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“What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, **“Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”**

“You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them.
“Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

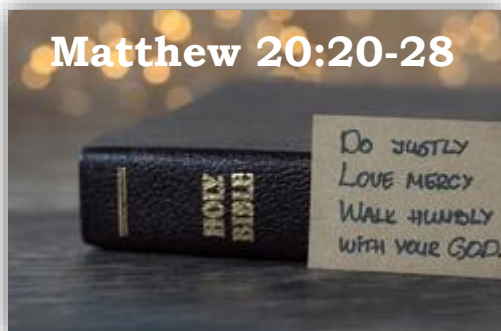
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When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

Jesus called them together and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Not so with you.

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Henry Koch

Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

Prayer Before Worship

For the Synod

Lord of the Church, you have joined me to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love and service. Keep the congregations of our synod faithful to your Word, and make them eager to do your work. Guide our leaders, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Give me a vision which sees beyond the boundaries of my own congregation and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your church.

Amen.

Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

THE SERVICE, *Setting One*

February 14 & 15, 2026

Quinquagesima

Why does this Sunday have the funny name, *Quinquagesima*? Those over 60 years old may remember historic Latin names for Sundays of the Church year. The favorite name for some children was the longest one, “Quasimodogeniti”, which comes right after Easter. “Quinquagesima” comes from the Latin word for “fiftieth.” February 15 is about 50 days before Easter.

These names do not always align with a precise count of days but rather serve as symbolic markers. They represent a season of thoughtful transition from ordinary time toward the self-examination and repentance traditionally associated with Lent. Notice how in today’s gospel lesson, Jesus is again announcing his coming death and resurrection.



HYMN

579 His Mercy Is More



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
 3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
 what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
 his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
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 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

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STAND

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD!

679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

¹⁰When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

The LORD Teaches Jonah a Lesson About Grace

4 But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn’t this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you

relent from sending disaster. ³So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city.

⁶Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” Jonah said, “I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!”

¹⁰So the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. ¹¹So should I not be concerned for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:12-21 (EHV)

¹²Jesus suffered outside the gate for this reason: to sanctify people by his own blood. ¹³So then let us go to him, outside of the camp, bearing his disgrace. ¹⁴For we do not have a permanent city here, but we are looking for the city that is coming. ¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us constantly offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will give an account. Obey them, so that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us, because we are sure that we have a good conscience, and because in everything we want to conduct ourselves in an honorable way. ¹⁹I urge you to do this even more, so that I may be restored to you quickly.

Conclusion

²⁰Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—²¹may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Stand

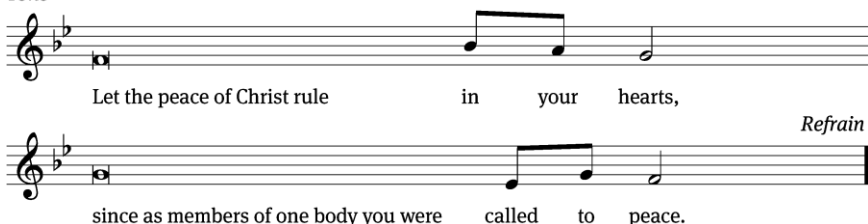
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 20:17-28 (EHV)

Again Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

¹⁷As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸**“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.”**

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, **“What do you want?”**

She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.”

²²But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”

They said to him, “We are.”

²³He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Hymn of the Day

SAINTS AND MARTYRS

552

By All Your Saints Still Striving

St. James the Elder

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
2 O Lord, for James we praise you, Who
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
fell to Her - od's sword. He drank the cup of
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
suff - 'ring And thus ful - filled your Word. Lord,
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
curb our vain im - to - pa - ti - ence For glo -
all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand

might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
ry and for fame; E - quip us for such
be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and

splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
suff - 'rings As glo - ri - fy your name.
glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and
became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

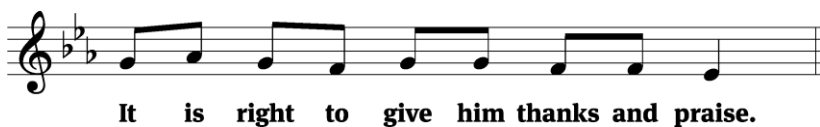
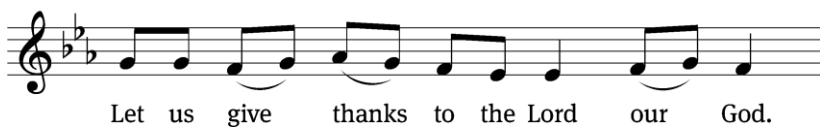
Amen.

Participation in the Lord's Supper

At Friedens Lutheran Church, we believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is both a confession of faith and an expression of our unity in that faith. When you commune with us, you are saying that you agree with our teachings about the Lord's Supper and all the other teachings of the Bible. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you speak with our Pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to enjoy that fellowship with you!

The Sacrament

Preface



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.*

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff, followed by a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution



TRUST

436

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -

Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and
 take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at
 life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
 joy will fol - low on Till the work of
 sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -

safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.
 your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 grace is done, There to live with you.
 ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPE TOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN



JUSTIFICATION

Congregation Sings Verses 4 & 6

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Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	
Saturday (02/07/26):	31
Sunday (02/08/26):	<u>59</u>
Total:	90

Sunday, February 15	Worship (Communion) Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Monday, February 16		
Tuesday, February 17	Worship at Mala Strana Choir	11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18 Pastor's "Drop-In" Consultation Times: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism Soup Supper Ash Wednesday Lenten Service	9:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 19		
Friday, February 20		
Saturday, February 21	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, February 22	Worship Sunday School Bible Study TRAILBLAZERS: PINE CAR SHOP W/LUNCH & DEVOTION	9:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Monday, February 23		
Tuesday, February 24	Choir	7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2026

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
February 15 (9:00 a.m.)	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour
February 18 (7:15 p.m.)	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	David Tietz	Linda Jandt
February 22 (9:00 a.m.)	Mikkala Quickle	Kameron Quickle	Roger M. Meyer	Eric Schanus
February 25 (7:15 p.m.)	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Keith Barta	Scott Gilsrud



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LENTEN SEASON | HOLY WEEK | EASTER

SERVICE SCHEDULE

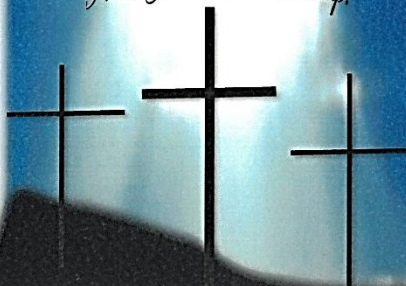
SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Ash Wednesday	February 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	February 25	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 4	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 11	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 18	7:15 p.m.
Lenten	March 25	7:15 p.m.
Palm Sunday	March 29	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 3	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (Sunrise)	April 5	7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	April 5	8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	April 5	9:00 a.m.

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Ash Wednesday

The Lenten Season Begins

Please Join Us in Worship!



Wednesday Lenten Services (February 18-March 25): 7:15 p.m.

**Soup Suppers will be served
before each Lenten service, starting at 6:00 p.m.**

Please grab some of these invitations to
hand out to friends and family.
They are on the literature table.



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"Trailblazers"

For All Kids (Grades 1-8)

Pine Car Shop: February 22 (After Sunday School till Finished)
Includes Lunch

Pine Car Derby: March 22 (After Sunday School)
Includes Lunch



There will also
be a
Bible Devotion.

Sign Up and Pick Up Your Pine Car on the
Literature Table!

Don't forget
to bring a
friend!



First, kids will race the
new cars built in 2026.

Second, we'll have a
Vintage Race, where
we'll race cars from
previous years.

FYI: There are usually
extra pine cars that
guests can use to race in
the special Vintage Race.

Make sure to pick up a pine car kit on
the literature table. Please fill out the
form that you received your car kit.