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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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A Champion

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don’t worry; most of those worshipping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children’s Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding
Preacher
Organist
Soloist**

Seminarian Nathanael Wendland
Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
Joel Schwartz
Alyssa Schwartz (10:30am)

Morning Prayer

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535

8:00am, Grades 5-6 will sing stanza one.



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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Stand

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

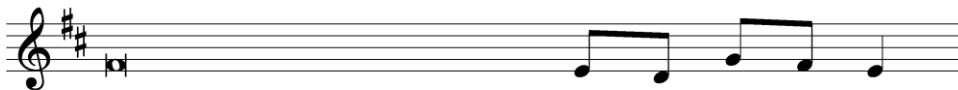
Christ destroyed the devil's pow'r:
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

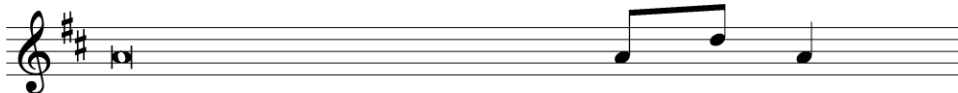
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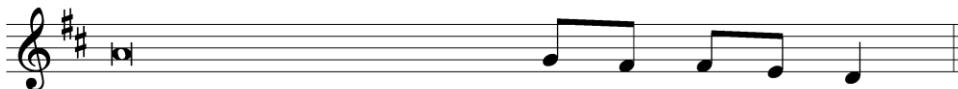
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Confession

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 3:1–15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The

serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Tree of Life

8:00am, Sung by grades 5-6

- 1 The tree of life with ev’ry good
 in Eden’s holy orchard stood,
 and of its fruit so pure and sweet
 God let the man and woman eat.
 Yet in this garden also grew
 another tree, of which they knew;
 its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
 against whose eating God had warned.

- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
 was broken as the serpent strove
 with tempting voice Eve to beguile
 and Adam too by sin defile.
 O day of sadness when the breath
 of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
 its awful poison first displayed
 within the world so newly made.

- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
 a plan of rescue by his grace,
 in sending One from woman’s seed,
 the One to fill our greatest need—
 for on a tree uplifted high
 his only Son for sin would die,
 would drink the cup of scorn and dread
 to crush the ancient serpent’s head!

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Second Reading

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do 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 splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



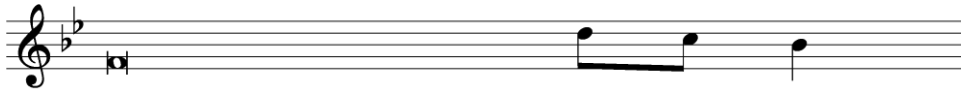
on earth is not his e - qual.
he holds the field for - ev - er.
one lit - tle word can fell him.
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Sermon

Stand

We Praise You, O God

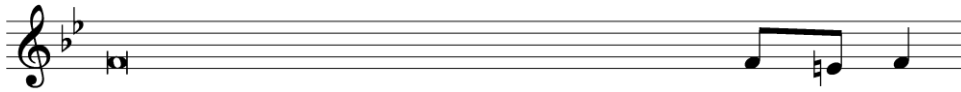
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



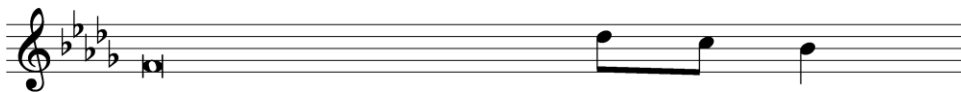
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



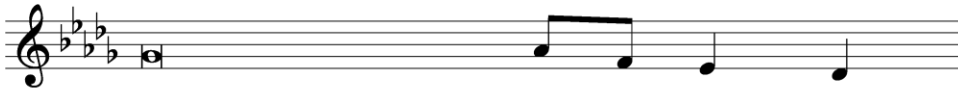
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



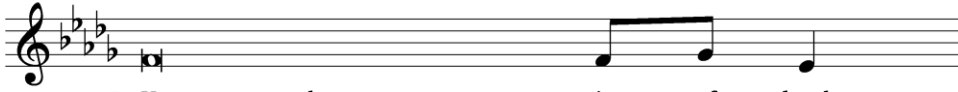
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



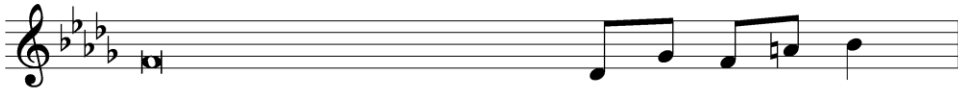
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



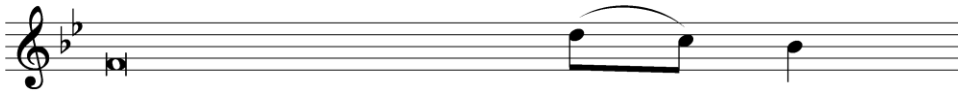
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Father, after his baptism your Son faced the stern attacks of Satan who tried to derail his journey to the cross. On this day we rejoice in Jesus' victory in the wilderness and praise him for his ultimate triumph over the works of the devil.

Send us your Spirit that we may believe this truth and apply it in our lives.

Satan and his followers seek to overturn our faith and love every day. Their goal is to separate us from your presence and destroy our relationship with your Son. Give us wisdom to be alert for their attacks and recognize the danger they bring.

Protect us as we endure temptation. Keep us from becoming Satan's victims. Forgive us and restore us when we give in to him.

Make our faith stronger than it is now so that we might know more and more that Jesus matters most to us in life and death. Give us wisdom and power to follow him and do his will.

Keep us from thinking that sins are harmless and cannot lead us away from him.

According to your will, Lord, curb the influence of Satan in our world and society. Help people to grasp the appalling effects of his power and to refrain from doing wicked and harmful deeds.

Come to the aid of those who are the objects of devilish power.

Give us courage to warn those we love about the dangers of the devil's temptations. Lead us to speak the truth in love so that family members and friends may discern evil and step back from error and sin.

Move us to share the horror of Satan's power honestly and to offer your forgiveness in love.

Keep in your care all who are struggling with pain, battling with sickness, and facing death. Spare your people from Satan's temptations in their difficult hours and strengthen them with the promise of your Son's ultimate victory over sin, death, and the grave.

Help us to support them when we can and to keep them in our prayers.

Protect us, gracious God, from the power of Satan, the allure of the world, and the seduction of our sinful nature.

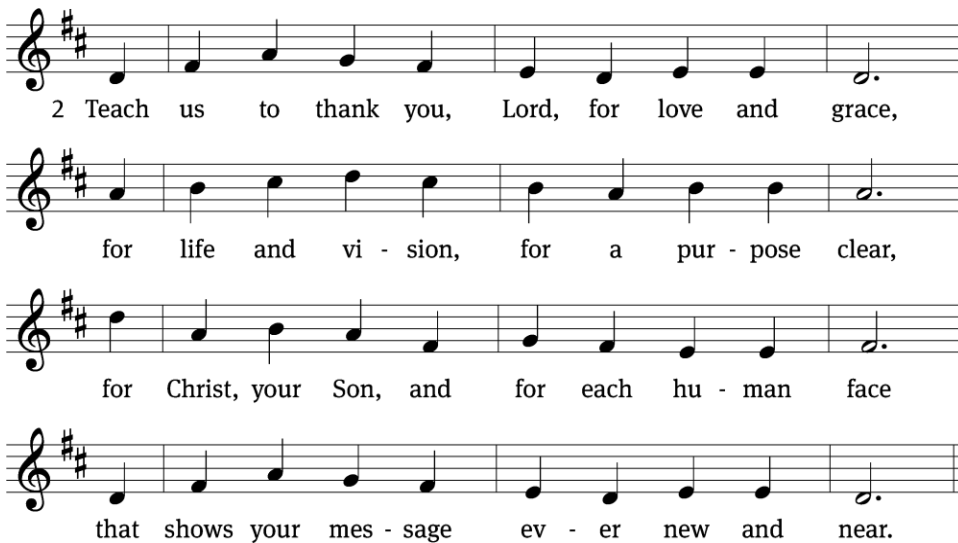
Cause us to believe that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

CW 754 st. 2



2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
for life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
for Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face
that shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.

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Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Be seated

Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; let not faith and hope for - sake us,
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.
for through man - y a woe to our home we go.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

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News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jennifer Piper in memory of her Grandmother's passing.

Pilgrim Sanctuary & Campus Planning Survey Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School is exploring the possibility of a new sanctuary—one that supports worship, strengthens our shared ministry, and allows for thoughtful consideration of future school and campus needs. As we begin this discernment, your voice is essential. Please take a few minutes to complete the congregational survey. This is **not a vote** or a design selection, but an opportunity to share your priorities, hopes, and concerns so the Building Steering Committee and Church Council can plan responsibly and faithfully. The survey takes about 10 minutes and closes **March 1**. Your honest feedback will help us understand what matters most in worship and sacred space, what the school needs for the future, and how we can steward our resources wisely.



Building Project Update The Building Steering Committee will host an informational meeting to provide an update on the church building project on Sunday, March 15. The meetings will take place in the Gathering Space, with two session times available: 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend one of these sessions to hear the latest developments and next steps.

Crafting for a Cause Join us for two days of crafting! March 6 and 7, from 10:00am to 10:00pm. Contact Nancy Abel at jabel4826@gmail.com for all the details or to register.

Meals for Pilgrim Families Our Pilgrim family is growing! It's so wonderful to see young families in church and even more exciting to witness the baptisms of these little ones. We have an opportunity to show Jesus' love by providing meals for two of these families, the Brandts and the Ausens. If you enjoy serving in this way, please sign up for one or two meals, or whatever you are able to do. The meals do not have to be home-made! You could buy takeout and deliver it. You could give them a premade grocery store or Costco meal. You could even just drop off a gift card that they can use when they need it. Ausens: <https://mealtrain.com/ror21> Brandts: <https://mealtrain.com/ngdyqq> Please direct any questions to Amy Balza at amybbalza@gmail.com. Thank you!

Join Us for the WELS Youth Rally! Pilgrim Lutheran Church is excited to plan a group trip to the WELS International Youth Rally (July 14–17, 2026, Bowling Green, OH) for students who have completed 8th grade through high school. This is a wonderful opportunity for worship, fellowship, and growing in God's Word together. To help us plan well, **we are asking families to share a commitment to attend by February 22**. We would also love to hear from adults who may be interested in serving as a chaperone. For more information or to express interest, please contact **Greg or Amy Lyon** or **Pastor Winkelman**: lyonfamily06@gmail.com; awinkelman@pilgrimcares.org

Join Us at the Green Tie Gala! We invite you to join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for a night filled with joy and purpose at the 2026 Green Tie Gala on Saturday, April 11, 2026, as we celebrate together in our new fieldhouse! Enjoy a fun and lively evening featuring great food, fellowship, live entertainment, and the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of our students for generations to come. Proceeds support key campus improvements that enhance safety and better serve our students, including upgraded main entrance security, new and remodeled office space, and furnishings. A portion of the funds raised will also benefit the KML Student Assistance Fund Register today at kmlhs.org/gala. Early Bird by March 3: \$125/person After March 3: \$145/person Final Registration Deadline: March 17, 2026

8:00am

10:30am

Ushers

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Phill Lepple
Tony Jackson

Bryan Giesenschlag
Adam Chernohorsky

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Matt Lawonn
Keith Gennerman

Dave Chmielewski
Collin Mayer

Wednesday Ushers are Pat Renner and Jason Marten

Worship Hosts

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Pete & Amy Kuske

Joel & Jenny Raasch

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Irene Lape & Pat Knack

Paul & Kathy Arnhold



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Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday – (2/18)	3:30pm & 6:30pm
Midweek Lenten Services – (2/25 – 3/25)	3:30pm & 6:30pm
Palm Sunday (3/29) –	9:30am in the Gym (One Service)
Holy Thursday (4/2) –	6:30pm with Communion
Good Friday (4/3) –	1:00pm (Service of the Seven Words from the Cross) 6:30pm (Tenebrae)
Easter Sunday (4/5) –	7:00am Dawn Service 8:30 & 10:00am Festival Service
No Worship Services on Wednesday 4/1	

My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?

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