

**First Weekend of Lent
FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Thanksgiving for Light

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Message

Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sunday Contemporary – 8am

Gathering Song & Welcome

Call to Worship

Song of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Today's Message

Song of the Day

Creed, Prayers & Peace

The Words of Communion

Lord's Prayer & Distribution

Song of Praise

Blessing & Sending

Closing Song & Dismissal

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

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Confession & Forgiveness

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Prayer of the Day

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Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

Gospel Acclamation

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BULLETIN FOR
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Today's Bible Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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Romans 5:12-19

Pew Bible p. 917

Psalm 32

Pew Bible p. 440

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible p. 785

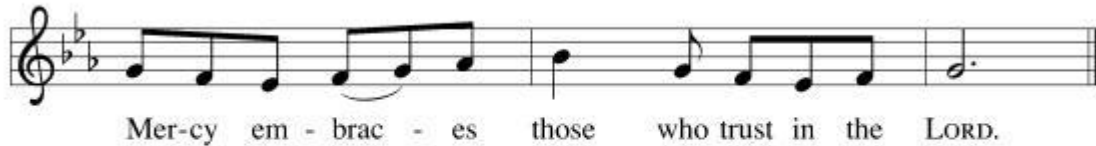
Today's Message "Forgive Us Our Trespasses"

by Rev. Erik Young

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 32:10

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, and Sandy Alwens.

Cancer treatments: Denny Sanders, Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, Sue Polchlopek, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky and Nicole C.

WORSHIP WITH US (On YouTube)!

You are invited to worship with us in person or online (go to www.StJohnsErie.org and click on the “Worship With Us” tab), or join us via YouTube at www.YouTube.com/StJohnsErie. You can also find our channel by searching “StJohnsErie” on YouTube. Join us for our regular weekend worships: **5:00 PM Saturday Vesper Worship + 8:00 AM Contemporary Worship + 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Liturgical Worship**

+ **ST JOHN’S VISION STATEMENT** +

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John’s unconditionally serves God’s people and shares Christian love.