



# *TEMPTATION*

Luke 4:1-13

# ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

**IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**March 9, 2025**

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus:** Our Great Deliverer defeats Satan and secures our salvation.

*This is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord! Even though the Church's Lenten worship is muted and quiet, the focus of the season is not Good Friday, but Easter! Sunday worship in the season of Lent is designed to be islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Here is refreshment for the Lenten journey: Your Savior has defeated the devil and his temptations for you. The promise comes by faith and is meant for all people. Though you were born in the blindness of sin, the light of the world shines upon you and lets you see. New life in the light of Christ leads you to selfless service until the day he makes good on his greatest promise – the resurrection. What can we say in response to love so great? Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**LITURGY: Service of the Word**

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## **OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP**

**PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BATHROOMS** are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

**VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

PRAYER

**413 When in the Hour of Utmost Need**



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not  
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
 3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our  
 5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of  
 meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful  
 cries in time of need Through him whose name a -  
 woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our  
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,  
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
 an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,  
 to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

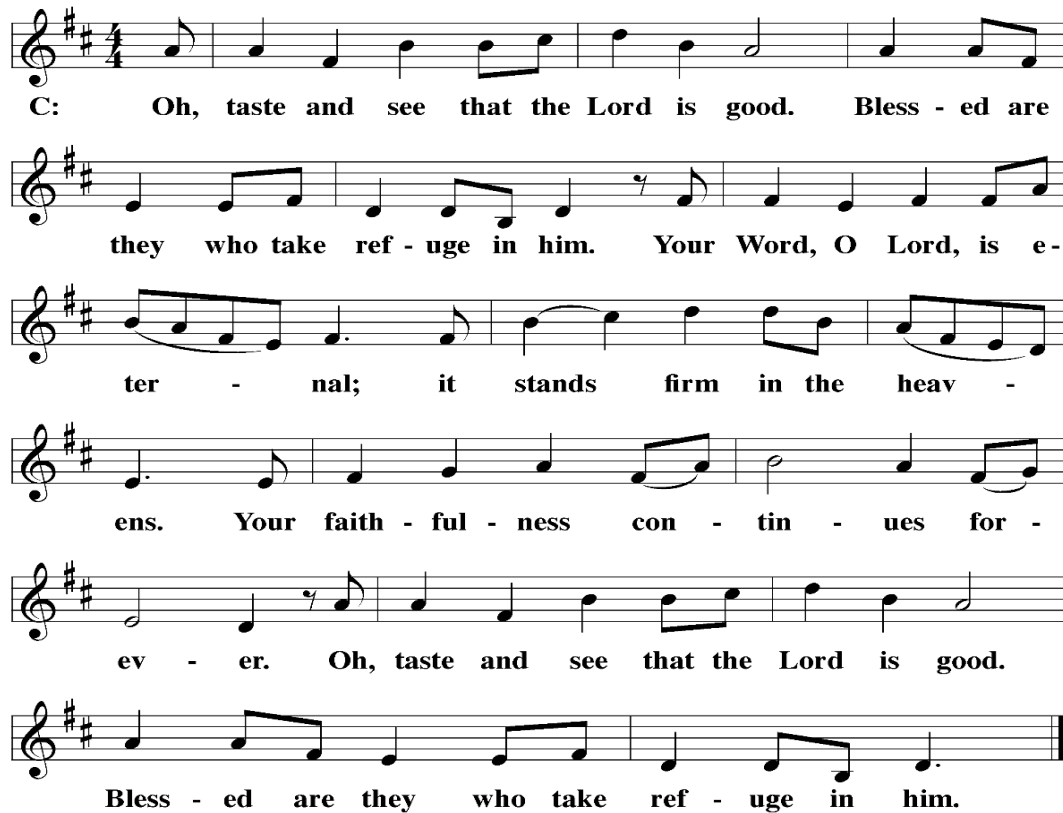
**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

P: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Deuteronomy 26:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we

cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. (EHV)

## Psalm 91

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*Refrain*

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*

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He who 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.”

### *Refrain*

You will not fear the terror of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,\*  
then no harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

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.**

### *Refrain*

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” (Matthew 4:10b)

### GOSPEL:

Luke 4:1-13

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 201

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry  
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant  
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no  
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The  
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You  
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This  
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.  
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: Luke 4:1-13

## The Hardships of Our Lord Begin

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING:** *(Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**



P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

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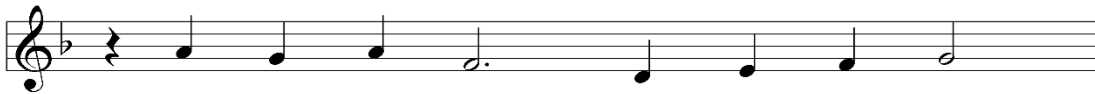
## Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,  
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!  
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress  
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,  
 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,  
 Through - out the earth no rest is found,  
 Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness  
 For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.  
 The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,  
 And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,  
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,  
 Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,  
 Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.  
 And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
 Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
 And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.  
 Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.  
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,  
 Your Word alone is our defense,  
 The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word  
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
 And when our journey's ending here,  
 Receive us into glory there.

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4–7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.  
 Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) *Geistliche Lieder*, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

## CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN: CW 411

## “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

### PRAYER

## 411

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

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Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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**CALL MEETING**—Pastor Benjamin Kempfert has returned his call to be the Associate Pastor. A new joint call meeting is going to be scheduled soon, watch for more information.

**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING:** A meeting was held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> to call for a Preschool Director/Teacher. We have extended a call to Mrs. Kristi Coffin. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her calls.

**ZION FINE ARTS FAIR:** Zion's annual fine arts fair will be held TODAY from 12-2. Everyone even non-members are invited to attend! Please come to see all the amazing art work and to hear some amazing music and poems.

**ZION SCHOOL BI-ANNUAL AUCTION THANK YOU:** We are very blessed to have had the most successful auction ever on record. Thank you so very much to everyone who donated items to the auction and for coming and participating in the auction. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked before, during and after the auction. A special thank you to Bryan Schneck for being an awesome auctioneer for us. I would also like to extend another special thank you to Meg Ortiz and Liz Seibert for all the extra help they put in to get donations up to the bitter end. We made over \$21,000 to help in needs for the classrooms and for the school. Additionally, we were able to raise a little over \$2,600 to honor Gail Heusman for her dedication and hard work on her afghans.

From the family of Gail Heusman,

We want to offer our heartfelt thank you to our Zion family and especially those who attended the CEA Auction. Gail had made a second afghan this past fall to donate to the auction. However, the Lord called her home in January, and her two granddaughters realized the keepsake value of those afghans that were donated. They had planned to offer the highest bids for both. They had shared their plan with Amy, and subsequently with Mr. Schneck. When the two afghans were brought on stage, Mr. Schneck announced that they would not be placed for auction, but given to her granddaughters. He then requested that those who desired, donate an amount of their choice, in honor of Gail and her granddaughters. The response was beyond all expectations.

Thank you for the outpouring of love and support. It will never be forgotten.

God's blessings to all of you.

The family of Gail Heusman

**KILLARNEY LUTHERAN CAMP:** Killarney Lutheran Camp is very blessed to have the churches and people support them like they do. Zion Lutheran Church is one of the biggest supporters when it comes to Boosters. For the last 10 years, Zion has had 30 + boosters. Along with the regular boosters we now have 18 life time boosters, the most from any other congregations. We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Please stop by and see all the improvements that have and still are going on at the camp. May 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day weekend. Plan on camping or come up Sunday for the Chicken Bar-b-que.

**Lenten Supper:** You are invited to join us for a Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm. The dinner will be a taco bar. The proceeds will go to our Needy family fund (food assistance fund). Cost is a free-will donation to their field trip fund.

**FISH FRY:** Please join us on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-6:30 p.m. for a Fish Fry. There will be baked and fried fish, French fries, cole slaw, and hot dogs for the ones who don't like fish. Money raised will go to Killarney Lutheran Camp for yearly repairs and maintenance.

**Coming up at Zion ....**

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class  
 Noon – ZLS Fine Arts Fair

Monday 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

Wednesday NO Lenten Supper  
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Board of Outreach Meeting

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

**March Volunteers**

	<b>Feb. 26 &amp; Mar. 2</b>	<b>Mar. 5 &amp; 9</b>	<b>Mar. 12 &amp; 16</b>	<b>Mar. 19 &amp; 23</b>	<b>Mar. 26 &amp; 30</b>
Altar Guild			Liz Seibert		
Live Stream Helpers	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl
Ushers	<p><b><u>Feb. 26</u></b>            Tony Affholter            Jeff Douglas            Mark Fuerstenberg            Bryce Mueller            Ray Palmatier</p> <p><b><u>March 2</u></b>            Tony Affholter            Jeff Douglas            Mark Fuerstenberg            Bryce Mueller            Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><b><u>Mar. 5</u></b>            Mark Kipf            Keith McBee            Joe Schmeling</p> <p><b><u>Mar. 9</u></b>            Mark Kipf            Keith McBee            Joe Schmeling</p>	<p><b><u>Mar. 12</u></b>            Dave Bengé            Alan Bober            Matthew Hill            Joe Koch            Jeremy Robinson            Jacob Robinson            William Robinson</p> <p><b><u>Mar. 16</u></b>            Dave Bengé            Alan Bober            Matthew Hill            Joe Koch            Jeremy Robinson            Jacob Robinson            William Robinson</p>	<p><b><u>Mar. 19</u></b>            Ray Chandonnet            Erich Freiny            Rob Krueger            Matthew Loos            Zach Turner</p> <p><b><u>Mar. 23</u></b>            Ray Chandonnet            Erich Freiny            Rob Krueger            Matthew Loos            Zach Turner</p>	<p><b><u>Mar. 19</u></b>            Jake Burke            Rich Heusman            Jeff Heusman            Juergen Koenig            Matt McCormick            Zach McCormick</p> <p><b><u>Mar. 23</u></b>            Jake Burke            Rich Heusman            Jeff Heusman            Juergen Koenig            Matt McCormick            Zach McCormick</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><b><u>Feb. 26</u></b>            Alan Bober</p> <p><b><u>March 2</u></b>            Mark Kipf            Ray Palmatier</p>		<p><b><u>Mar. 12</u></b>            Ken Vagt</p> <p><b><u>Mar. 16</u></b>            Jake Burke            Mark Kipf</p>		