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**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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Service Theme  
**THE DEVIL'S WORK UNDONE**

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

## Hymn

CW 431 I Walk in Danger All the Way

**1 I walk in danger all the way;  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares  
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;  
I walk in danger all the way.**

**2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee  
When storms of woe my soul dismay;  
I pass through trials all the way.**

**3 Grim death pursues me all the way;  
Nowhere I rest securely.  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
And takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today.  
Grim death pursues me all the way.**

**4 I walk with angels all the way;  
They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.**

**5 I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev'ry fear away  
When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.**

**6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.**

### **Order of Service**

**Common Service (CW p.15)**

#### **Invocation**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.**

**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: (sing) Amen.**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

**C: (sing) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.**

**You sit at the right hand of God the Father;  
have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day  
(CW p.17)

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sing)* **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

First Reading  
Isaiah 64:1-9 (EHV)

*When the devil's temptations make us tired and  
accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to  
renew our strength.*

<sup>27</sup>Why do you speak, O Jacob?

O Israel, why do you say,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and justice for me is ignored by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the eternal God.

He is the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired, and he will not become  
weary.

No one can find a limit to his understanding.

<sup>29</sup>He is the one who gives strength to the weak,  
and he increases the strength of those who lack  
power.

<sup>30</sup>Young men grow tired and become weary.  
Even strong men stumble and fall.

<sup>31</sup>But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength.

They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles.

They will run and not become weary.

They will walk and not become tired.

Psalm

103 (CW p. 105)

*Refrain:*

**I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.**

**Praise the LORD, O my soul;\***  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

**He forgives all your sins\***  
**and heals all your diseases;**

**he redeems your life from the grave\***  
**and crowns you with love and compassion.**

*Refrain*

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\***  
**slow to anger, abounding in love.**

**He does not treat us as our sins deserve\***  
**or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\***  
**so great is his love for those who fear him;**

**as far as the east is from the west,\***  
**so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

*Refrain*

**As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear  
him;**

**for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.**

**Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.**

**But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.**

**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.**

*Refrain*

Second Lesson  
1 Peter 5:6-11 (EHV)

*Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion  
hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and  
promises deliverance.*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time.  
<sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.  
<sup>8</sup>Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

<sup>10</sup>After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day  
(CW p.18)

Alleluia. Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says,  
“Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.  
Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

**C:     (sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Lesson  
Mark 1:29-39 (EHV)

**C:     (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*The devil loves to see God’s children suffer. Jesus  
undoes the devil’s work.*

<sup>29</sup>They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Simon’s mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup>He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup>He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there.



<sup>36</sup>Simon and his companions searched for him,  
<sup>37</sup>and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup>He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." <sup>39</sup>Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

**C:     *(sing)* Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Apostles Creed  
(CW p.19)

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

## Hymn

CWS 760 When Peace Like a River

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll—  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain:*

**It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

*Refrain*

**3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be  
sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain*

## Sermon Text & Theme

1 Peter 5:6-11

**When your life seems to be falling apart.**

- 1) Humble yourself under God's powerful hand.
- 2) Resist the devil by being firm in the faith.
- 3) Trust that God will graciously restore you.

Response: "Create In Me"  
(CW p.20)

**C: (sing) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayer for Lent  
(CW p.125)

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer  
(CW p.20)

**C: 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.**

## **SACRAMENT**

*(CW p.21)*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(sing)* **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord *who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Word of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) **Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

## Distribution

### Thanksgiving (CW p.21)

C: (sing) **Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (sing) **And his mercy endures forever.**

### Final Prayer

**M:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

### Blessing

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Hymn

CW 333 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with your Word  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through your Word.
- 5 Abide with your protection  
Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.



## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners:***

February 11 – Matthew // February 18 – Andrew

### **Lenten Series**

#### ***Baptized into His Death***

St. Paul writes, “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” (Romans 6:3). There is a connection between our baptism and Christ’s passion. Lent is the perfect season to learn anew all that which God’s Word tells us about Baptism. We will see how we were powerfully connected in our baptism to all Christ’s saving work. We will study again what our baptism means for our daily lives. And we will rededicate ourselves to the struggle of living the new life Baptism gives. Join us for our upcoming midweek Lent series: Baptized into His Death

### **Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner**

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Ash Wednesday Pancake dinner at 6 pm on February 14. All our welcome, so feel free to invite friends to the dinner and service.

### **Sweet Heart Dinner**

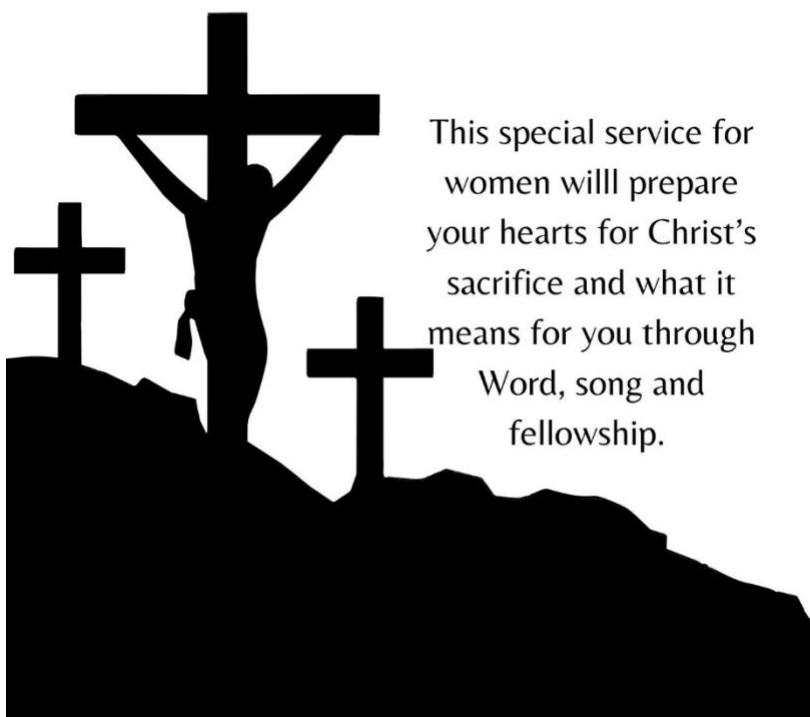
On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Sweet Hearts Spaghetti dinner after Church. This meal is meant to thank the women for all they do. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for men to help prepare and host this dinner.

*You are invited to*

# Lent By Candlelight: The Final Words



Saturday, February 24 @ 6:00 pm



This special service for women will prepare your hearts for Christ's sacrifice and what it means for you through Word, song and fellowship.

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (4) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship & Communion**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**

**We (7) 6:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info. Class**

**Th (8) 9:30 am Online Pastor's Circuit Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Illuminé (at St. Paul's)**  
**6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)**

**Fr (9) 4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)**  
**6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship**

**Su (11) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**

**We (14) 6:00 pm Pancake Dinner**  
**7:00 pm Ash Wednesday w. Communion**

**Th (15) 6:00 pm Illuminé (at St. Paul's)**  
**6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)**

**Fr (16) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study**  
**4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)**

**Su (18) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship & Communion**  
**12:00 pm Sweet Heart Dinner**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**



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