

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

The Second Sunday in Lent

Divine Service 3

February 25, 2024

Scripture of the Day

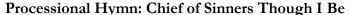
Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 Romans 5:1–11 Mark 8:27–38

A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: GETHSEMANE ("Chief of Sinners Though I Be"), M. Eithun

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.



LSB 611



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Confession and Absolution

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

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

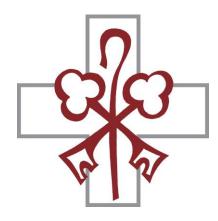
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.



+ Service of the Word +

Introit Psalm 115:11, 12a, 13; antiphon: Psalm 25:6, 7



- Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.
 - Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;* according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
- You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

 He is their help | and their shield.

 The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

 he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small | and the great.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

mer - cy



us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

2 Timothy 4:22



Sit

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When 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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ¬And 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. . . .

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

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

The Epistle Reading Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Stand



During the Season of Lent, we focus on our sin, repentance, and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so do not sing "Alleluia" until the Great Vigil of Easter. Though every Sunday is a "little Easter" we restrain our praise at this time until the Feast of the Resurrection, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:27–38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But

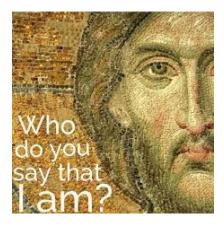
who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Nicene Creed

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

Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6 Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 Colossians 1:16

| And in one Lord Jesus Christ, | Romans 10:9 |
|---|---|
| the only-begotten Son of God, | John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 |
| begotten of His Father before all worlds, | John 1:2 |
| God of God, Light of Light | John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 |
| very God of very God, | Colossians 2:9 |
| begotten, not made, | John 1:2 |
| being of one substance with the Father, | John 10:30 |
| by whom all things were made; | Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 |
| Who for us men and for our salvation | Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5 |
| came down from heaven | John 3:13, John 6:38 |
| and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary | Luke 1:34-35 |
| and was made man; | John 1:14 |
| and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. | Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 |
| He suffered and was buried. | John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 |
| And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures | 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6 |
| and ascended into heaven | Acts 1:9 |
| and sits at the right hand of the Father. | Acts 7:55 |
| And He will come again with glory | Matthew 26:64 |
| to judge both the living and the dead, | Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 |
| Whose kingdom will have no end. | 2 Peter 1:11 |
| And I believe in the Holy Spirit, | John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 |
| the Lord and giver of life, | Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3 |
| Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, | John 15:26 |
| Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and | glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14 |
| Who spoke by the prophets. | Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21 |
| And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, | 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22 |
| I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, | Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38 |
| And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian | as 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| and the life $+$ of the world to come. | Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4 |

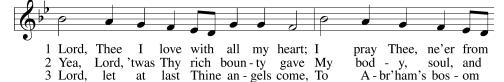
Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Amen.

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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Psalm 106:48





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Sermon Rev. Seth Clemmer

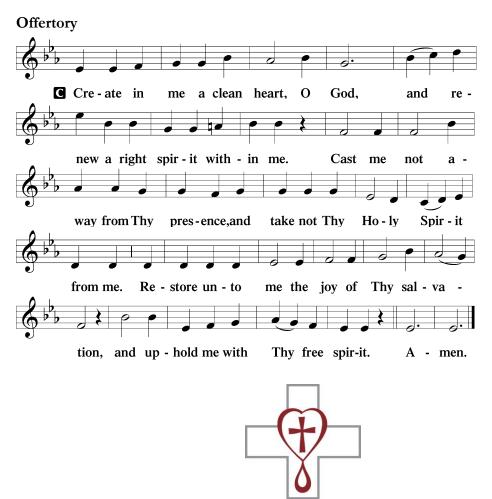
Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

Thank you for continuing to support the Lord's Work here at Bethany. Offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary, or consider giving through the Vanco Mobile app or online at www.bethanylcs.org.

Psalm 51:10-12

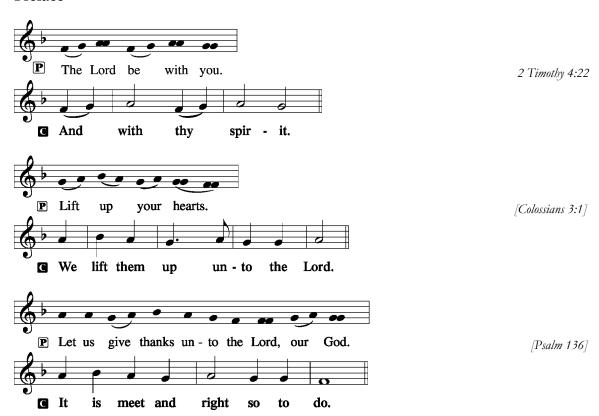


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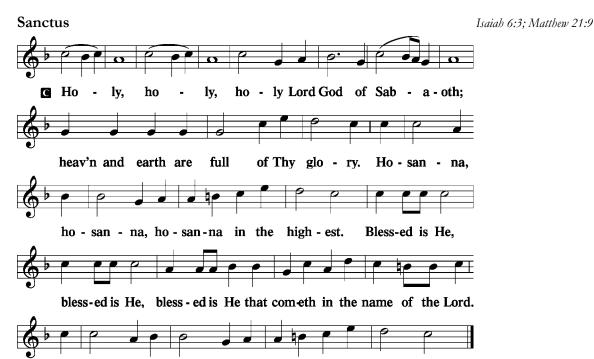
About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

Preface



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

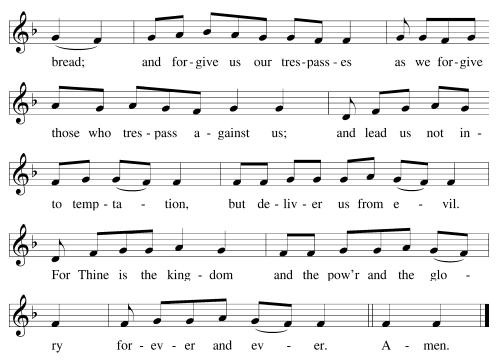


Lord's Prayer: Our Father Who Art in Heaven LSB 957

Matthew 6:9-13



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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The Words of Our Lord

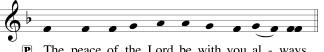
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 +body, 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 H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



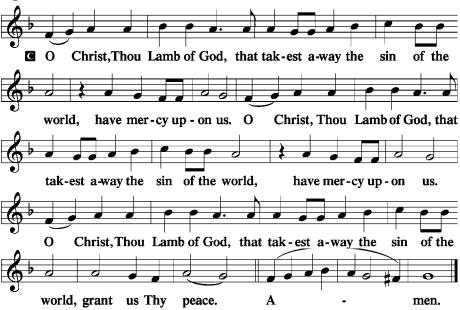
Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

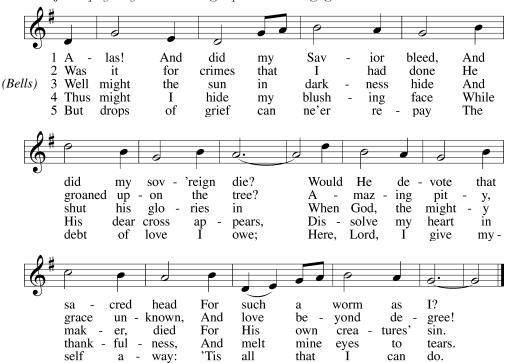
A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

Stanza 3 is played by the handbell group while the congregation meditates on the text arr. by D. Angerman



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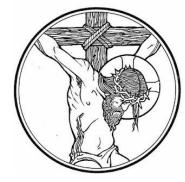


Distribution Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken LSB 439 sts. 1, 4-6, 15



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Stand



Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

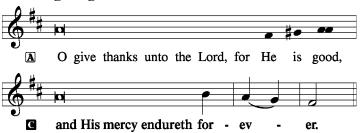
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

Luke 2:29-32

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry a light of Thy peo-ple Is ra - el. Glo - rv be to the Father and the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

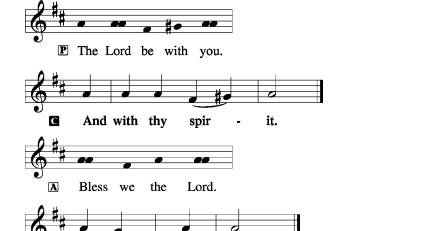


Salutation and Benedicamus

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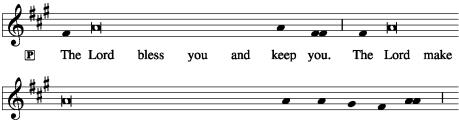


God.

2 Timothy 4:22

[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

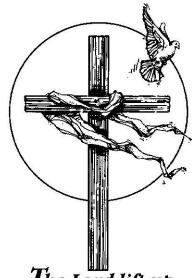


His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 4 give you peace.





The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:26

Closing Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living



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Postlude: HERZLICH LIEB ("Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"), P. Manz

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Seth Clemmer

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett Musical Ensemble: Praises Ring! Live Stream Tech: James Blasius

Acolytes: Henry Nelson, Jackson Lugay

Sacristans: James Blasius, Troy Parlier, JR Wilson, volunteer needed **Ushers:** Paul Reimer, Jay Schafer, Rich Witkowski, volunteer needed

Communion Care: Pam Splitt

11:00

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Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett **Musical Ensemble:** Praises Ring!

Acolytes: Kenny Fox, Rebecca Peterson

Sacristans: Tye Fox, Ted Quilitz, Dominic Salvino, volunteer needed **Ushers:** Chad Baganz, Chris Koenig, Chuck Kuehl, volunteer needed

Communion Care: Pam Kolzow





What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends



the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Eric Burnell, for successful treatments
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Don Lohrentz, recovering from surgery
- Sheri Luhrs, severe anemia
- Esther Mosher, hospice
- Kathy Olsted, cancer, and her family for strength and peace
- Nancy D, friend to Donna Linnemeyer, colon cancer
- Nick Denny, son-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer, for good test results, recovery from surgery
- Ruth Leff, sister to Linda Landry, radiation for breast cancer
- Larry Nardoni, brother-in-law to Nate and Judy Teske, for strength and healing
- Lynn Wischmeyer, wife to former Bethany principal, rehab from hospitalization

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Emily French, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month: Joe and Ann Galfano

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

This Week at Bethany

- February 27, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- February 27, 3:40pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- February 27, 7:00pm Voters Board
- February 28, 9:00am Women's LifeLight
- February 28, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- February 28, 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- February 28, 7:00pm Lenten Vespers
- February 28, 7:45pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- February 29, 7:00pm 20something
- February 29, 7:00pm Evening LifeLight
- February 29, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- March 1, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group
- March 2, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
- March 2, 12:00pm "Feed the Need" food packing event

Looking Further Ahead

- March 3, 8:30am and 11:00am Divine Service
- March 3, 10:00am Pipe Organ Rebuild Forum, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- March 5, 7:00pm Day School Policy Board
- March 7, 9:00am Bethany Guild
- March 10, 12:45pm Voters Assembly

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