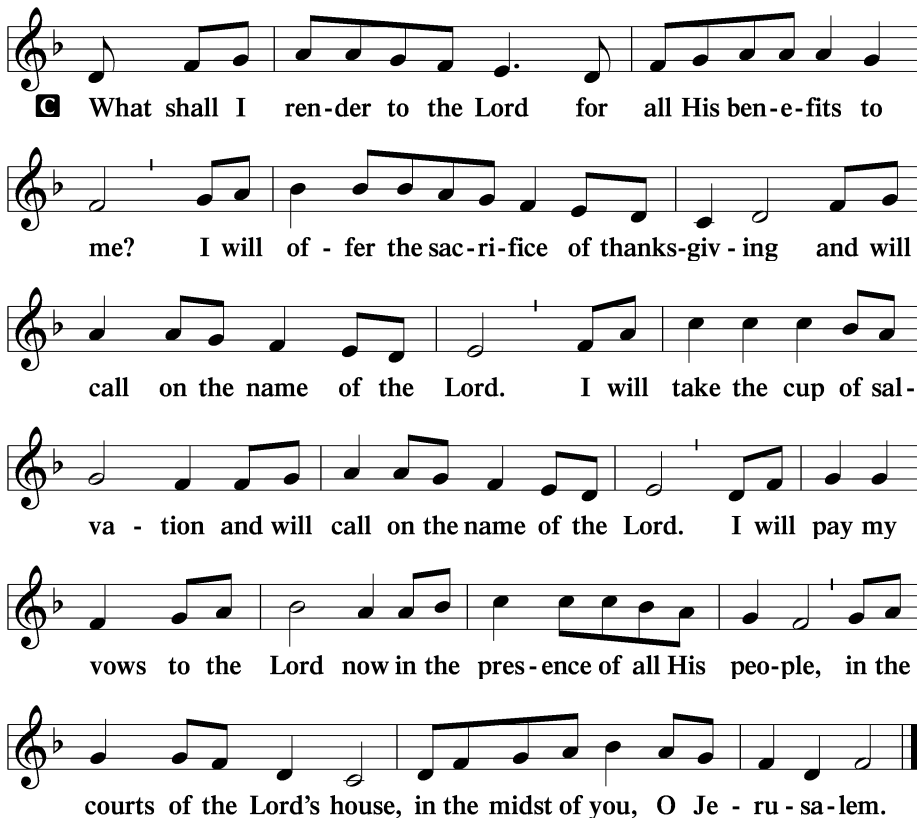
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Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory (from Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

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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.

New member reception

SATURDAY: Virginia Glinka, Suzette Katopodes, Gary & Carol Rinko, Susan Smiley

SUNDAY: Jasmin Crampton

Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayer of the Church

D Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. For the sake of Jesus, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption, be our refuge. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we might be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly Father, the first Adam stood idly by as Eve was tempted in the garden. The last Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, endured the taunts of the devil and overcame him in the wilderness. Embolden those called to serve in Your name to stand against Satan with the weapons of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As Your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Merciful Father, though we marvel at our own perceived power, Your might surpasses all the might of man. Do not let positions of authority or influence be used toward violent and wicked ends. Bless us with wise and faithful leaders who will preserve our freedom and promote its use for noble purposes. Guide all legislatures, judges and authorities in our nation, state and [city, town or village]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, You have shown Yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve [especially _____]. Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to Your gracious will, and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

D Gracious God, the fall of Adam closed the way to the Tree of Life, but the death of Christ on the tree of the cross has opened to us the way of everlasting life. Give us the fruit of His cross: Your forgiveness, life and salvation. through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you. (from 2 Timothy 4:22)



☐ And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (from Colossians 3:11)



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (from Psalm 136)

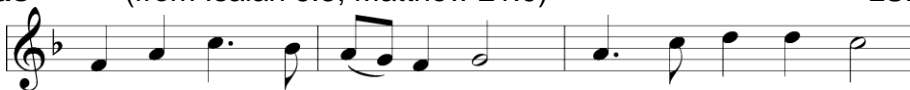


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

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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 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1Corinthians 11:26)

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (Revelation 22:20)

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6:9-13)

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (from John 1:29)

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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.

Please be seated.

Communion Distribution

Anthem

“O Lord, Hear Me”

Holy Cross Choir

Please stand if you are able.

Post-Communion Collect

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P 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.



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.



♩ A - men.

Closing Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Postlude

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

February 19 – February 25, 2024

MONDAY		FRIDAY	
Stewardship Ministry	7:00pm	Bulletin Assembly	10:00am
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
Church Council	7:00pm	Praise Band rehearsal	4:30pm
WEDNESDAY		Bible Class	4:30pm
Film & Discussion	7:00pm	Communion Worship	5:30pm
THURSDAY		SUNDAY	
Prayer Group	3:00pm	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00am
Bells	6:30pm	Communion Worship	10:00am
Choir	7:30pm	Jr. Confirmation Class	6:00pm

BIBLE READINGS FOR REMINISCERE (2ND SUNDAY IN LENT)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

TELLERS NEEDED

We need additional tellers to count offerings on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Save the date - May 18th. More specific details will follow soon.

LENTEN JOURNEY

Our Lenten midweek services will be on Wednesdays through March 20. This year during the Lenten midweek services we will be watching the film, "The Gospel of John" with famous actor Henry Ian Cusick. We'll split up the 3-hour film into 5 Wednesdays with prayer, discussion, popcorn and drinks in Haggerty Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your kids. See you there.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 30th at 10:00 am

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Holy Cross Sunday School. Join us in the sanctuary for an Easter Devotion before we head out for the hunt. This event is geared for ages 0-12. We hope to see you there and don't forget to invite your family and friends!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter breakfast is back with some changes. This year everyone is invited to help, cook, serve, set up and clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Breakfast will be served from 9:45-11:00 am.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm and Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am. **Maundy Thursday**, Worship with Holy Communion, March 28, 7:00 pm. **Good Friday**, Worship Service, March 29, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm. **Resurrection of Our Lord**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 30, 5:30 pm, and Sunday, March 31, 8:45 & 11:00 am, with Easter breakfast between services.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalm 32:1-2