

Sunday, February 22, 2026
The First Sunday in Lent

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:30am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Avenue N



 **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **PRELUDE**

 **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 all guilt
and blots out our offenses.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word,
For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit,
**For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers,**
For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world,
**For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:**
Gracious God,
have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, which is a 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.**

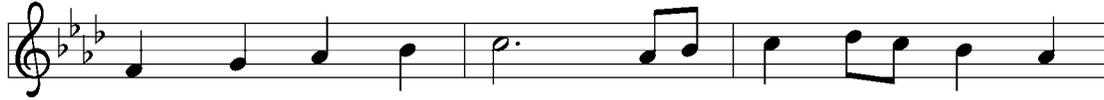


GATHERING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

ELW 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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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

“Kyrie eleison,” Greek for “Lord have mercy,” is one of the most ancient prayers of the Christian Church. Lutherans use it in a prayer that our time of worship will be blessed by God’s presence.



Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

Cantor: In peace, may we assemble. In peace, may we unite. In peace, may we be whole. Move within each heart. **R**

For all who suffer in war, for all who struggle for comfort, for all who slumber in ease. Move within each heart. **R**

We are broken, longing for peace; forgiveness flow among us. May we be reconciled. Move within each heart. **R**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



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

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

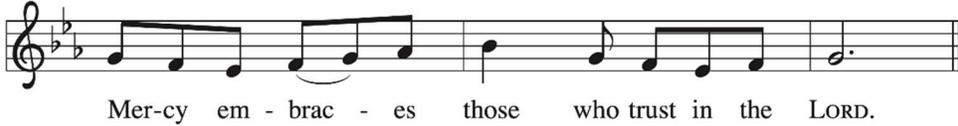
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 32

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"



- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**
- ⁸ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**



SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



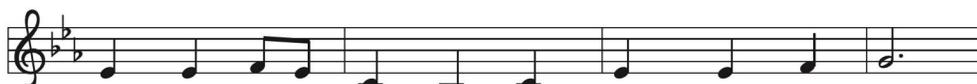
SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY *When We Are Tested*

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1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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THE 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 INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.



THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

eGiving



OFFERTORY HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is our God* (vv 1, 3, 4)

ELW 505



1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

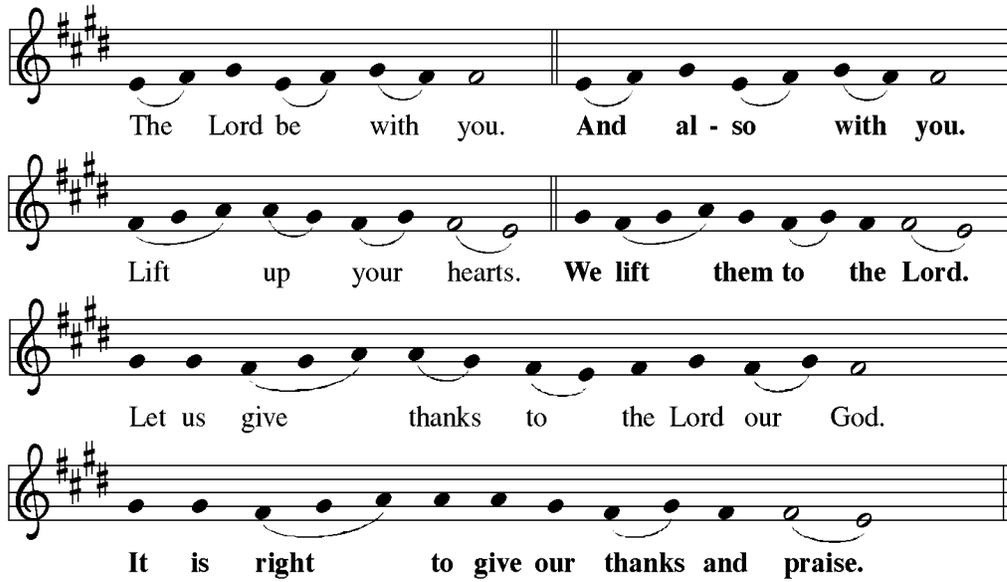
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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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OFFERING PRAYER

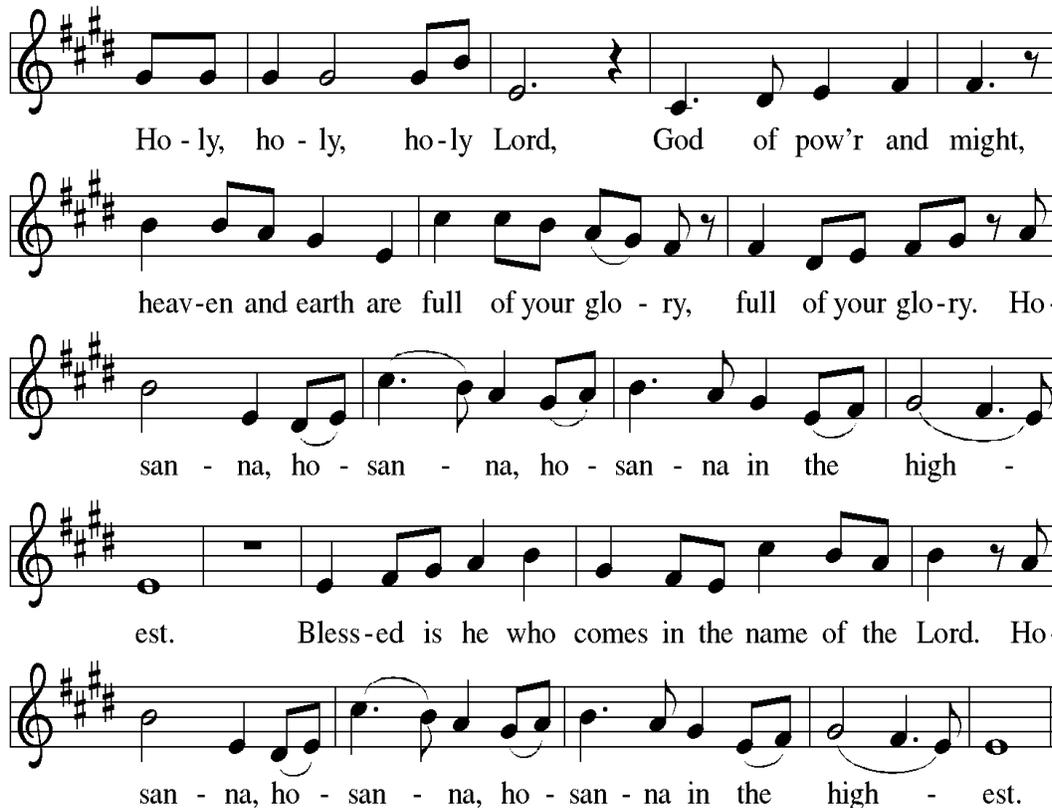
O God, maker of heaven and earth,
through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Passover feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table; feast on God's goodness and mercy.
Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

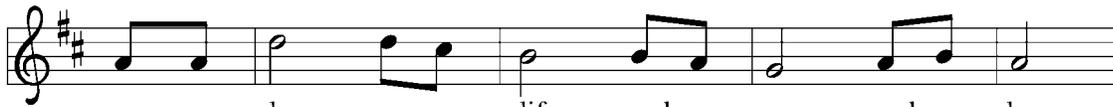
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community

 **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
 we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
 reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for life's journey.
 Through the body and blood of your Son,
 may we become Christ's body in the world,
 bearing witness to your love for all creation. **Amen.**

 **BLESSING**

God, who calls all things into existence,
 Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
 and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
 † bless you now and always. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Trust the good news.
Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistant(s)	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
02/01/26	DT	10:30a	Margarita Rodriguez	Phil Rearick, Marty Snapp	F. Guido	For the glory of God
02/08/26	DT	10:30a	Paul Erickson	Ruth Kinsey, Gary Bartelt		
02/15/26	ML	10:30a	Aimée Fox	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
02/18/26	DT	12:00p	<i>No Lector</i>		<i>No Flowers</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
02/18/26	ML	5:30p	<i>No Lector</i>		<i>No Flowers</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
02/22/26	ML	10:30a	Violet Prepost	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays this week:

02/22 - Lou Carter 02/26 - Alan Due
02/23 - Sean Reynolds 02/26 - Tara Pisecco
02/24 - Bob Cascon 02/28 - Rena Massey

Anniversaries this week:

- None -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (02/22)

3:00pm - Take Me to the Water

Monday (02/23)

(all day) - ELIM Fellowship Conference (DT 3rd Floor)

Tuesday (02/24)

(all day) - ELIM Fellowship Conference (DT 3rd Floor)
7:00pm - Meadowlawn Assoc Mtg (CommUNITY Rm)

Wednesday (02/25)

(all day) - ELIM Fellowship Conference (DT 3rd Floor)
10:00am- Women's Bible Study (ML Library)
6:00pm - Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)

Thursday (02/26)

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)
6:30pm - Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

Friday (02/27)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)
9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)
5:00pm - D'Amico/Sandell Wedding Rehearsal (DT)

Saturday (02/28)

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)
5:00pm - D'Amico/Sandell Wedding (DT)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

March Newsletter: If you haven't yet submitted your articles for the March newsletter, get them in before the end of day today! (Deadline was Friday)

Grief Support Gatherings: Sessions will begin on the first Tuesday in March (03/03/26) and will be held at the Downtown Campus at 2pm. Copies of the book "ABCs of Healthy Grieving: A Companion for Everyday Coping" are available for purchase in the church office(s) for \$10. They will also be available at the first session.

Grace & Games: A group of our members have decided to gather on Wednesday afternoons (1pm) to play games! Beginning on the first Wednesday in March (03/04/26) at 1pm. If this interests you, join us in the fellowship hall (2nd floor) of the Downtown Campus!

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Joan Barnes	Cecil Miles
Bob Stross	Linda Miles
Frances Guido	Bill Quinn
Jill Boos Martin	Doug Pryor
Pr. Felice Johnson	Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Sally Evans	Leonard
Mary Alice Boller	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Paula Smith	Brian Schutzbach
Vickie Clark	Shakira and family
Luke Mendenhall	Janet Crim
Guy Smith	Pr. Tom Snapp
Joyce Dare	Will Diefel