

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

DIVINE SERVICE



Quinquagesima –
Third Sunday in Pre-Lent
13/14 February 2021

Faith Alone: The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “*Son of David*.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

The Divine Service

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit - sung responsively

Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!

**For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

**Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

**Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!

**For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

Kyrie




Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



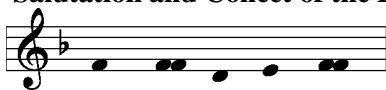
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

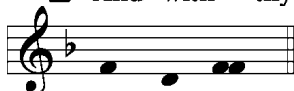
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:3-7

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 77:14-15

You are the God who works | wonders;*
you have made known your might among the | peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your | people,*
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Tract

Psalms 100:1-3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 18:31-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

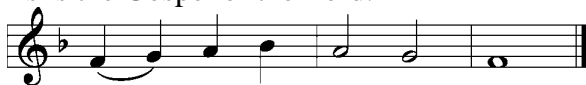


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside

begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

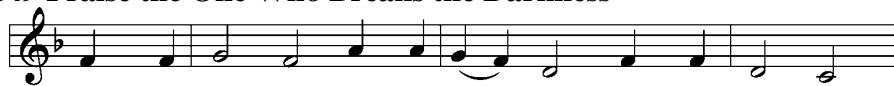
Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

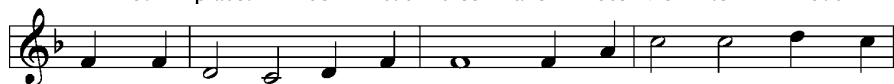
849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



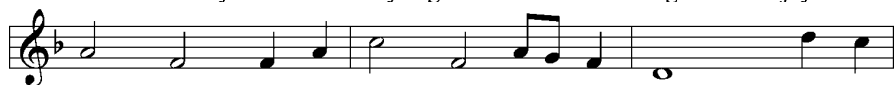
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



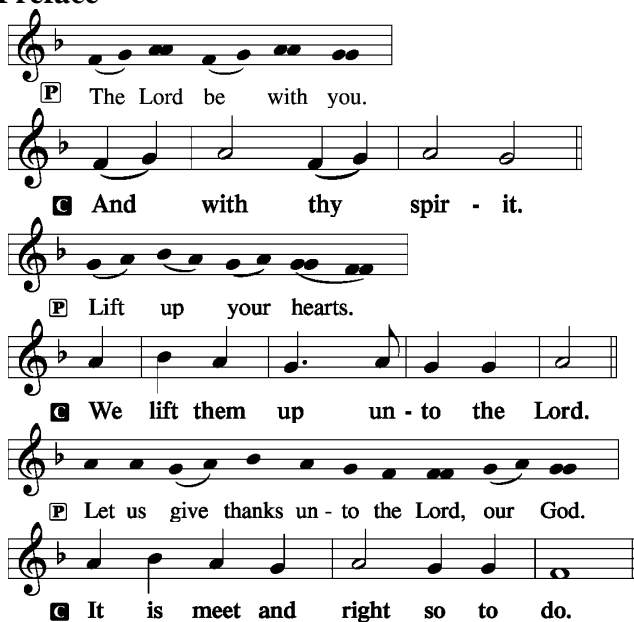
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

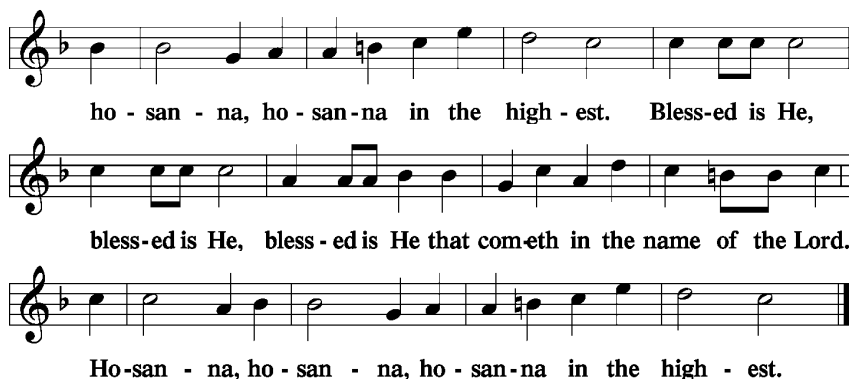
Preface



P It is truly meet, right...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





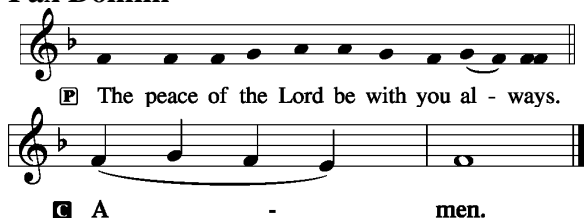
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

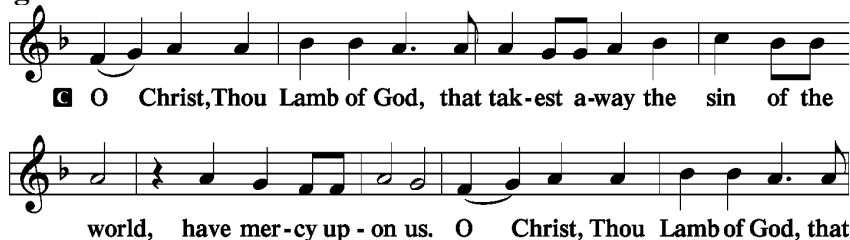
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and 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

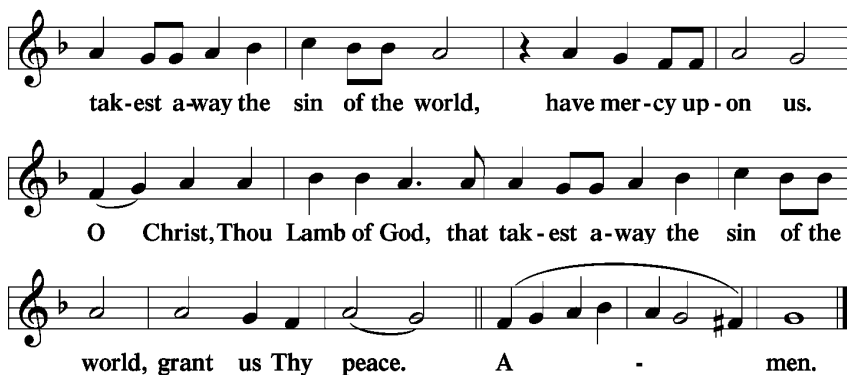


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



The Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

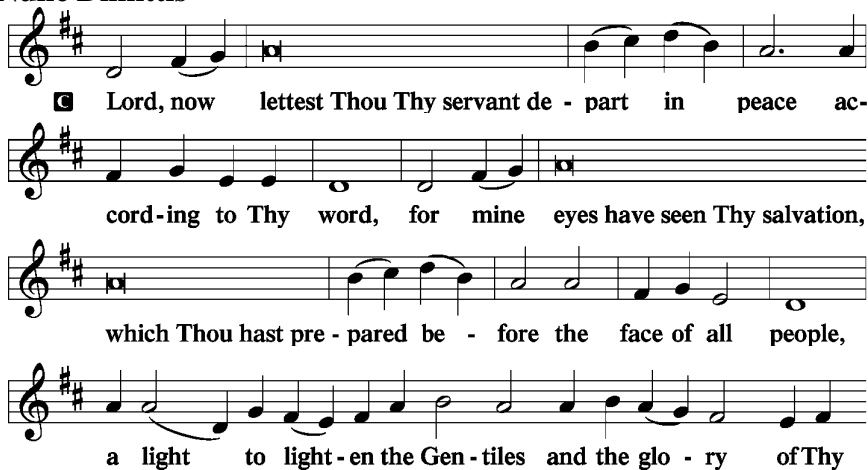
A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament

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.

A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament

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

Nunc Dimittis



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

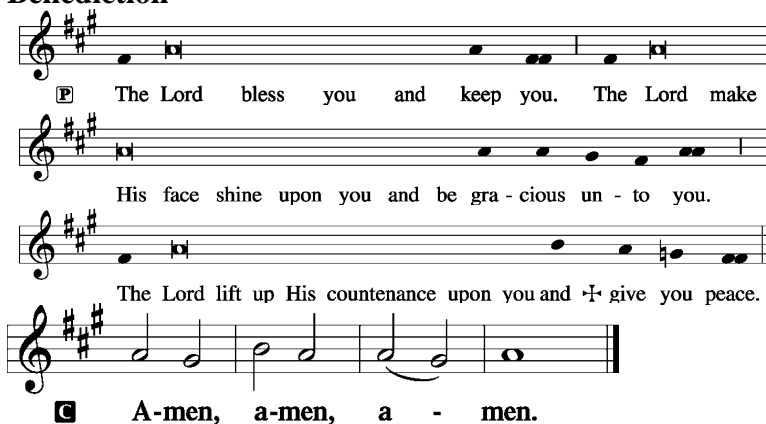
A Let us pray... now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements for Quinquagesima

Lenten Service Registration – Our Lenten Services begin on Wednesday, February 17th as we observe Ash Wednesday. Wednesday Services throughout Lent will be at 8:20am, 6:00pm and 7:30pm. Please register for the service you would like to attend. School parents are encouraged to attend at 8:20am with their children. Either use the form emailed to you or the signup sheet on the table in the narthex.

Thank You – for all the nice cards and birthday wishes. I enjoyed them all.
Nancy Engelke

Thank You – I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas, Birthday and Get Well cards sent to me the past few months. Your well wishes helped me thru times of isolation. Thank you also to Pastor Ball and Pastor Gleason for the phone calls and text messages of encouragement. I have been so blessed by my church family. – Betty Steinmann

COVID Vaccine – The Madison County Health Department has reached out to churches to spread the word about the registration for COVID-19 vaccinations for those who are over 65 years of age. If you are over 65 you may call 618-650-8445 and begin the process for registration.

Prison Ministry in Great Need of Prayer – “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest.” Matthew 9. One of the major mission efforts your congregation sponsors, through the Southern Illinois District, is prison ministry. We presently have 11 missionaries serving in a dozen institutions including, state prisons, federal penitentiaries, jails, work camps, and youth centers. The need for

prayer is twofold. First, because of COVID these institutions are presently closed to our missionaries. Please pray that God would allow our proclamation of God's Word in the prisons to resume quickly. The second great need is that when these prisons do open, we have a shortage of volunteers. We presently need volunteers in Big Muddy (Ina) Prison, Williamson County Jail, Shawnee Prison, Vienna Prison, Choate Mental Health, Marion Federal Prison, Pulaski County Jail, and a Freed In Christ Coordinator. You can contact Rev. David Kollmeyer (618.826.5787) davidkollmeyer@yahoo.com or Rev. Jeffery Nehrt (618.292.4392) nehrtj@csl.edu. You can also check out the prison ministry webpage from sidlcms.org, most importantly, keep praying to the Lord of the harvest.

LWML Sewing Days – Join us for fun days of sewing and fellowship – we will meet March 9, 10, and 11 from 9:00-3:00 in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring scissors and a sack lunch.

Baby Bottles – Mosaic Pregnancy – Baby bottles were due back today, February 14. If you have a bottle that you need to return and forgot to bring it today, please bring it to the church/school office Tuesday or Wednesday of this week or leave it in the narthex on the table by Wednesday. Thank you.

Food Pantry – In January the Pantry served 26 families. This represents 57 adults and 19 children. Two families were new. At present we could use Ramen noodles, instant potatoes, coffee, canned tomatoes, carrots, peas, fruit, and bar soap. We thank you for all your support.

Metro-East Lutheran High School's 41st annual auction is going virtual – The Night of Knights Virtual Auction will be held February 19-20. Check out Metro-East Lutheran High School on Facebook to participate in this event, which is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. MELHS currently is accepting donations of items to be auctioned off during the event. Donations can be dropped off at the school office through February 15. Your generous contribution helps support our mission of delivering academic excellence to develop Christian leaders.

Metro-East Lutheran High School – is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at MELHS are invited to go to www.melhs.org to download an admissions packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. For more information, contact admissions@melhs.org.

Sausage Supper – Zion, Staunton – Today, Sunday, February 14 – 11:00am-5:00pm – Carry-outs/Drive Thru Only – Sausage, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans & Sauerkraut – \$10.00.

Educating A New Generation of Lutherans – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Word "Mercy" in the Bible; The Rise & Triumph of the Modern Self; Surrogacy; Faith That Engages the Culture and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Luke 18:34 – **“This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.”** Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift – the disciples can't understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand him. By nature they are deaf to the Word. So everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity, and kindness.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- For the spread of the Holy Gospel
- For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
- For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
- For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
- For those who live alone
- For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- For first responders in our communities
- For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

Healing and Comfort for: *CHRISTIAN CORTRIGHT*, Kendall's nephew, brain tumor; *CHARLES ELSEA*, grandfather of Amilia Lingel, hospice care; *DOROTHY BRAASCH*, mother of Dave, declining health & back pain; *BUDDY GARTON*, uncle of Cindy Gleason, injured in a fall and having complications; *DARREL MILLER*, health issues; *CONNIE MADORIN*, recovering from Achilles tendon surgery; *PAT CORTRIGHT*; brother of Kendall, diagnosed with cancer; *BETTY STEINMANN*, Hitz Home; *LYNN STEINMANN*, health issues; *MILLY HALTERMAN*, Dave Huckleberry's grandmother, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and pneumonia; *RICKEY MILLER*, Alhambra Rehab & Healthcare; *DORENE LANE*, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; *STEVE SCHWEIZER*, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; *NORMAN MICNHEIMER*, Neil's father, health issues; *TIM DILLON*, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; *EMILY KIEHL*, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; *BARBARALYNN DEVRIES*, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; *MARY GRAFF*, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; *KIM TOBIN*, niece of Dave DeVries, drug issues; *TOMIKO JUEDEMANN*, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; *DALE GROTEFENDT*, friend of Paula Kipp, brain cancer; *KAY GROTEFENDT*, friend of Paula Kipp, recovering from surgery & treatments; *THOMAS SEXTON*, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; *TINA THORLEY*, former St. Paul member and student, health issues; ***STRENGTH FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS***