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Blessed

February 1, 2026

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***Do justice and love kindness.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bless someone with a spirit of humility?

Matthew 5:3-11 speaks of blessings. A wonderful ritual to practice regularly in your home is that of blessing one another. When we bless another, we

are calling upon God to show goodness and kindness to them, as well as demonstrating our own care and concern for them. There are three basic elements to a personal blessing – God's name, words, and touch (e.g. a hand on a shoulder, or making the sign of the cross on their forehead or palm). Consider blessing one another at mealtimes, bedtimes, and at daily farewells with family and friends.

**Say: May God bless you with kindness and mercy.**



**IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP  
WITH US TODAY!**

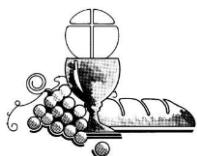
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you

join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*February 1, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

**† ORDER OF WORSHIP †**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **592 DEAREST JESUS, WE ARE HERE**

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
Gladly Your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near  
In response to Your own saying

That to You it shall be given  
As a child and heir of heaven.

- 2 Your command is clear and plain,  
    And we would obey it duly:  
“You must all be born again,  
    Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit,  
    And My kingdom thus inherit.”
- 3 Therefore we have come to You,  
    In our arms this infant bearing.  
Truly here Your grace we view;  
    May this child, Your mercy sharing,  
In Your arms be shielded ever,  
    Yours on earth and Yours forever.
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own;  
    Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
    Way of Life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever  
    From Your side this branch forever.

5 Now into Your heart we pour  
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.  
Our petitions heav'nward soar;  
May our hearts' desires be heeded!  
Write the name we now have given;  
Write it in the book of heaven!

*(Please rise)*

## **+ CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION +**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

### **EXHORTATION**

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is  
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

## **CONFSSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

LSB 151

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

### **Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill?**

*Psalm 15*

**P**O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**C** He who walks blamelessly and does what is  
right  
and speaks truth in his heart;

**P**who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**C** in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honors those who fear the LORD;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not  
change;

**P**who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** Amen.

**♪THIS IS THE FEAST♪**

LSB 155

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of  
God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and  
honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in  
the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to  
God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Micah 6:1–8*

## **The Indictment of the LORD**

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:  
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the  
LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his  
people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of  
slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of  
Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered  
him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

## What Does the LORD Require?

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Christ the Wisdom and Power of God**

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,

not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

**♪ALLELUIA AND VERSE♪**

LSB 156

**C** Alleluia.

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **The Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

## **The Beatitudes**

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS**

*(Stanzas ref-6)*

**ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain  
trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
**Refrain**

**ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks  
combine. **Refrain**

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
**Refrain**

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.  
**Refrain**

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and  
hell. **Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

# SERMON

## "Foolish Wisdom"

... Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

### NICENE CREED

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead**

and the life  of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

### **♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪**

### **805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

*(Please rise)*

**△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## ♪SANCTUS♪

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** 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  $\text{\textt{+}}$  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  $\text{\textt{+}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

## 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. **Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**5** My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
    O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
    Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

## **570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

- 1** Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
    O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2** Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
    O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3** Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
    O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*(Please rise)*

♪THANK THE LORD♪

*LSB 164*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and  
proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His  
people forth in joy

**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,  
alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

### **924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING**

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
    Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

**2** Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

**3** Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give  
you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE



### *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Guest Pianist: Sharon Burns

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Mary Tobeck, Betty Willis

Reader: Mickie Naumann

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is  
your chance to get involved in worship.**

**Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 88

**Celebrating birthdays this week: 2/3: Al Vine**

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from Mary Rosendahl. Thank you!

## **ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom.

### **Kickoff Meeting: VBS 2026 Planning!**

It's time to start dreaming about the brightest week of the year! You are invited to our first planning meeting for **VBS 2026 on Monday, February 2, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

As we begin our journey for 2026, we will focus on:

- .Theme Selection:** Reviewing 2026 options
- .Vision Casting:** Defining our goals for reaching children in our community.

**.Key Roles:** Identifying coordinators for crafts, music, and snacks.

**.Dates & Schedule:** Confirming the 2026 VBS dates and daily rotation flow.

Whether you are a returning veteran or new to the team, your heart and ideas are needed.

### **Note: Upcoming LWM Events & Announcements**

- LWM Meeting:** Join us on **Monday, February 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** We will be finalizing plans for February and viewing the new banners selected by the committee. All ladies are invited to attend!
- Muffin Sunday:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8, 2026.** A wide variety of muffin flavors will be available for a free-will offering. Pick up your favorites to enjoy during Bible study or to take home.
- Noisy Offering:** The next Noisy Offering will take place on **Sunday, February 22, 2026.**
- Collecting Pencils** New and gently used pencils are being collected and sent to children through Samaritans purse.

- The LWM is holding a **handmade quilt raffle** during the **month of February**. Tickets can be purchased for **\$2 for one or \$5 for three tickets**. Tickets are available for purchase in the **narthex or fellowship hall** immediately following the church service.



**Ash Wednesday**  
February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**Lenten Services**  
February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



### **Palm Sunday Service**

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

### **Good Friday Service**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Easter Services**

April 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

(Names remain on the prayer list up to a month unless requests are renewed.)

**Accidents** – Iris Smith, Rusty

**ALS** – Linda

**Better Support System** – Leigh

**Cancer** – Al, Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Bill Zierline, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, Dave, David, David,

Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, John, Judy, Ken, Kim, Larry, Rachel, Richard, Ron, Sharon, Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan

**In Remission** – Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi, Tina

**Coast Guard** – Son-in-law (being deployed)

**Convalescing:** Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, John, Joyce, Nancy, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted

**Eye** – Bob, Carol, Sarah

**Fall** – Holly

**Fighting for their lives** - Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon

**Find their way back to God** – David, Keenan

**Flu** – James and family, Nancy

**Guidance** – Amy, Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Kaden, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA

**Head Injuries** – Iris Smith, Jena, Ken, Maria Clara

**Healing** – Kathy, Toby

**Health Issues** – Annie, Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Christine, Dave, Edison, Emily Snider, Gary, Holly Chaney, Jana, Jeanne, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Katie, Keith, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Toby Yvonne

**Heart Issues** – Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken Holt, Kenny, Linda, Sharon, Simi

**Hospice** – Jean

**Hospitalized** – Eliot, Heather, Jim Meincke, Judy, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Peggy, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa

**Long-term Illness/Treatment:** Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehlia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam, Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita, Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan

**Lost Everything to House Fire** – Daniel Skurka and his family

**Marriage** – Amy and Joe

**Memory Care** – Dorothy, Liz Paschen

**Mental illness** – Giney, Lisa, Viola

**Our Homebound** - Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

**Physical health and Rehab** – Chip, Iris

**Recovering from Surgery** – Andy, Chip, Holly, Jeff, Kathy Hayes, Sharon

**Safe travels** – Darrell, Joanne, Robert, Sandy, Sharon, sister

**Storm** – Jessica, Heather, and all impacted by the storm

**Strengthening of faith** – Carolyn, Paul

**Struggling** - Melinda

**Suffered a stroke** - Adrian, Doug, Ed, Eliot, Gary, Joan, Kevin, Pat, Shirley, Theresa

**Surgery** – Kathy, Sunny

**You know their needs** - Carolyn B., Carolyn, Cindy, Deborah, Diane, Glen, Jackie, Jim, John, Kayla, Leisa, LuAnne, Nathaniel, Ralph, Ron, Ron T, Sara, Sarah, Sarah, Sarah, Suzanne

**Caregivers** - Amy, Eugene, Judy, Lorrie, Paul, Tina

**Dave** – for health and salvation

**Anonymous** – pray for a healthy pregnancy

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:** The family and friends of Billie Waddick, The family and friends of Rick Trammell, The family and friends of Kurt Laser, The family and friends of Joy Kulbacki

# Meatloaf Dinner



Thursday, FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Delicious homemade meatloaf, mashed  
potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, green beans, bun, drink, and  
delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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