#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

(Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
February 22, 2015

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Almighty God, gracious Father, You did not spare Your One and Only Son but gave Him up for me and for all out of Your great love for us. You have provided for my redemption through the once and for all sacrifice of Jesus, the sinless One. Uphold me in the faith by Your Spirit's power so that I might resist every temptation to doubt Your love and grace shown to me in Christ Jesus, Your Son and my Lord. I pray this in His holy name. Amen

#### WELCOME

**Welcome to everyone!** The prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, we still pray today. One of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer is "Lead us not into temptation." In our Epistle reading for today James writes by the power of the Holy Spirit that "God tempts no one." So too Dr. Martin Luther wrote, and many of us memorized these words; "God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory." (Small Catechism  $-6^{th}$  Petition)

If you are visiting with us we especially wish to welcome you! We ask that everyone fill out an attendance card found at each pew and return it to an usher during the Offering. If you would like to know more about Grace, please speak with our Pastor. Children are welcome in our Service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Holy Communion** is celebrated in our 8:15 Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

# **AS WE GATHER**

During the season of Lent we are called to recognize and resist temptation in our lives. Temptation comes in many forms—things, people, ideas, behaviors, and more. An important distinction needs to be made between testing and tempting. God tested Abraham in today's Old Testament account, and He did not let Abraham sacrifice Isaac. Instead, He provided a substitute: a ram. God may test us at times, but He never tempts us toward evil. The Holy Spirit through James, in the Epistle reading, was adamant about that. The evangelist Mark reminds us that Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. His life is the sacrifice foreshadowed by the ram provided in place of Isaac. By His death for us, Jesus empowers us to resist temptation in all forms.

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by David and Diane Roberts. "By God's grace we were given a miracle 14 years ago. Alex Madison, we hope you have the best birthday ever! With all our love, Mom and Dad"

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

|                | Rev. James C. Walter   |
|----------------|--|
| <b>2:</b>      | Nathan Beethe  |
|                | Pat Funk   |
| Director:      | Colleen Moorman  |
| (8:15)         | Ethan Andrews  |
| (8:15)         | Joel Junkans   |
| (8:15)         | Craig Schluterman  |
| (8:15)         | Robert Jones, Robert Nichols   |
|                | Robert Wilimzig  |
| (8:15)         | Sally McNabb, Brenda Parscale  |
| (8:15)         | Janet Killough   |
| (10:45)        | Claire Hammond   |
| (10:45)        | Suzanne Lambert  |
| (10:45)        | Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger   |
|                | Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren   |
| (10:45)        | David, Diane and Alex Roberts  |
| (10:45)        | Dawn Cline   |
|                | Handbell Choir   |
|                | Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill   |
| (Wed. evening) | Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter   |
|                | Mary Ann Dyer  |
|                | Director: (8:15) (8:15) (8:15) (8:15) (8:15) (8:15) (8:15) (10:45) (10:45) (10:45) (10:45) (10:45) |

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -** The appointed readings for next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, The Second Sunday in Lent: The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, The Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Pre-Service Music O Dearest Jesus - J.S. Bach

**Lighting of the Chancel Candles** 

Prelude O Dearest Jesus - John Behnke

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise LSB 798 sts. 1-5

# Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]* 

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

**Absolution (8:15)** *John 20:19–23* 

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

### Declaration of Grace (10:45)

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

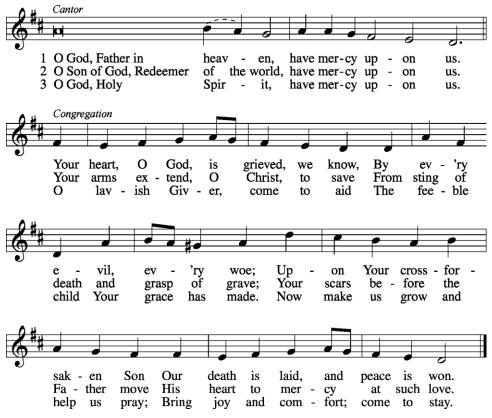
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen

# Service of the Word

#### **Psalm**

Psalm 25:1–10 (antiphon: v. 14)

- **P** The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
- **C** And he makes known to them his covenant.
- P To you, O LORD,
- C I lift up my soul.
- **P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
- C let not my enemies exult over me.
- **P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
- **C** they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- **P** Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
- **C** teach me your paths.
- P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
- **C** for you I wait all the day long.
- P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
- **C** for they have been from of old.
- P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- **P** Good and upright is the LORD;
- C therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- P He leads the humble in what is right,
- **C** and teaches the humble his way.
- P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
- **©** for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 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
- P The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
- **C** And he makes known to them his covenant.



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## Salutation and Collect of the Day





**P** 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.



Sit

#### **Anthem**

Go to Dark Gethsemane - Michael Keller

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 22:1-18

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Heb. 12:2



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle James 1:12–18

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

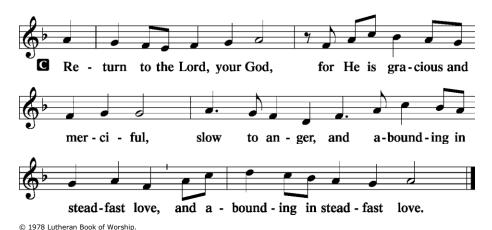
Stand

# Verse of the Day

Eph. 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Verse for Lent Joel 2:13



Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

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



Sit

# Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

### "The Sacrifice Provided"

Stand

#### Nicene Creed (8:15)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen

# Apostles' Creed (10:45)

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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

# Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

Sit

Stand

# Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



10:45 Service continues on page 17

# Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

It is right to give Him

#### **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



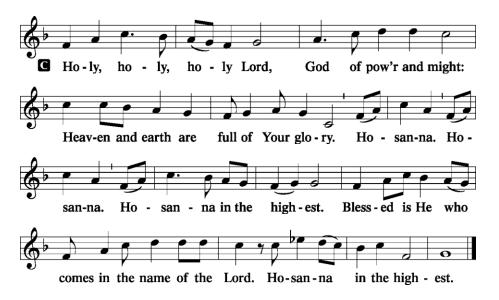
# **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

and praise.

thanks

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24 Luke 22:19-20: 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

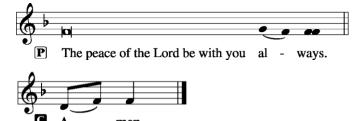
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

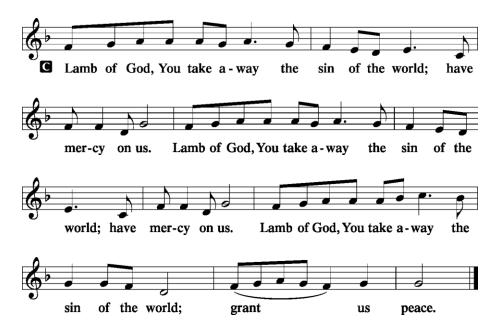
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

#### Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

| Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face | LSB 631 |
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| Hymn: Jesus, Lead Thou On                      | LSB 718 |
| Hymn: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing       | LSB 421 |

Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29–32



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

# **P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\pm$  give you peace.



Closing Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798 sts. 6-9

**Postlude** 

Toccata in D Minor [BWV 565] - J.S. Bach

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# Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

# **Concluding Collect**

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

#### Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord lift His countenance upon you and H give you peace.
- **C** Amen

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#### **WEEK AT GRACE**

**SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall

9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church 9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall

10:45 a.m. – Divine Service 12:00 noon – Children's Choir

2:00 p.m. – Baby Boy Shower for Lauren Keppel in the Parlor

4:00 p.m. – Financial Peace University in Parker Hall

**MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center

**MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Class

**TUESDAY:** 10:00 a.m. – Women's Lenten Bible Study

5:15 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study (St. Vincent's)

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Midweek Lenten Service

**THURSDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The story "Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus by Word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include, "How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"

**PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS** meets upstairs in Parker Hall as Pastor leads the study *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe*. This study will acquaint you with the Mormons—who they are, what they believe, and the meaning behind the Christian phrases that they use, and it will equip you for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

# HAPPY ANNIVERARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 25 – Russlynn and Ron Krueger, Nancy and Jim Wade

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 22 – Alex Roberts

Feb. 23 – Anna Lane

Feb. 24 – Annalia Buchanan, Robert Wilimzig

Feb. 26 – Matthew Warren, Linnea Weed

Feb. 27 – Frederick Zweifel

Feb. 28 – Stephen Douglas

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Gray is recovering following surgery.

Sheila Wilimzig is recovering following shoulder surgery.

Grant Geuther is hospitalized at UAMS.

Evelyn Chotkowski is in rehab at Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehabilitation, Room 206. Beth Paulson is in rehab at Baptist Rehab.

Jo Hanna Worden is recovering following knee surgery.

Joan Ann Olsen is in The Lakes at Maumelle Health and Rehab.

Dennis Fastenau is continuing chemotherapy treatment.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP** – **Attendance: Sunday 2/15:**  $\underline{204}$  (8:15 –  $\underline{112}$  and 10:45 –  $\underline{92}$ ). Ash Wednesday 2/18:  $\underline{94}$ . **Offerings: Sunday 2/15:** \$5.482.00. **MidWeek Service 2/11:** \$100.00. Missions: \$80.00. Memorials: \$30.00. Building Fund: \$130.00. Scholarship Fund: \$30.00.

**LENTEN SERVICE** - The mid-week Lenten Services will continue this Wednesday, **February 25**<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten theme is **THE PARABLES OF LENT**. The focus this week is "Receive the Word: The Sower and the Seed" – Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23. Dinner will be served before the service at 5:30 p.m. in Parker Hall. The JOY Club will be serving tacos.

THE LITTLE ROCK MARATHON will be held next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the race route going past Grace. Both lanes of Lookout will be closed and one lane of Kavanaugh from downtown to Hillcrest will be closed. The best route to the church will be to go east on Lee to Beechwood, turn left on Beechwood going across Kavanaugh to Hillcrest. Turn left on Hillcrest and come to the church. Coming from the west on Cantrell, you can also take Kavanaugh to Hillcrest and very carefully turn left onto Hillcrest. Please proceed with care.

**8**<sup>th</sup> **CONFIRMATION** is Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor. **7**<sup>th</sup> **CONFIRMATION** is Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

**BABY BOY SHOWER** - Please join us for a Baby Boy Shower for Lauren Keppel **this afternoon, February 22**<sup>nd</sup>, **at 2:00 p.m.** in the Grace Parlor. Hostesses are Ame Andrews, Pat Funk, Sammye Sue Harrill, Doris Holzhauer, Gina Junkans, and Angie Proud. Lauren is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

**WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - During the Season of Lent Pastor Walter will begin conducting a Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. This Bible Study will be in conjunction with the Midweek Lenten theme, The Parables Of Lent. The study will take an in-depth look at the Parable used in the Lenten Service held the previous week. The first scheduled study will be this **Tuesday**, **February 24**<sup>th</sup>, with the group meeting in the Bible Class Room in the downstairs of the original church building. Meeting dates for March will be discussed at that time. If you have any questions about this Bible Study offering, please contact Pastor Walter.

# THE PARABLES OF LENT

Lenten Services – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Dinners – 5:30 p.m. in Parker Hall

Lent One – February 25 – "Receive the Word: The Sower and the Seed"

Dinner served by the JOY Club - Tacos

Lent Two – March 4 – "Receive the Treasure: The Hidden Treasure and Priceless Pearl"

Dinner served by ACTS – Chicken Spaghetti

Lent Three – March 11 – "Receive Mercy: The Good Samaritan"

Dinner served by the Adult Choir – Various Soups

Lent Four – March 18 – "Receive Grace: The Workers in the Vineyard"

Dinner served by the Grace Youth – Baked Potato Bar

Lent Five – March 25 – "Receive Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son"

Dinner served by the Board of Parish Fellowship - Chili