

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

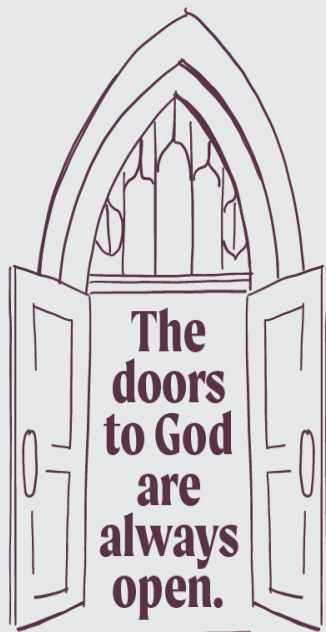
MARCH 9, 2025 ✠ 8:00 AND 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!



OPENDOOR POLICIES
A Lent Series

Lent 1 Temptation Defeated

When a wayward child wanders far from home, how does a loving parent pursue them without driving them further away? One thing that parent does is let the child know that there is an ongoing open-door policy. The child knows they will always be welcomed back home. Likewise, when we wander from God, he always keeps his door open for us. But God doesn't just passively wait for us to return. He lovingly pursues sinners in ways that make them long for home.

Normally in a family everyone must do their part, pitch in, pull their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, God's Son—our brother, Jesus—stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously. This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of Peace is an ancient Christian custom, originally referred to as the Kiss of Peace. Paul wrote to the Romans and the Corinthians and the Thessalonians: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thess 5:26). There are constant references in the following centuries to Christians sharing a holy kiss during worship, either after the Lord's Prayer or just before communing together as a sign of unity in the presence of Jesus, as Ephesians 4:3 calls us to: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Eventually the kiss became a handshake with the words, "peace be with you" in most of the Western Christian churches. We'll follow this lovely ancient custom and say, "peace be with you" to those seated around us and perhaps offer a handshake during Lent as a symbol of our reconciliation to each other in the peace of Jesus and as an expression of our love for one another.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

☞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in BOLD type. ☞

HYMN 802 All Is Well

PLEASE STAND.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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, gracious Lord.

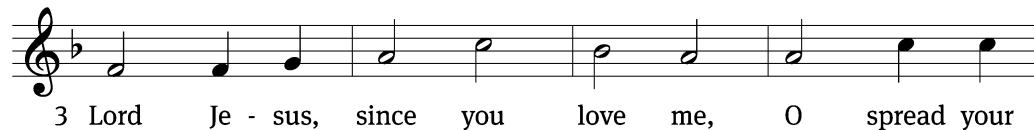


A - men.

PSALM VERSE

Psalm 91:15

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.



3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your



wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.



Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not



fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

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.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17: 4-11,32-40,45-49

Against a powerful enemy an unlikely champion emerged. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one; it teaches us the battle is the Lord's..

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. [...]

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the

lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.[...]

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the

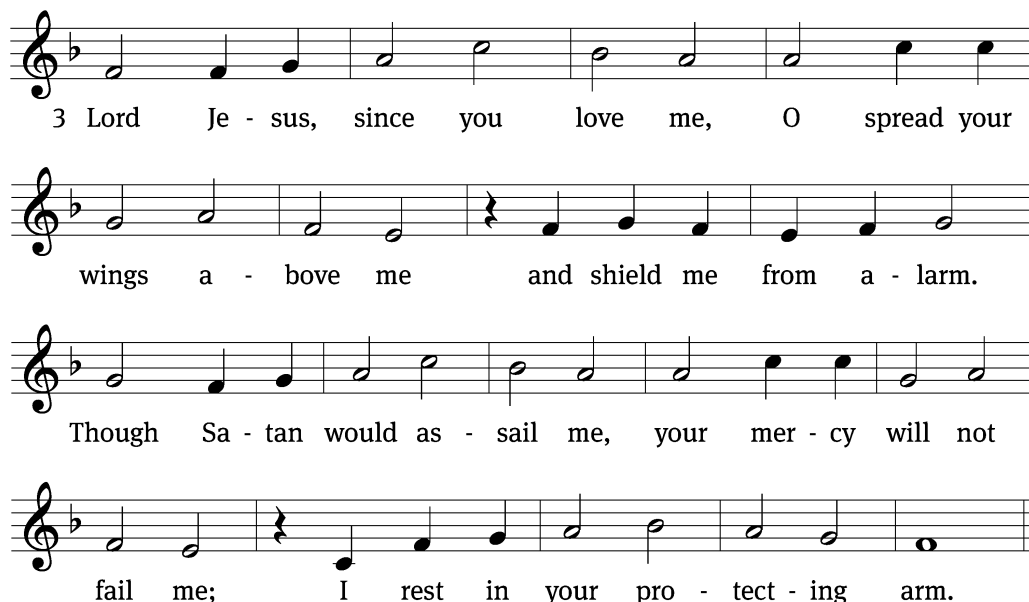
Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91 *selected verses*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**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.**



3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your
wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.
Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus understands how hard life is because He faced every temptation we have faced, and more. He invites us to come to His throne and receive the help we need.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we

do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let

us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



Refrain



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 863 A Mighty Fortress

SERMON

Please stand

CREED: WE ALL BELIEVE

Text: Martin Luther
Tune: Sarah R. Lambrecht



1. We all be-lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en,
2. We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing
3. We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, sweet hope and com - fort giv - ing,



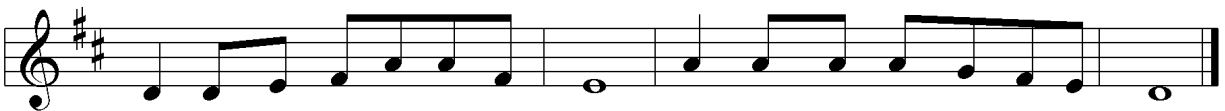
The Fa - ther who to us in love Has the right of chil-dren giv - en.
An e - qual God-head, throne and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing,
Now with the Fa - ther and the Son In e - ter - nal light is liv - ing,



He in soul and bod - y feeds us; All we need his hand pro - vides — us.
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it;



He through snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no harm be - tides — us.
Made true man, our eld - er broth - er, That the lost might life in - her - it,
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.



He cares for us by day and night; All things are gov - erned by his might.
Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful men And raised by God to life a - gain.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord who hears the voice of His people and delivers us with a mighty hand.

For ourselves and all who are struggling with temptation, that God strengthen us to recognize Satan's lies; trust Christ's forgiveness; hold firm to the One who

conquered Satan; and resist the enticements of the devil, the world and our sinful natures, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are afflicted by doubts, that our Father would send the Holy Spirit to

reassure them with the Savior's promises, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts and minds eager to give back to our bountiful God, that by the working of the Holy Spirit we thankfully and willingly return to Him the firstfruits of all He gives us, that He would use those offerings to extend His kingdom of grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our armed forces and our law enforcement, our fire department and rescue workers and for all who work for our protection, that God would shelter them from harm and give them courage and wisdom for their daily work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our marriages and families, that our Father would heal broken relationships, strengthen healthy relationships, renew

our love for each other with His love for us and use us to encourage each other in faith and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for...

Harry (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Tim (Paul and Emma Porter's brother-in-law with cancer), Chaunc (Krystal's son), Nathan (Zahn's nephew on military deployment), JoElla (recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic back issues), Janice and Julia (cancer diagnosis), Paul (Pam Farrel's nephew with serious health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter with health issues), Mona (health issues) and Crissy (cancer)

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to **(833) 693-7056**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM



1 Round God's throne on high blaz-ing an-gels cry, sing-ing,
2 Blest be Da-vid's Son! In God's name he comes, grace and



"Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo-ry,
par-don to pro-vide us. Sing, "Ho-san-na in the high-est!"



shin-ing bright-ly forth, fill-ing heav'n and earth."
Je-sus, hear our plea: come and set us free!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with repentant joy as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS

(for more information on this practice we observe this Lent, see the inside cover of this bulletin)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of forgiveness and unity. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)

The congregation extends the peace of Christ by turning to each other, shaking hands, and saying:

Peace be with you.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

HYMN 499 Christ, the Lord of Hosts Unshaken

HYMN 721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

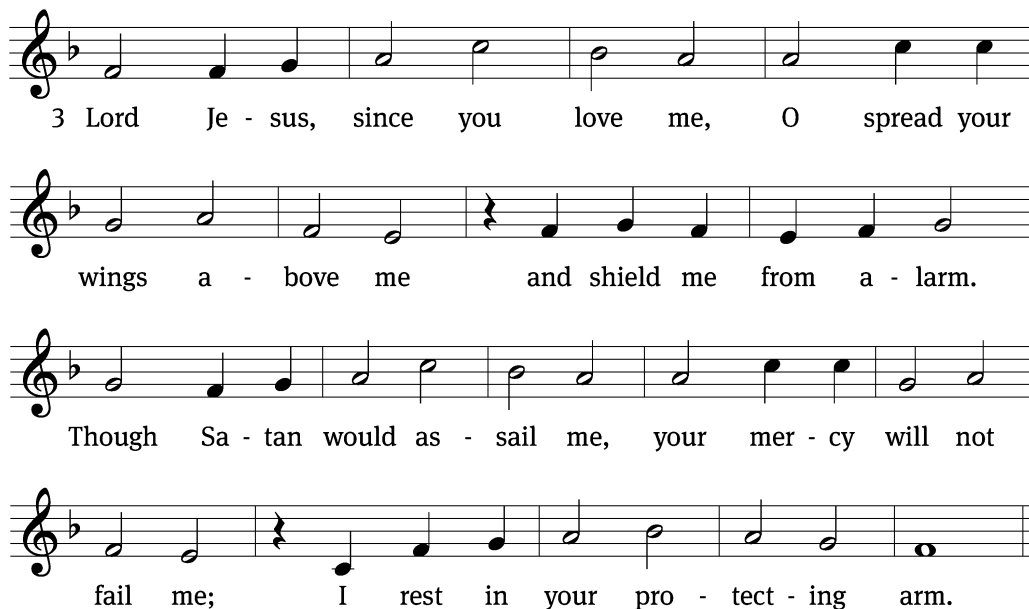
Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN



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Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.



Thank you to Kryssi Heckman and Tori Diersen for using their gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

SINGERS WANTED As in years past, we will be having a choir for Maundy Thursday (April 17) and Easter (April 20).

This year, practices will be on Sundays after the late service (around 11:30) in the chapel starting Sunday, March 16. Reach out to Chandra Lange with any questions.