



**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**  
**8:00 am**

Pastor Matthew Groenke  
Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford  
Altar Guild – Sherri Hoefling  
AV Console Operator – Matthew Krieg  
Greeter – James & Barbara Bohls  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing  
Organist/Pianist – Vernagene Mott



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# All Are Welcome!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we  
**GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

### Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **a choice**.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other OUTSIDE.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering communion at the communion rail. Pre-packaged communion supplies are still available upon request. ✚

*Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.*

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***Please silence cell phones***

## PRELUDE

## BELL

### O How He Loves You and Me

O How He loves you and me! O How He loves you and me!

He gave His life what more could he give?

O how He loves you; O How He loves me; O How he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go; His love for sinners to show,

What He did there bro't hope from despair,

O how He loves you; O How He loves me; O How he loves you and me!

By Kurt Kaiser WORD music 1975

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

### God Loved the World

**ELW 323**

God loved the world so that he gave  
his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe  
should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
all who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.

If you are ill, if death draws near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;  
that is the firmest ground of faith.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives all sins that you have done,  
and justified by Jesus' blood,  
your baptism grants the highest good.

All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

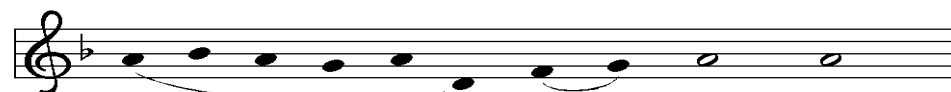
**Amen.**

# KYRIE

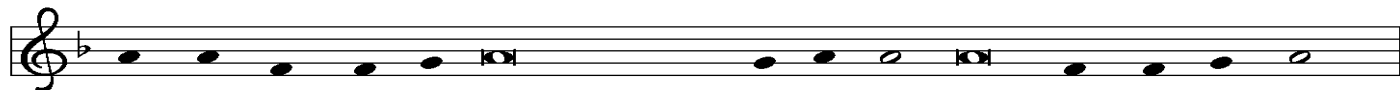
ELW pg. 156



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



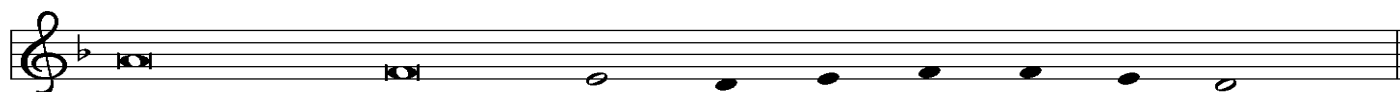
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



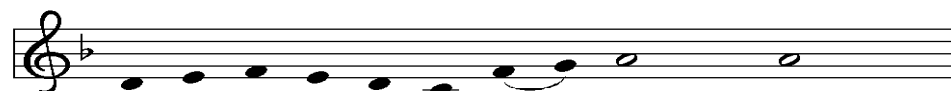
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



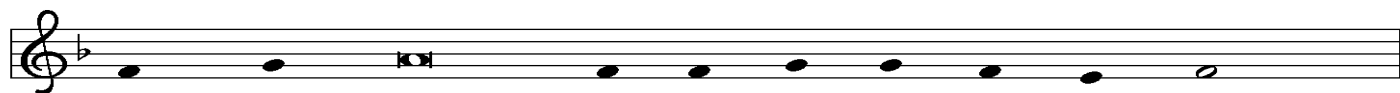
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



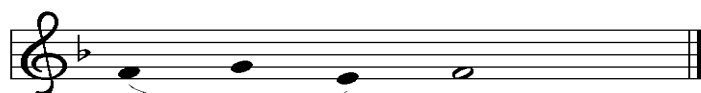
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

In our call to be a blessing,  
may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing  
Christ as Lord of all we do.  
Christ as Lord of all we do.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my

covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 22: 23-31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

## **SECOND READING      Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who

gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

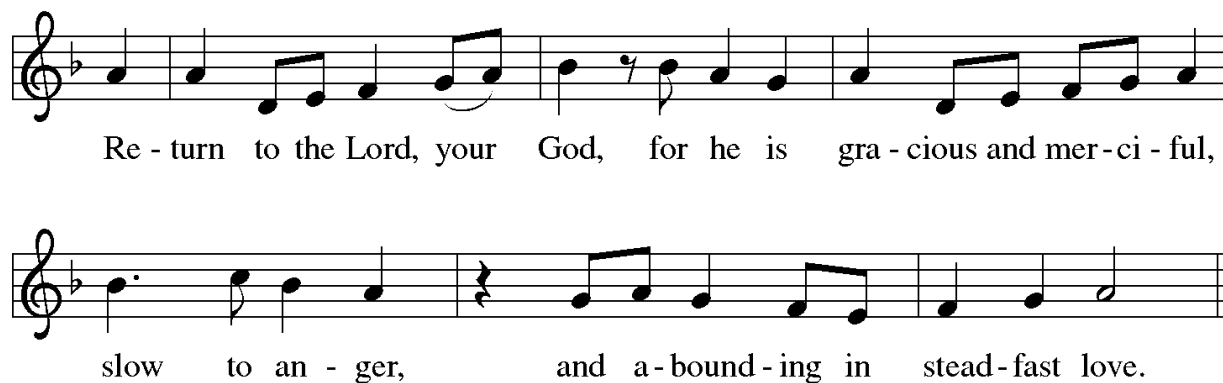
The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**BOTTOM ELW pg. 151**



The holy gospel according to Mark the 8<sup>TH</sup> chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

## GOSPEL

### Mark 8:31-38

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human



things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### **Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**

**ELW 667**

*Sung to tune ELW 644*

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
forsake the past, and come this day,  
and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
for you the Lord endured the cross  
to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for those who humbly bear the cross  
one day will wear the glorious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## OFFERING

**Ways to digitally give:**

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

**ELW 808**

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

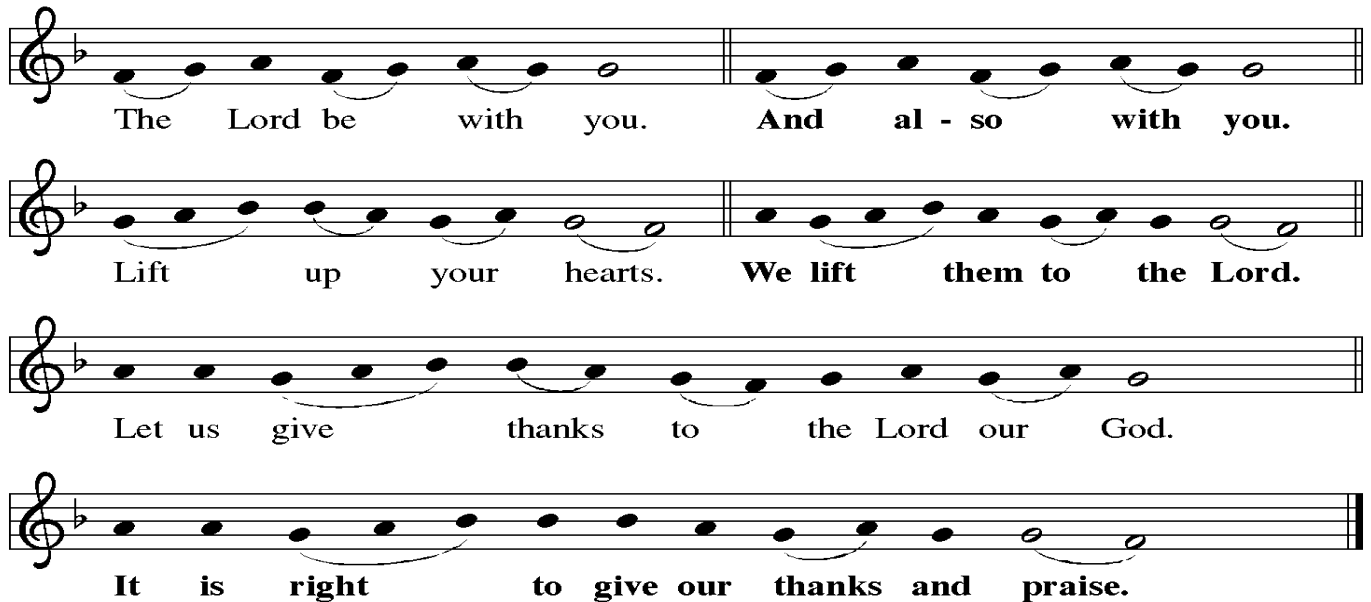
## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 161



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE 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.**

## COMMUNION

## LAMB OF GOD YOUR ONLY SON

ELW 336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
Sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty  
Sod and to become the lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of  
God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the  
Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified, We laughed and scorned him as  
he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the  
Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of  
God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the  
Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to  
your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb  
of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of  
God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the  
Lamb of God.

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## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,

praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

### **Eat This Bread**

**ELW 472**

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### **O God in Heaven**

**ELW 748**

O God in heaven, grant to your children  
mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing,  
grace to invite us, peace to unite us—  
O God in heaven, author of love.

Jesus, redeemer, help us remember  
your pain and passion, your resurrection,  
your call to follow, your love tomorrow—

Jesus, redeemer, savior, and friend.

Spirit unending, give us your blessing:  
strength for the weary, help for the needy,  
hope for the scornful, peace for the mournful—  
Spirit unending, comfort and guide.

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## **GOOD NEWS**

### **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Bob Lovett  
Altar Guild – The Hansen Family

Greeters – NEEDED  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00 am,  
Sanctuary

ALL Ages Sunday School 9:15  
am

Contemporary Service 10:30  
am, Parish Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in  
the Conference Room

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution,  
12-2p

### MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

### TUESDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather  
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a  
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Stewardship Committee, 5p  
Gather Room/Zoom

ILDS Board Meeting 6:10 p,  
Conference Room

Music & Worship Meeting 7p  
Long Range Committee

Meeting, 7p

### WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p Parish Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a  
Parish Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Men's Breakfast, 6:30a  
Parish Hall

Quilters, 8:30a WELCA Room

### THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor  
Matthew, 11a Gather Room &  
4:45p via Zoom

### SATURDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a  
Gather Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY LENT MEALS

Join us every Wednesday in Lent Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> for Soup & Sandwich meals at 5 pm in the Parish Hall.

### WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES

Join us every Wednesday in Lent Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> at either 10:00 AM in the Chapel or at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

### JUSTICE MINISTRY

7:00 pm on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom. Please join as we determine new ways to serve in response to God's love to meet human needs. Contact Elizabeth Arndt at [earnrdt0@gmail.com](mailto:earnrdt0@gmail.com) for more information.

### SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to attend: We're working on a pictorial presentation to be viewed at the dinner. Please submit a photograph of yourself as a child, teenager, or young adult. Hard-copy photographs will be returned to you. Be sure to put your name and the date on the back! You can also email pictures to Jessica, be sure to include name and date to go with each photo.

### 150<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON TICKET SALES

Ticket sales start March 1<sup>st</sup> via the Church Office.

### JOIN IMMANUEL'S SERVANT TEAM

Volunteers are needed to help with LuMin's Tailgate Tuesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Be the reason a young adult is able to enjoy a hot meal and find a deeper connection to God. Call Jessica in the Church office to sign up.

### SIGN UP TO BRING A SOUP ON FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A9A82FA3FD0-wednesday#/>

## We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

*Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Marie Davis, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstedler, Linda Lane, Catharine Klein, John Estes, Brenda Hagn, Karen Livingston, Brian Kleen, Robin Rankin, Derek James, Merle Weiss, Daniel Terrell, Elizabeth Miller, Parker McCollough, The Family of Randa Nowotny, Richard Arndt, Jake Dillon Bally, The family of Frances Raesz*