+The Divine Service+

The First Sunday in Lent | March 9, 2024 | 8AM



The Temptation of Our Lord

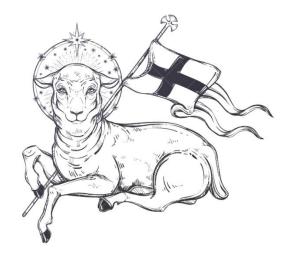
Processional Hymn | 544 O Love, How Deep

Confession and Absolution

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Kyrie | 942 Kyrie! God, Father



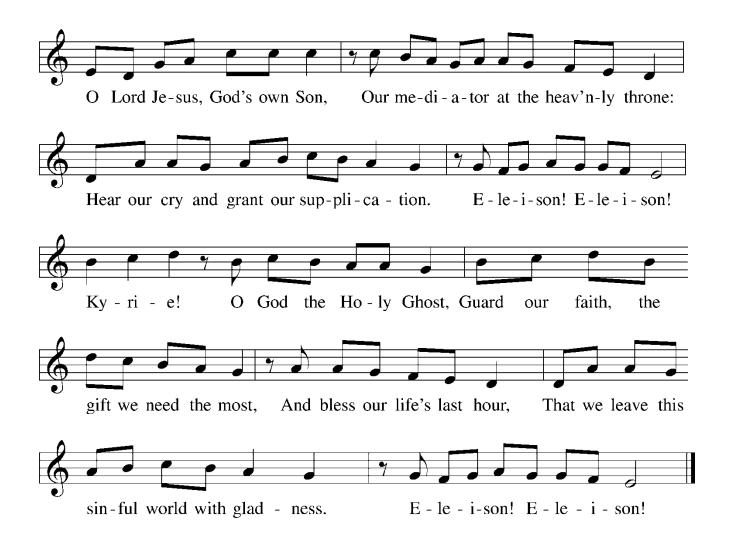
Ky-ri-e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er.

E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!





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.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

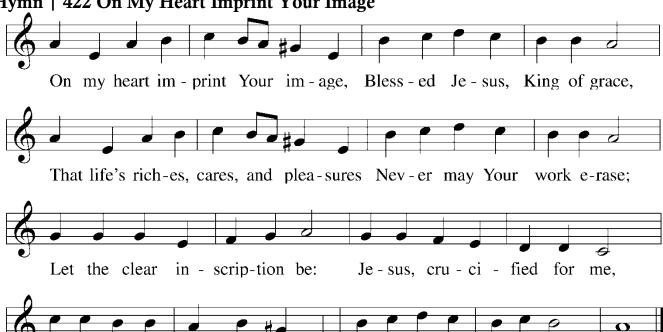
Epistle Romans 10:8b–13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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- **C** Thanks be to God.

In Lent, there is no Alleluia or Gospel Procession. The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.

The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'

¹¹ and

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

¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.""

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

Mirror of Confession

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

The First Commandment

- **P** What is the First Commandment?
- C You shall have no other gods.
- **P** What does this mean?
- **C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
- **P** What am I afraid of?

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

Do I fear God's wrath and displeasure?

Is the love of God evident in my thoughts, words, and actions?

Do I bear the cross with patience?

Do I doubt?

What have I made an idol of?

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

The Second Commandment

- **P** What is the Second Commandment?
- **C** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by his name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.
- **P** Do I pray faithfully?

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

Have I become bored or indifferent in prayer?

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

Does grace adorn my daily speech and conduct?

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

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

The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

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

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

The Offering

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 208



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



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



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



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

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

Lord's Prayer

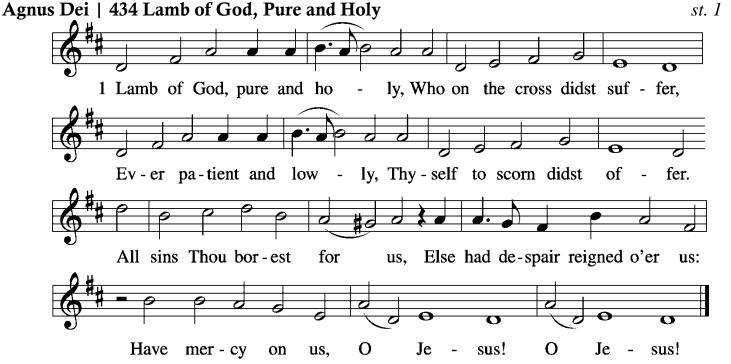
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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



Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

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

Distribution Hymn | 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Distribution Hymn | 714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Distribution Hymn | 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Stand

The Dismissal

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



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

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

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!

The Temptation of Our Lord

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 4:1-13

Temptation is brought to fulfillment in three states: <u>suggestion</u>, <u>delight</u>, <u>consent</u>.

First, we hear the devil's suggestion, then we delight in the thought, and finally, we consent to the deed. Temptation is essentially a negotiation. It consists in the devil's desire to enter into a dialogue with man. The truth of this is borne out in the account of Adam and Eve's fall into Sin. The devil approaches Eve in servant's form, in order to begin a dialogue. The devil comes with words. The devil's words invite man to respond. The devil begins with a question, because questions call for answers. And when Eve answers, and dialogue is begun, then the trap is set. For then the devil knows his greatest weapon will be used to great effect. His greatest weapon is to lie, to deceive, to speak words that are false and empty of reality: "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The devil makes his suggestion. Adam and Eve delight in the thought of wisdom. And they consent to the deed. Adam and Eve fall into Sin because they fail to take the power of the devil seriously. They are surprised by evil's existence. They are caught off guard by the devil's lies. To know evil is to know there can be no negotiation with evil. Adam and Eve's error is not merely that they *delight* in the thought or *consent* to the deed, but that they entertain the devil's *suggestions* in the first place. They let Satan set his traps. The battle isn't lost when they bite the fruit. The battle is lost when the conversation begins.

However today, we meet a man who refuses to negotiate with the devil. Our Lord has put on flesh and blood to enter this conflict with the devil—to make war against sin, Satan, and death. The conflict does not catch Jesus off guard. Jesus has prepared for this war and is expecting it. Unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus will not heed Satan's suggestions, nor will he delight in the thoughts, nor consent to the deeds. Instead of listening to the devil, the Seed of the Woman will crush the devil's head by silencing his lies through the recitation of Holy Scripture. Jesus rebuffs each attack with a word of God, thereby showing all of us how the devil is overcome. Where we failed to resist Satan's attacks, Jesus was tempted and prevailed. We are saved by his perfect obedience to the will of his Father in heaven.

Announcements

St. Paul

The Season of Lent continues with midweek Lent services held Wednesdays at 7PM, for the next five weeks. Midweek Lent services begin this Wednesday (3/12) and will be preceded by a supper at 5:45. The youth of St. Paul are serving the first Supper. This includes all of our youth confirmation students, AND any high school youth who would like to help us—pastor is planning on the help of the youth this Wednesday. Join us!!

Lenten Suppers. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Lenten suppers, which will be offered starting Wed, March 12. If you or a group of individuals from the Church would like to host one of these suppers, we would be thankful! We only ask that the suppers be SIMPLE (budget-friendly for you and, appropriate to the penitential nature of the Lenten season).

Confession/Absolution will be offered <u>Sundays in Lent from 6:30-7:30AM</u> and <u>Wednesdays in Lent from 5:45-6:15PM</u> in the sanctuary. The sanctuary will be marked off limits at these times, to give privacy to the pastor and penitents. Come to the pastor's study and wait until pastor invites you into the sanctuary. In all, Confession usually takes 5 minutes. The benefit of private Confession and Absolution is to hear the word of forgiveness pronounced directly toward those sins which we know and feel in our hearts. The pastor is bound by his office never to divulge the sins confessed to him. No appointment is required; all are invited.

Easter Flower Order Forms in the narthex <u>DUE TODAY</u>. Please turn in your Easter flower orders by noon on <u>TODAY</u>, <u>March 9th</u>. Questions, call or text Kelly Todd 260-466-7494.

Pastor Yeager will be away for the 8th grade Confirmation retreat, March 13-16 in Indianapolis. Each year, the pastors of the Wyneken Association take the 8th graders on a four-day retreat for catechesis and fellowship. Please pray for safe travels. And, please direct any pastoral concerns to Pr. Brege at 260-223-1962.

Collection for the Hope Clinic. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a Church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed:

Baby equipment: cribs/mattresses, pack n' plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors.

Baby care items: baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food, laundry soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack n' play sheets, baby wash cloths and hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs.

Supplies: diaper bags, bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6) and wipes, pull ups, sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn thru 7T), toys/boardgames (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5). For our mothers, we need new or gently used maternity clothes and Instant Pot Cookers. Items not needed at this time are

burp cloths, hats, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder/oil. Laverne Borne will have totes in fellowship hall for items and will be glad to take your donation to the Hope Clinic. The Baby Shower ends March 31, 2025. Thank you!!

Anita Spiegel would like to thank everyone who came to her birthday gathering, and for all the cards, gifts, and well-wishes. Thank you!

Youth

Saturday, April 5; 6-9:30 p.m. – P.F.W. Men's Volleyball Match (RSVP Required by March 23). We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 to carpool to P.F.W. and watch the Mastadons take on Ball State. The cost is \$5, and please RSVP by March 23, so we can get the group rate.

District/Community

St. John Bingen Annual Fish/Tenderloin Dinner. March 16, 10:30-1PM at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Adults 1\$, children 6-12 \$10, 5 and under free. All proceeds go to the Parking Lot repaying fund. Drive thru and Carry Out available. Questions 639-6178.

Camp Lutherhaven. Registration for summer camp is now open. Camp Lutherhave has so many fun activities: simming, hiking, making crafts, and capture the flag. These activities are available for those from Kindergarten to High School, even for the whole family. Register online at lutherhave.org or call for more information 260-636-7101.

Right to Life of NE Indiana 4th Annual Spring Banquet will be held at the Mirage <u>April</u> 12th, 2025. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life! Keynote speaker Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk. \$400/table of 8. Doors open at 5:30PM and the program begins at 6:30PM. Space for the banquet is already ½ sold out, so get your tickets now!! For online table and sponsorship registration please contact <u>phoebe@ichooselife.org</u> or visit https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/spring-banquet.

Weekly Calendar

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Sunday, March 2	8AM The First Sunday in Lent—Divine Service
	9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15AM The First Sunday in Lent—Matins
	11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction
Tuesday, March 11	9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John, Bingen
Wednesday, March 12	5:45PM Lent Midweek Supper—hosted by the youth
•	7PM Lent Midweek 1—Vespers
	Seminarian Gunstein Innvaer, preacher
March 13-16	Pastor Yeager away on confirmation retreat
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Lent Midweek Services

Ash Wednesday | March 5 | 7PM

The Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes There is no supper preceding Ash Wednesday's service.

Lent Midweek 1 | March 12 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Seminarian Gunstein Innvaer

Lent Midweek 2 | March 19 | 7PM*

Divine Service | Preacher: Seminarian Gunstein Innvaer

Lent Midweek 3 | March 26 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Seminarian Ryan Skove

Lent Midweek 4 | April 2 | 7PM*

Divine Service | Preacher: Ryan Skove

Lent Midweek 5 | April 9 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Pastor Daniel Brege

*A Supper precedes at 5:45PM.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday | April 17 | 7PM

Divine Service with Individual Absolution

Good Friday | April 18

Tre Ore: at St. John, Bingen, led by Decatur Circuit Pastors | 12-3PM Chief Service: at St. Paul, Preble | 7PM

Easter Vigil | April 19 | 8PM

At St. John, Bingen, led by Decatur Circuit Pastors

Easter Sunrise | April 20 | 6AM

Divine Service—Service ends at the Cemetery (bring your coats!)

Easter Breakfast | 7:30-8:30AM

Served by the youth of St. Paul, Preble

Easter Day | 9AM

Divine Service

Prayer of the Church

- +Sick and recovering: Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn, Jeff Bulmahn, Mike Hoffman.
- +**Those who mourn**: the family of Helen Krauss (sister, Sue Buuck)
- +Wyneken: our teachers, Jessica Gavrun, students, staff, and childcare.
- +Expectant mothers: Chloe Johnson, Kelly Skove, Karley Walker, Danielle Meshberger.
- **+The Homebound**: Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Hank Nussbaum, Chase Baker, Eric Blum, Alan Bieberich, Cynthia Reinhart, Josie Miller, Avree Fisher, Jack Hamilton.

Acolytes 3/9

8AM 10:15AM

Attendance

7PM 2/26: 15 8AM 3/2: 95 10:15AM 3/2: 80

Stewardship

Offering 2/16: \$4,698.67 Online: \$384.52 Total F.T.W.: \$5,083.19

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$4,976.33 Y.T.D.: -\$25,655.64



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