

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT † MARCH 1, 2026

CROSS

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In each liturgy of Holy Communion, the **Holy Spirit** gathers people around the **means of grace: the Word of God and the sacraments.**

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the
living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

*GREETING

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.**

*KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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Sunday is the primary day on which the Church gathers; the first day of creation when God transformed darkness into light. Sunday is the day that the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the disciples and was made known to them in word and in the breaking of bread.

The **heart of worship** is not found in what we do, the words we speak, or the songs we sing. The heart of worship is **what God does** and **what God gives**.

In the presence of all of us together—in baptism, in the word sung and preached and prayed, in the gift of the body and blood of Christ in holy communion—we participate in God's mission to the world.

On this day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, we make the sign of the cross, the sign first marked on us in holy baptism.

We **confess our sin and receive God's word of forgiveness**, giving thanks that, even while dead in our trespasses, God makes us alive together with Christ *Ephesians 2:5*

Together we are brought into the presence of God with an honest recognition of human sin and brokenness and the reality of our own sin and brokenness.

Together we hear God's promise and declaration of forgiveness.

United in worship, we are God's people, gathered around Word and sacrament.

During the gathering, music plays an important role in giving us a common identity.

Gathering songs welcome us to the mercy of the triune God and move us from our individual experiences into the purpose of worship.

Whether the gathering is brief or extended, the presiding minister and assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God.

The **Kyrie** is our prayer of peace for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

The **Canticle of Praise** gives thanks for God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

When we sing *Glory to God*, our voices join with the angels in a song from Luke's gospel.

In *This is the Feast*, we gather with all creation around God's heavenly throne, singing words from the book of Revelation.

The **Prayer of the Day** marks a hinge or turn in the service. This prayer gives thanks to God through Jesus Christ and is prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Led by the presiding minister, the Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise into one and highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

All Christian worship is biblical. In scripture reading, preaching, and song, the church hears the good news of God acting in this and every time and place.

The **first reading**, usually from the *Old Testament*, is followed by a psalm sung in response to the reading.

The **second reading**, usually from a *New Testament* letter, bears the witness of the early church.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Lord God, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always. And also with you.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 2:5-9

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them
or mortals that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

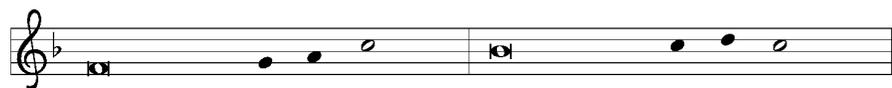
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-12



Have mer - cy on me, O God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev - | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur - | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**

Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir - | it within me.**

Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir - | it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun - | tiful Spirit. R**

After the second reading and before proclaiming the Gospel, we join in another sung response.

This *pattern of .read, sing, read, sing.* is a practice Christians inherited from the ancient synagogue worship of the Jewish people.

Before the *Gospel* is read, we stand and acclaim the living Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who is among us.

The Gospel then leads directly to *preaching*. Luther considered preaching to be the first of two peaks or high points in the worship service.

For Lutherans, preaching is biblical and participates in the creating and transforming word of God, proclaims Jesus Christ crucified and risen, and brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

The Holy Spirit works through preaching, forming and empowering us to carry out the mission of God in our daily lives.

This *preaching event is a means of grace.*

God's word is now further proclaimed as we sing and confess our faith.

One uniquely Lutheran element in the service of Holy Communion is the *Hymn of the Day.*

This hymn is the assembly's response to God's word read and preached and echoes themes of the season or the day.

The creed that follows is also both response to the word and proclamation of the word.

A creed professes the faith of the whole church. **The Apostles Creed** is anchored in holy baptism.

The Nicene Creed ponders the wonder of the incarnation.

Each creed links us to the saints, our ancestors in faith, and is a confession of faith that unites us with the church around the world and people of every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages *Revelation 7.9*

God's word read and preached, sung and acclaimed, leads the assembly to the **Prayers of Intercession**.

These prayers are the assembly's prayers for the wideness of God's mercy to be known throughout the world. Prayers for the church, for the well-being of creation, for peace among nations, for the poor and all in need, for local needs and special concerns, and for the faithful departed, take up St. Paul's invitation that supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone *1 Timothy 2.1*

Following the prayers of intercession, the presiding minister and assembly **greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ**. This greeting is more than a "hello" or "good morning." This greeting is the very peace by which Jesus greets his disciples following the resurrection.

The peace we share, which marks another hinge or turn in the service, is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus.

The same peace of God, now received and extended, also reaches out from this assembly and into the world.

SECOND LESSON

John 13:1-11

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

*LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

*GOSPEL

John 13:12-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you O, Lord.**

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

*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

God in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

A *collection* of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a *sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts.*

As the gifts are gathered, the table is set with bread and wine.

The proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper are connected.

Luther called these the *two "high points"* in the liturgy of Holy Communion.

In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us.

In the Lord's Supper, a "visible word" of which Luther speaks, **God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into **thanksgiving** for the gifts of creation and redemption, including themes of the season or festival that are the focus of this gathering.

As part of thanksgiving we join our voices with all of creation and sing the angels' song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." *Isaiah 6.3*

In the meal of Holy Communion, **the grace of God's gift for us is always proclaimed** by the presiding minister, in Jesus' own words of command and promise.

This clear proclamation in **the words of institution** is shared by the assembly, and **included in a prayer of thanksgiving**, which includes praise to God for creation, for God's faithfulness to the people of ancient Israel, for God's revelation in the saving work of Jesus Christ, remembering the crucified and risen Christ, and praying for the Holy Spirit in this meal.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God's saving mission is made known. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared.

We receive the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world John 1.29

We are forgiven and given new life.

Like the disciples, we recognize the presence of the risen Christ who is made known in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24.30.

christ, who died and rose from the dead, is given to us and we are united with one another in the body of Christ. Through this meal, God also nourishes us for mission in the world.

We receive the body of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion to live as the body of Christ in the world.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for: Lisa, Marya, Sheree, baby Hayden, Henry, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Robin, Lonna, Bruce, Kelly, Steve, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Karen, Kimberly, Gayle, Dean and Shirley, Rick, Mary Beth, Mike, Stacey, Cristina, Wadby family, MaryJo, Jose and family, Pastor Rodolfo, Lew, the Johns family, Barb, and the Marilyn Lewinski family.

If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Jamie Gudknecht or Pastor Scott.

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Create in Me a Clean Heart**

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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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.

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

Praise to you for inviting us to share in your sacred story, that...

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor:

**In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor. Please offer cupped hands to receive the bread. Proceed to the cupbearer, select an empty cup and hold it for the lay minister to fill. Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in the silver tray.

Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Individual sealed communion sets are also available at the sanctuary entrance.

ANOINTING After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil in the narthex.

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he Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered, in all our diversity, and shaped into a community, one body in Christ.

From the table where, in communion, Jesus Christ brings forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out in mission, into daily baptismal living.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 697 - *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*;

ELW 595 - *Jesus Loves Me*

DISTRIBUTION

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*SONG OF THANKS

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 207

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-ry-one what God has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. Amen.

SENDING SONG

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na- ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

*DISMISSAL Go in peace; see the goodness of God. **Thanks be to God.**

In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during the season.

The presiding minister blesses us in the name of God, granting us God's favor and peace.

With the blessing of God we go out to live as Christ's body in the world, proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. (Matthew 10.7), living in service to others, caring for all in need, and continuing our participation in God's mission, only to be gathered here again around the means of grace, God's Word and sacraments.

The
Season
of
Lent



Join us for Soup Supper
and Wednesday Lenten
Worship

Soup Supper 5:00-5:45pm
Worship 6:00-6:45pm

**ORDER YOUR FLOWERS
FOR EASTER
BEFORE MARCH 15TH**

Envelopes available in the Narthex.
Lots of different flowers and colors



Easter Flowers

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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Join us after worship in the community room for fellowship and coffee.

ADULT EDUCATION .continues today with *Fear Not*, where we engage Gospel stories where Jesus urges his followers (including us) not to fear, but to trust. We will explore scripture, stories, song, and more. 11 am in the north community room.



COMING UP

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING— Tuesday, March 3, 5:30pm

DARKNESS TO LIGHT— A weekly gathering for contemplation and discussion as we together discern how we can be church for each other, or partners, our neighbors, and the world during this time of disruption and upheaval. Wednesday evenings following Lenten Evening Prayer. **We will be praying around a candle box... BYOC (Bring Your Own Candle).**

CROSS CHOIR— Thursday rehearsals will resume on Thursday, March 5th, from 6:30-7:30, following bell rehearsals. Anyone interested in singing or has questions please contact Ken.

BELL CHOIR— Next bell choir rehearsal Thursday, March 5th, from 5:30-6:30. Rehearsals will be typically held twice a month going forward. Anyone interested in ringing or has questions please contact Ken.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets Thursdays at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS begin February 25th. Sign up on the board across from the kitchen to bring soup or a dessert. See Diana Border with questions.

DONATIONS continue for our partner congregations. We have at least 33 families sheltered at home. They are looking for: toiletries, toothpaste, paper towel, corn tortillas, avocados, cilantro, bell peppers, and celery. Leave donations on the table in the Narthex or in the refrigerator.

**NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET
MARCH 18TH**

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, March 1

9:30am
Sunday Worship
10:30am
Coffee Fellowship
11:00am
Adult Education
1:00-5:00pm
Promesa De Dios
5:00 – 9:00pm
Ebenezer Elim

Monday, March 2

Office Closed
2:00-5:00pm
Pastor Scott office drop-in

Tuesday, March 3

1:00-5:30pm
Pastor Scott office by appt
5:30pm
Board of Lay Ministry

Wednesday, March 4

4:00-6:00pm
Pastor Scott office by appt
5:00-5:45pm
Soup Supper
6:00-6:45pm
Lenten Worship
6:45pm-7:00pm
Darkness to Light Prayer
and Discernment
7:00-9:00pm
Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, March 5

11:00am
Bible Study
1:00pm
Shores of Lake Phalen
2:00-5:00pm
Pastor Scott office drop in

Friday, March 6

1:00-4:00pm
Pastor Scott office by appt
7:00pm – 10:00pm
Ebenezer Elim

Saturday, March 7

9:00am – 1:00pm
Adventista Septimo Dia
1:30pm – 4:30pm
Cross Organ Practice
5:00 – 7:00pm
Adventista Septimo Dia

Sunday, March 8

9:30am
Sunday Worship
10:30am
Coffee Fellowship
11:00am
Adult Education
1:00-5:00pm
Promesa De Dios
5:00 – 9:00pm
Ebenezer Elim