



**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, A+D 2026**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All**

Following His Baptism, Jesus is “led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives “by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more “have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many” (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience “leads to justification and life for all men” (Rom. 5:18).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

**424 O Christ, You Walked the Road**

*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

*LSB 203*

- 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?  
**C** **But 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.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Absolution

*LSB 203*

- 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.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
**C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**  
**P** With long life I will satisfy him  
**C** **and show him my salvation.**  
**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
**P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**C** **no plague come near your tent.**  
**P** For he will command his angels concerning you  
**C** **to guard you in all your ways.**  
**P** On their hands they will bear you up,  
**C** **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
**P** You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**C** **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**  
**C** **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.**  
**P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;  
**C** **I will rescue him and honor him.**  
**P** With long life I will satisfy him  
**C** **and show him my salvation.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*



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

## 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.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1–21*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday in Lent is from the third chapter of Genesis the First Book of Moses.

<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.**

**Epistle***Romans 5:12–19*

- A** The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—  
<sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



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

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

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

**C** **Glory 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.

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

### Apostles' Creed

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**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

### Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*Stand*

### 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en \_\_\_ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give  
 thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en  
 Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am  
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of  
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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## Prayer of the Church

*Ektene Form*

**P** ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

**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



**C** Ho - ly, 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;



Text: Stephen P. Starke

### 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

- 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

### Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

**Silent Prayer Just Before Communing:** *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for*

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer Just After Communing:** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## 561 The Tree of Life

Stand

### The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### 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.

### 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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# The Glad Spirit

## St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

February 22, 2026

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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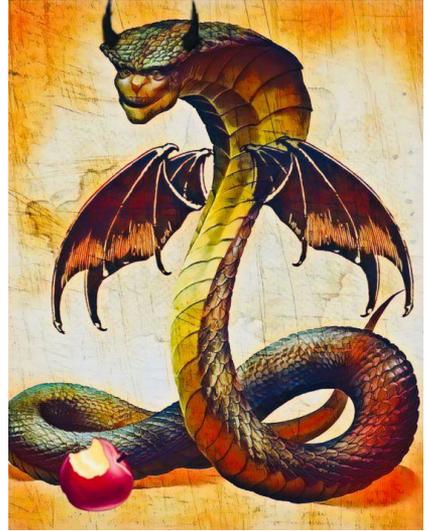
Laura Schassburger, 2/23  
 Hope Krieger, 2/24  
 Travis Middleton, 2/25

#### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray & Madelaine Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Harrison & Arianna Crome, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



## NEWS UPDATE

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We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/splcms/videos](http://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos). A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at [www.splcms.org/worship](http://www.splcms.org/worship).

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There is a new sign-up sheet for the fellowship hour; it is located on the bulletin board by the kitchen across from the food table. Please look at it and sign up for a sweet treat for a Sunday.

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St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, to review *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

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**Christ For You the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> on KFUE.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 21! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we look at the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 11. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this week (2/28 at 10 a.m. CT)! We'll be concluding our study of Baptism as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. What does it look like for believers to walk in their Baptisms daily? Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

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**The Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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," "Glory Be to Jesus," "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.

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"God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must 'walk in the midst of trouble.'" Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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# The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT).



R P J L D S T E M P T E D B K  
 P Q G R H P W E G H J S V W J  
 V Y O N N H V X W D E A W F E  
 M L Y R N R F E E N S T S D W  
 V O A G E X B O W X U A D B O  
 S B U S K S B O E D S N Y T R  
 O P D N I I B I U E O C M A S  
 F I L S T S N C W V V L O Z H  
 I A M E L A Z G K I D B M L I  
 B Q S E N A I D D L I W U R P  
 L R G T D D R N E O L P W F N  
 H N E L I O O E S N M E D S X  
 A C R A W N B R E V G S L F C  
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 DEVIL

WORSHIP  
 ANGELS  
 KINGDOMS  
 FASTING

LORD  
 HUNGRY  
 BREAD  
 SATAN

MOUNTAIN  
 STONES  
 DESERT  
 TEMPLE

BOW  
 SERVE  
 SPLENDOR  
 JESUS

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

February 15<sup>th</sup> Attendance 17

Envelopes	\$780.00	Weekly Missions	\$65.00
Basket	5.00	Luth. Church Charity	20.00
		Church Maint	20.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>785.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,342.00		
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-557.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9:30 am	Lenten Worship Service
	10:30 am	Lenten Breakfast
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Feb 22, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Mar 1, 9:30 AM</b>
Pastor	Pastor Klein	Pastor Klein
Lay Reader	Tracy Middleton	

## Let's Discuss

## ZOOM ROOM

### MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am  
Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

For the Link:  
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