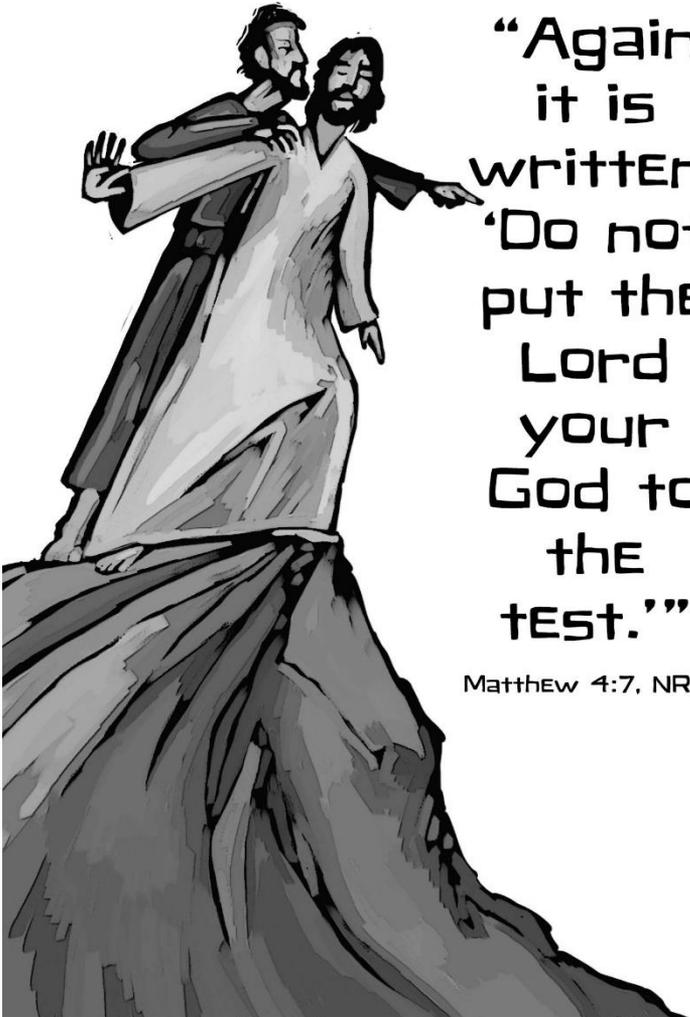




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“Again
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‘Do not
put the
Lord
your
God to
the
test.’”

Matthew 4:7, NRSV

**The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026**

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* ELW 319**

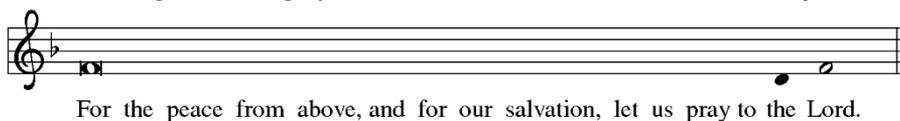
***Greeting**

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

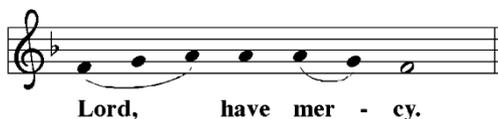
***Kyrie**



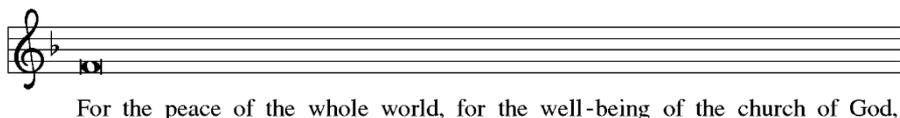
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



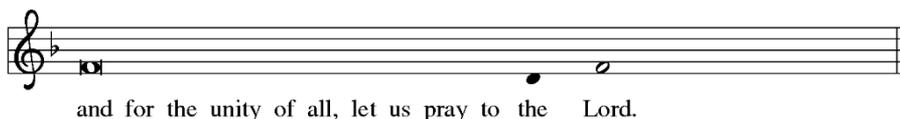
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



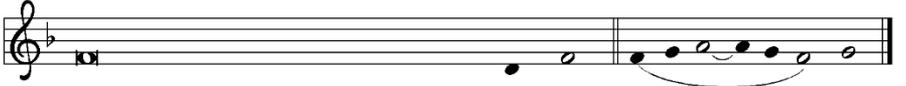
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, **the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Musical Offering

The Lord's Prayer

John Foust and Wayne York

- arr. O'Neill Brothers

First Lesson – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The First Lesson is from the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Genesis.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ 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. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm – Psalm 32

Responsive Reading

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near
you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Lesson – Romans 5:12-19

The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Romans.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not

sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

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.

***Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying 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,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Rob Eller

Hymn of the Day: *The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW 320

***Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (please sit)

After each prayer, please offer the words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the **Offering Box** before the service began. Your continued financial support of this congregation helps us to do God's work in the community and the world.*

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offertory Prayer (please sit)

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise . . .
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus (Please Stand)**

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.

***Eucharistic prayer (Please Stand)**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus 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,

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.

Communion Distribution (*Your choice of WHITE wine or PURPLE grape juice*)

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Benediction**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:**

Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW 624

***Dismissal**

While our worship here has ended, let us continue through our service to others. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer - arr. Johnson

Today's Worship Leaders and Assistants – February 22, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Barb Rupe
Greeters: Tom Yanders
Lector: Tom Yanders | Usher: Neil Rupe
Communion Assistants: Tom Yanders and Marcia Lile
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust
MEVO: Wayne York

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders and Assistants – March 1, 2025

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Robert M. Eller | Assisting Minister: Wayne York
Greeters: Tricia Self
Lector: Kenny Lab | Usher: Ward Holdsworth
Communion Assistants: Heidi Torch and Kenny Lab
Worship Coordinator: Ruth Patrick | Organist: John Foust
MEVO: Zach Baer

Attendance 2/15: 43

February Benevolence:
Birthright
(New Philadelphia)

Readings for Next

Sunday

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

CHURCH COUNCIL

Neil Rupe – President
Ken Lab – Treasurer
Tricia Self

Ward Holdsworth – VP
Wayne York – Secretary
Heidi Torch

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please fill out a communion card and hand it to the usher during communion. If you are unable to come forward, Pastor Rob will bring it back to your seat. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Mid-Day Prayer Break: Do you have a lot on your mind? Come see Pastor Rob for the Mid-Day Prayer Break every Wednesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Pastor Rob is outside in front of the church for conversation, prayer, healing, and Holy Communion.

Easter Flowers: Order forms are in the lobby and due back by March 5.

Midweek Lent Services: Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for our potluck dinner and worship series, Conversations with Jesus. Potluck themes: Favorite Family Recipes, Brunch, Salads That Aren't Really Salads, Cookout Favorites, Casserole-palooza.

The Vine: Join us for The Vine on Saturday February 28 at 6:00pm!

Sunday School: Adults and children are invited to attend Sunday School every Sunday at 8:30am! Kidz Bible School is open to kids age 3 and up. See Heidi Torch and Judy Swinehart with questions. The Adult Class is currently studying the book of Matthew. See Don Brandt with questions.

Choir Rehearsal: Bell choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join!

Pastoral Visits: If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday February 23

* AA Meeting – 12:00pm

Tuesday February 24

* Pastor's Group – 11:00am

* Bell Choir – 6:00pm

Wednesday February 25

* Mid-day Prayer Break –
11:00am-1:00pm

* Midweek Lent Potluck and
Worship – 5:30pm

Thursday February 26

Friday February 27

Saturday February 28

* The Vine – 6:00pm

Sunday March 1

* Kids and Adult Sunday
School – 8:30am

* Sunday worship – 9:30am

Church Family and Friends in Need of Prayer...

Assisted Living/Nursing Home:

Kay Frantz, Larry Humbert, Peggy Immel, Jean Ridgway, Shirley Yoder

Other Members:

Sam Bates, Kathy Beatty, Shirley Brug, Sally Dorn, **Ed Fishel**,
Dean Fisher, John Frank, Dave Frantz, **Joe Furhrer**, Dorthy Glass,
Diana Gray, Dick Hugh, Charles John, Dorothy Kaufman, Shari Kohler,
Breanne Mathias, Susan Miller, **Marsha Mills**, Chuck Moore,
Ruth Patrick, Naomi Potts, Chris Smith, Cindy Smith, Marilyn Swaldo,
Judy Swinehart, Zach, Addie, & Jack Torch, Rachel Yanders,
Shirley Yoder, Sandi Hannenkrat-Wemple, Virginia Wyer

Friends and Family:

**Lisa Bullock, Jaxon Cayton, Monica Harding, Kim Menepace,
Mike & Connie Muzechuk, Pam Swain**

Names in **BOLD** listed above were prayed for at the altar last Sunday



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