

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **C:** **Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**LBW 487**

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Share your bread **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ida Kerch    Dave Lamar    Walter Maul    Elzy Pauley    Carolyn Pinos    Ava Stancovich  
Kay Pohopin    Carson Berkheimer    Pastor Bob Kaltenbaugh

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine set apart of the gathering of our brothers and sisters from Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg.

**Sign-up sheet for Easter Flowers:** Lilies, hyacinths, and tulips. Price is \$12.00. Orders are due on **March 10, 2024**

**March 1—Fish Fry** here at the church 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Price is \$18 et in and \$15 for take outs.

**March 4—Council Meeting** at 6:30 pm.

We still need 2 volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly in Altoona which will be held on June 17th this year. If interested, please see any council member.

We are still in need of one person for the Nominating Committee. If interested, please see any council member.

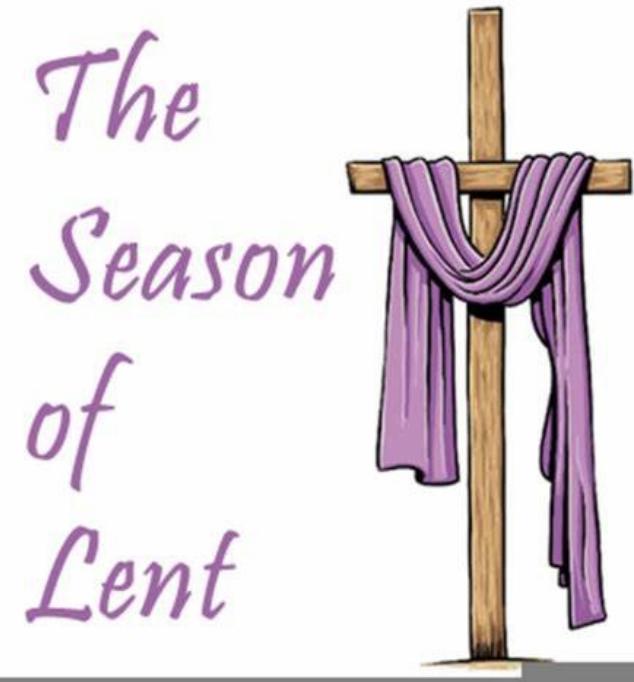
There are sign-up sheets on the door of the Narthex if anyone is interested in helping with the fish fries. Fish Fries are scheduled for March 1st and March 15th. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Sign-up sheet on the door of the Narthex if you wish to bake a cake for fish fries.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod office to make arrangements at **(814) 942-1042.**

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**

**First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662**  
**Worship Sundays at 9:00 am**



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**Communion Hospitality**

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

### Parish Announcements

#### Prelude

\*= Stand

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

#### \*Announcements. Breath of God

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

**Pastor:** Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, for give us, Lord. Amen.

**Pastor:** Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** **How Firm a Foundation** **LBW 507**

**\*Greeting:** **Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** **p. 57**

**\*Hymn of Praise** **p. 58**

**\* Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 **L:** The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:23-31** **(Read Responsively)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 4:13-25 **L:** The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Lenten Tract** **“Return to the Lord”** **p. 63**

**\*Holy Gospel:** Mark 8:31-38 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

**\*Sermon**

#### \*Hymn of the Day

#### \*Nicene Creed

#### \*Prayers of the Church

**Pastor:** Hear us, O God.

#### Lead On, O King Eternal

**LBW 495**

**p. 64**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**\*Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.*

#### Offering

*The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

#### \*Offertory

**“Let the Vineyards”**

**p. 66**

#### \*Offertory Prayer

**Pastor:** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **C: Amen.**

#### Liturgy of Holy Communion

#### \*Great Thanksgiving” and Sanctus

**p. 68**

**\*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered in worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension and they shared in the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share in these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.**

**Gathered at the Lord's Table, our brothers and sisters in Christ celebrated with thanksgiving that “in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer** **p. 71**

**\*Invitation to Communion:** **Pastor:** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**\*Agnus Dei** **“Lamb of God”** **p. 72**

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

*“The body of Christ, given for you.” & “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

*After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’*

#### Distribution

#### Communion Hymn:

**Breathe on Me, O Breath of God**

**LBW 488**

**p. 72**

#### \*Post Communion Blessing