

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - 8:00 - *"In Quiet Prayer"* by Edward Grieg; 10:30 - Bell Choir plays *"Jesus Keep me Near the Cross"* setting by Kevin McChesney.

HYMN 657 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LENTEN LITANY - see insert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 32:1-7 - we speak in unison

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - all standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**
After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN 418 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover
All standing

OFFERTORY *During the gathering*
8:00 - "Bell Choir plays *"Jesus Keep me Near the Cross"* setting by Kevin McChesney;
10:30 - *In Quiet Prayer*" by Edward Grieg.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 718 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* tune Rathbun, setting by Engel.



NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 89 Offering: \$13,829.55

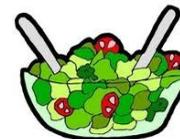
This Week Here

Today - 11:45 - Voters Meeting
Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
 - 7:30 PM - Lent 1 Service
 - 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thu - 6:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice
Sat - 5:00 PM - Mother/Son Game Night

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Karen Smith for serving this morning.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

This Wednesday, February 25th, will be the start of our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.



Sunday School - As we gather today, we will study "The Chosen King." Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.

Join us for a **Celtic Celebration Concert with Mandolin and Guitar duo Handler & Levesque** on Saturday, March 14th at 2 PM. It will be an entertaining afternoon of music from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Free admission with light refreshments to follow. Tell you friends!

Kids Bulletins are always available here on the narthex table along with our regular Sunday Service bulletins. They are always linked with the day's Scripture readings. Kids - bring your own pencils.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).