

February 22, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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Color-PURPLE [Sorrow, repentance, and royalty]  
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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

The Elder-in-Charge – Tim Faske  
The Head Usher – Allan Urban  
The Altar Guild – Linda Patschke, Julie Schubert  
The Organist – Kevin Patschke  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Martin & Julie Schubert in loving memory of her mother, Ellene Fritsche.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

The Elder-in-Charge – Jeremy Brown  
The Acolyte – Michael Norment  
The Head Usher – Wesley Boriack  
The Organist – Kevin Patschke  
The Finance Board – Ryan Brockenbush, Jeremy Brown, Tom Kleinschmidt, Clyde Lay Curtis Yurk, Victor Yurk  
The Altar Guild – Ruth Meyer, Lynetta Latimer, Miriam Meyer  
The Flowers – To the glory of God in honor of Charles Kaiser on his birthday (17) by his family.

**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. \*\*\* Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

***THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.***

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Jesus Does Battle in Our Place** In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God. (*Genesis 3:1-21*) He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man. (*Matthew 4:1-11*) He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us so that we may be restored to life. Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the Name of the Lord of hosts. His sustenance is nothing other than the Word of God. By it, Satan must flee in defeat. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain, but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of His grace, that we may obtain help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14-16*) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

## READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

*Summary: If our dear Lord was tempted by the devil himself, won't we be also? Jesus, the Son of God in the flesh, quoted Scripture in the face of temptation. In praying the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer, we do likewise, for our flesh is wont to be led astray.*

"And lead us not into temptation." Even though we are godly now and stand before God with a good conscience, we must pray again that He would not allow us to fall again and yield to temptations. Temptation is of three kinds: of the flesh, of the world, and of the devil. We dwell in the flesh and carry the old Adam about us. We are daily tempted toward unchastity, laziness, gluttony, drunkenness and greed. In short, the old Adam encourages us to have all kinds of evil lusts, which cling to us by nature.

Next comes the world, which offends us in word and deed. It drives us to anger and impatience. In short, there is nothing but hatred and envy, hostility, violence and wrong, unfaithfulness, vengeance, cursing, railing, slander, pride and haughtiness, with useless fame and power. No one is willing to be the least. Everyone desires to be seen before all.

Then comes the devil, provoking us in all directions. But he especially agitates matters that concern spiritual affairs. He leads us to despise and disregard both God's Word and works. He tears us away from faith, hope, and love, and he brings us into misbelief, false security and stubbornness.

So there is no help or comfort except to run to God, to appeal to Him in Christ by taking hold of the Lord's Prayer, and therefore to speak to God from the heart. (*Large Catechism, The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### RINGING OF THE BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: ♪ 369

### SERVICE OF THE WORD [PAGES 5 TO 14, FRONT OF HYMNAL]

### INTROIT

**PASTOR:** When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him.

**CONGREGATION:** With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

**P:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**C:** I will say to the Lord, "My Refuge and my Fortress, my God, in Whom I trust."

**P:** Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place – the Most High, Who is my refuge – no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague shall come near your tent.

**C:** For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**P:** On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**C:** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.  
(*Psalm 91:15-16; 1-2; 9-13*)

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, as Your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil in the wilderness, help us, Your servants, as we are assaulted by various temptations; and, as You know our many infirmities, let each one of them find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – GENESIS 3:1-21**

**P:** <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was craftier than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman He said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)**

**HYMN:** ♪ 247:2

## **EPISTLE LESSON – HEBREWS 4:14-16**

**P:** <sup>4:14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL LESSON – MATTHEW 4:1-11**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**P:** <sup>4:1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But He answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## **APOSTLES' CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 12]**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 262 [PLEASE STAND]**

#### **SERMON: YOU'RE VICTORIOUS IN CHRIST OVER THE TEMPTER – MATTHEW 4:1-11**

*“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Mt. 4:4) Amen.*

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.* What does our Savior do right after His Baptism but makes for the wilderness. Jesus is “*led up by the [Holy] Spirit*” (Mt. 4:1) into this remote, desolate place. St. Mark’s Gospel account describes how Jesus is driven by the Spirit there. So the first thing we learn from our Lord’s temptation is that it’s God the Father’s will for His Son to endure it for us – in a most barren, inhospitable region.

The second thing we observe is the place where Jesus goes – how it’s no place for you, for me or for any person to be. It should be the very last place on earth that the Son of God would ever go as well, but here He is.

In Old Testament times, dry and desolate regions were considered to be the dwelling place of demons. Jesus Himself describes how unclean spirits pass through waterless places, seeking rest. (See Mt. 12:43) And while it’s true that the “*earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,*” (Ps. 24:1) Jesus is nonetheless venturing into hostile, enemy territory here as the prince of darkness and of this world holds sway over the desolate lands. As Christ enters this wasteland, He has little concern for His own well-being. Just like you do, Jesus has a Father in heaven Who looks out for Him as a man and takes care of Him in His body. As He faces down the fury of Satan, Christ the Lord has you on His mind and in His heart.

As Moses fasted forty days and forty nights before receiving the Ten Commandments for Israel, so does the Lord Jesus not eat a thing for the same amount of time. He fasts in devotion to His Father. He fasts for you. His resulting hunger is real, and it’s great. It makes Jesus quite susceptible to the devil’s first temptation. Lucifer attacks our Lord’s stomach, saying, “*If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.*” (Mt. 4:3) Kind of sounds like the words Jesus’ enemies spit at Him on the cross: “*If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross,*” and, “*He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him.*” (Mt. 27:40; 42) You can probably guess who incited these unbelieving, evil men to speak these words to Jesus.

In both instances, our Lord is challenged to prove that He’s really the Son of God. If He, according to His divine nature, turns stones into bread and fills his famished, weak, suffering body, then He kills two birds with one stone. He takes care of Himself, His hunger. He also reveals His divinity. And hey, if He saves Himself; if He comes down from the cross, then Jesus’ fierce foes will actually believe in Him. Or will they? What would really be their fate and your fate – if Jesus didn’t die for you? And what will our Lord really gain if He scarfs down bread that was formally rock? A full stomach, yes. But what good would that do you?

Jesus’ response to the devil reveals our selfless Savior’s zeal to redeem us as sinners. Like you, Christ the Son of Man doesn’t live on bread alone, but on the living Word of God, which gives the forgiveness of sins, a Christian faith and life, and eternal salvation to us all. Christ’s human nature was begun by the Word of God, and He also ate of that Word, so-to-speak, as He heard it, spoke it Himself, and was nourished by it all His days here on earth. How much more do you need the life-giving, nourishing, enlivening Word of God, since you are but flesh-and-blood! If you live on bread alone, you will perish forever. So eat hungrily and eagerly of every Word that comes to

you from the mouth of God! Take into you such words as: “Christ...suffered once for sins, [He] the righteous for [you] the unrighteous, so that He might bring [you] to God” (1 Pet. 3:18) as holy and righteous in His sight.

Jesus refuses to satiate His empty gut because He puts His own needs and care into His Father’s hands, and cares only for you. The same thing happens when Satan next tempts Him to prove His true identity by jumping from the top of the temple in order to be caught and rescued by God’s angels. Although these servants of God could’ve and would’ve caught Jesus – had He jumped, this wasn’t the way for Him to reveal Himself as God the Son either. And, as we’re seeing, Christ’s leap wouldn’t benefit you any, so He steps out of the second trap which the devil sets for Him. Neither Jesus nor we ought to put God to the test, or expect Him to do something that isn’t part of His good and gracious will for us.

The devil “goes for broke” on his third-and-final temptation, putting all his chips on the table and pretty much offering them all to Jesus. Pointing to all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, Satan says, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” (Mt. 4:9) You might think that this is like offering Trump Tower to President Trump, since God already rules the heavens and the earth. Or like giving a toy to a child who already has all the toys in the world, since Christ is the everlasting King of a glorious, heavenly Kingdom. But think about it this way: These worldly kingdoms are under Satan’s control. They don’t honor God as their Father or Jesus as their Lord.

So the deceiver is basically saying to Jesus, “Bow down to me, and these realms and all their people will be Yours to lord over as You see fit.” It’s not true, and the Lord knows it. Yet it would save Him from having to suffer unbearable hatred, unspeakable anguish and a dishonorable, shameful death. It would also doom us and all people forever. As you know, Christ opts instead for the true worship of His God and Father – just like you’re always to do. And since He loves His Father and you, Jesus opts for cross and crucifixion.

Behind door number one – had Jesus fed Himself, is a relieved man, but a condemned you. Door number two – if Christ had jumped, shows us a rescued Son of God, but no Savior of you. Behind door number three – if Jesus had worshiped the devil, is you worshiping Lucifer as well, and being justly condemned to hell for it forever. So all He does, Jesus does for you...throughout His temptation of forty days.

Unlike Jesus, Who doesn’t fall for temptation – though you gotta understand that He was truly and severely tempted in the desert by the devil; unlike your Lord, you fall for the devil’s and the world’s many temptations. You don’t fall for all of them all the time, but more than you could ever count. You and I, we’d go 0-3 if we’d been out in the wilderness, tempted by the devil as Jesus was. And we know it! Because we fall for temptations of every stripe, we put ourselves squarely under the condemnation of God. Since we can’t escape or deliver ourselves from falling headlong into temptation, we need rescue and deliverance from the trespasses we’re seduced to commit.

And that’s why Jesus was tempted for you. Where you fail and fall, Christ has overcome and defeated the devil and your temptation for you, taking all your failures and falls upon Himself. In His innocent suffering and death, He actually became guilty as all-get out, since He took all your temptation-falls, your transgressions and ills upon Himself. So Christ was punished to the max. for you. He had to be, just like He had to be tempted for you. He died for you; for your temptation-fails, for your evils. In Him, you’re 3-0. You are holy and precious in God’s sight since Christ covers you now and always with His own righteous purity!

Not only are you delivered from the awful fruits of your temptation falls, you’re galvanized by Christ’s Word and Sacraments to resist the devil and make him flee, and to resist temptation and evil as God’s saints. So do so with all your Christian energy! Amen. *The peace of God, which passes understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 12-13]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is merciful and full of compassion.

Heavenly Father, Your Son knew hunger and deprivation in the wilderness and yet His reliance on You never failed. Give to your baptized people, amid the many temptations we face in this age, trust in Your promises and hope in Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Lover of mankind, You send Your Gospel into all the world that people might be delivered from the power of the evil one. Pour out Your Spirit continually upon all pastors and servants of Your Church as well as all Your congregations, that we might proclaim Your Word truthfully and with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Lord of love, in Your great mercy permit Your Holy Word to have free course among us to the joy and edification of all Christ's holy saints. Help us to always retain sound Christian proclamation in our Lutheran faith; protect us and all the faithful from the assaults of the devil. Bind us all together in genuine Christian love. Grant us grace to put to death all resentment, jealousy and pride, and raise us to the joy of serving one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them, and equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

All-wise Father, grant Your wisdom and instruction to all our [*St. James: Sunday school and weekday school students, our Catechism students preparing for Confirmation, as well as our*] Bible study attendees, that all who are taught would grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord and be strengthened in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Bountiful Provider of all our needs, You warn Your people not to be ensnared in the love of riches or to seek lives of ease, but invite us in union with Your Son to live as servants in this world. Remember all those who can find no gainful employment as well as all who are in any kind of need. Keep them from despair and hear their prayers. Remember all those who are tempted by the allure of riches. Turn their hearts to Christ our true and only Treasure. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Fountain of mercy, into Your gracious and loving arms we commend all who are sick or suffering, the hospitalized, the persecuted, the lonely, the grieving, and the dying, especially, \_\_\_\_\_. Bring the comfort of Your Spirit to each broken body and each hurting soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Giver of the life that never ends, receive our praise and thanks for all whom Your grace has brought through the great tribulation of this life and ushered into Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

All of these things, and whatever else Your wisdom knows we need, grant to us, in Your bountiful love, for the sake of Him Who triumphed over the foe and rose in victory, and Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER [PAGE 14]**

**HYMN: ♪ 444**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECTS**

**P:** Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every temptation and assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You that, whereas the wicked enemy constantly stalks us, and as a roaring lion walks around, seeking whom he may devour, You would for the sake of Christ, Your Son, come to our aid and by Your Word strengthen our hearts, that the foe may not overpower us, but that we may abide in Your grace always and in the end enter eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 358**

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

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## OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

Worship      Comm.      S.S. & B.C.      Offerings

Trinity	43	38		8	\$1,655.00
St. James	56	40	1	11	\$1,891.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	10,423.00				
Actual	12,323.00		1,315.00		7
Last Week	1,530.00	100.00	25.00		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	18,945.15			18,945.15	
Actual	12,355.00	105.00	390.00	12,850.00	7
Last Week	1,581.00		310.00	1,891.00	

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THIS WEEK

- WEDNESDAY                    3:30 PM: Week Day School  
                                          7:00PM: Joint Lenten Vespers (at St. James)
- THURSDAY                    10:00 AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)
- FRIDAY                            +Pastor’s Day Off

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

\*\*\***We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Allan Urban, Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;...at St. James...Jeffery Jatzlau, Margie Zak, Nina Seifert, Becky Exner, Ginger Clifford, Clarence Symmank, Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, R. D. Latimer* [son of Margo Latimer and brother of Guy Latimer (St. James)], *Diane Sommers* [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], *Elizabeth Woelmer* and their *pre-born son, Josiah* (at-risk pregnancy) [wife of Rev. David Woelmer of Grace, Smithville] and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++St. James Noodle Making and Fundraiser: St. James LWML will be making noodles on Tuesday, March 17, beginning at 8:30am. All volunteers are welcome to help! We are also in need of Gold Medal flour donations. Please drop them off at the church or parish hall before March 17. If you would like to pre-order noodles, we are selling them for \$10 a pound. Please place your order with Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay. Thank you for your support!

\*\*\***ST. JAMES**...would like to express their **THANKS** to Jacob Phillips for donating and installing the new seal on the refrigerator at the parish hall. Thanks so much Jacob!!!

+++**FLHS Raffle**: Next Sunday is the final date to buy Faith Lutheran High School raffle tickets! If you haven’t bought yours yet, please see Miriam or Sarah Meyer, or contact the church office to

arrange a pick-up time. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds support the high school. Prizes include a \$1500 travel voucher, a \$1000 Visa gift card, a Savage Axis 22-250 with scope, a grilling and fire pit package, Stihl battery powered items with a \$300 gift card to Paige Tractors, and more! There will even be bonus draws this year! Drawings take place March 2-6. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Faith. Thank you for supporting FLHS!

\*\*\*Grief Share...anyone that is interested can check out the local **Grief Share** group which will begin a weekly support group beginning March 3 and running through May 26 from 6-8pm at the FBC in Lexington. For more information, contact Cheryl McGary at (512) 731-7888.

+++**Around the Word Devotions**...Daily devotions are a great way to be in the Word of God, to pray to Him, to confess His Holy Name, etc.. And so, "Around the Word Devotions" is being provided for all members. This devotional is based on our Sunday morning lectionary, and provides a weekly theme and a brief, daily devotion on the readings. It can also be found online on our Church website, [trinity.stjames.org/devotions](http://trinity.stjames.org/devotions), or at [whatdoesthismean.org/devotions](http://whatdoesthismean.org/devotions).

\*\*\***Sunday Morning and Thursday Morning Bible Studies**...Our Sunday morning Bible study is on the holy liturgy, with which we worship the Lord our God. (TLH 15-31) Come learn about and grow in the rich Biblical theology of our Divine Worship as Lutheran Christians. Also, our joint-congregation, Thursday morning Bible study at St. James (10-11 AM) is a journey through the *Book of Acts*. All who are free to attend are welcome to do so.

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

\*\*\***ST. JAMES**...how about **YOU!** We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it..just contact the church office!!!

+++**QUILTING**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

\*\*\***THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because".

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Jimmy Falke, today; Suzanne Moerbe, today; Clarence Schimank, today; Jeff Winkler, today; Riley Stampert, 23; Lori Schimank, 24; Tyler Moerbe, 28;...St. James-Helen Hobbs, 26; Christian Hess, 27.

+++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-Michael & Haley Brown, today; Bobby & Judy Patschke, 25; Gerald & Irene Martin, 26; Jeffrey & Jennifer Patschke, 27.