3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of Lent

# March 19 & 20, 2017

elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- f Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- f Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- f For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

# TODAY'S THEME:

JESUS BRINGS SIGHT TO THE BLIND AND JUDGMENT TO THE BLINDED

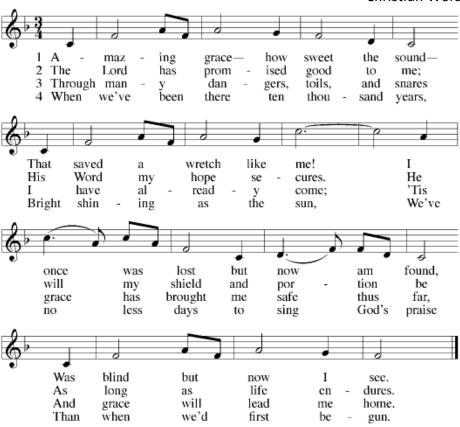
# **Worship Participants**

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist and Adult Choir Director	Mrs. Marie Becker
Accompanist	Miss Heather Schmidt

# **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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#### THE INVOCATION

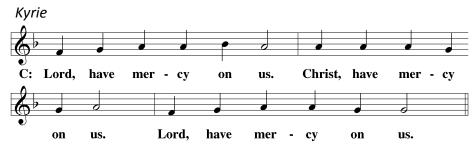
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

# **LORD, HAVE MERCY**



**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

#### **GLORY BE TO GOD**

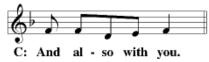
Gloria in Excelsis





#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON ...... Isaiah 42:14-21

This is what God the LORD says,
"For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, like a woman in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.

15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills

and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

<sup>18</sup> Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!

<sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send?

Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen."

21 It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 143

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O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for <u>mer</u>cy;\* in your faithfulness and righteousness come to <u>my</u> relief.

Do not bring your servant into <u>judgment</u>,\* for no one living is righteous be<u>fore</u> you.

My spirit grows faint with<u>in</u> me;\* my heart within me <u>is</u> dismayed.





Answer me quick<u>ly</u>, O LORD;\* do not hide your <u>face</u> from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your un<u>failing</u> love,\* for I have put my <u>trust</u> in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you <u>are</u> my God;\* may your good Spirit lead me on <u>lev</u>el ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON ..... Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM......""Were You There"

Arranged by Jeremy Bakken

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON......John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39



As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

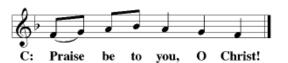
<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

- <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.
- <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."



#### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

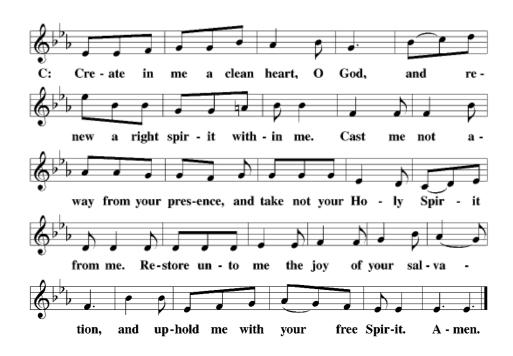
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY...... "Christ Is the World's Light"

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Please be seated

#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### 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.

### THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**

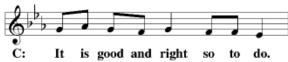
**P:** The Lord be with you.



**P:** Lift up your hearts



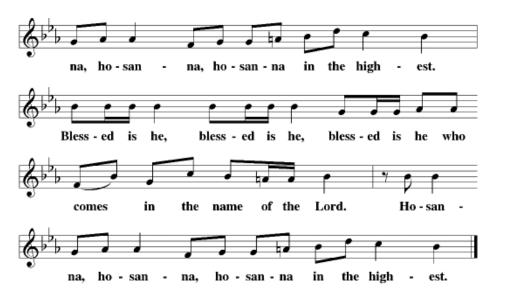
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

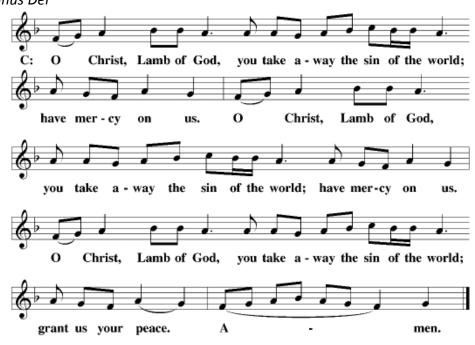
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



Agnus Dei



Please be seated

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN ...... "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

Christian Worship #520



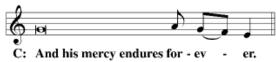
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#### SONG OF SIMEON

**Nunc Dimittis** 



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



#### Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

Christian Worship #397



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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES: Going through the attic or garage, a person sometimes runs across an old toy, a picture, a high chair or piece of furniture, and a flood of memories comes pouring in. What to others might have no meaning is to another a piece of personal history. Certain objects have the power to bring to mind a whole lifetime. So, it is with the Lenten history. There are things that bring to mind the dramatic, final hours of our Lord's life, things to remember him by.

This year we will take a look at the objects found in the Lenten history and ask ourselves the question: "Remember this?" Our Midweek Lent worship services begin on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. They are at 3:30pm and 6:30pm for six weeks. We will once again be rotating with other WELS pastors. The schedule is below. Please come and join us as we walk with our Savior to the cross.

March 1 – "The Sword and the Severed Ear" (Pastor Adams)

March 8 – "The Wash Basin" (Pastor Unnasch)

March 15 – "The Silver, the Kiss and the Rope" (Pastor Gaertner)

March 22 – "The Table" (Pastor Hoff)

March 29 – "The Cross" (Pastor Gurgel)

April 5 – "The Crown, the Staff and the Robe" (Pastor Marshall)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR UPDATE: The 2017 Go Out and Explore Books fair was a huge success! A great big Thank You to everyone in the St. Paul's community who stopped by to check out the great book selection and bought books to enjoy at home. A very sincere Thank You for all the books purchased by students and parents for teachers from their Wish Lists, those books will be added to classroom resources. Mrs. Manske's Kindergarten class was the winner of the coin collection challenge contest! Mrs. Manske's class received an additional \$75.00 worth of books for the Kindergarten classroom! The remaining Scholastic dollars raised were used to complete the Teacher's Wish List and to add books to the St. Paul's Library, and new novel sets for classrooms, that everyone can enjoy in the future. The biggest Thank You of all goes to the volunteers who generously gave their time to keep the book fair open many hours, so it was available before, during and after school, as well as after church. This year's star volunteers were Marcia Abramowski, Kendra Matus, Nicole Joy, Kumar Family, Jaime Petricek, Hari Mogili, John

Ruether, Tinesha McClendon, Gary Tosic and for years of continuing to bring the Scholastic Book Fair to St. Paul's, an huge extra special Thank You to Sandy Adelman. Congratulations to everyone who explored literacy!

**SCHOOL MATH TRACK**: On March 7<sup>th</sup> several of our students in Grades 5-8 participated in a math meet at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. We are proud to announce that our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders – Logan Abramowski, Amanda Baumann, Isabella Graetz, Josephina Graetz, Trevor Hoffman, Alex Martin, Mara Matus, Arthur Petricek, Annelise Schultz, Ava Triplett, Nicholas Witucki, and Jayden Ziegler tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Small School Team Division! Way to go!

WLHS PIANO FESTIVAL: Congratulations to the following St. Paul's students who participated in the WLHS Piano Festival on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: Amanda Baumann, Isabella Graetz, Mara Matus, Diya Mogili, Patricia Prakasam and Lauren Roedel. Our students all received a First Place for their performance! Lauren Roedel received a First Place (star) which enabled her to play for the Honors Recital as well! Great job, everyone!

**TEEN OPEN GYM**: Students in Grades 7-12 are invited to St. Paul's gym this Sunday, March  $19^{th}$  from 6:00 - 8:00 PM to have some fun and fellowship with the members of Quest, Victory of the Lamb's youth group.

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP SHEETS:** We will be having our Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM. Please see the sign-up sheets on the narthex counter for the various ways you can help!

BIBLE STUDY – Clean Out Those Itching Ears: Christian Apologetic Witnessing: As Christians it is our duty to share Jesus. In our world today, sharing Jesus often means responding to sometimes aggressive unbelievers and skeptics in a loving yet intelligent way. This class aims to equip you to tackle some very explosive issues head on and examine how you can defend Biblical teaching in a logical way, but also turn the focus onto what matters most – Jesus. This six week bible study will include topics such as sex and marriage, abortion, and evolution.

**STEM VOLUNTEERS**: Thank you to all the volunteers who have donated items, prepared activities, ran errands, and are donating their time to set up, run stations, and clean up! This event would not be possible without you! STEM Night volunteers, please arrive

by 5:30pm Tuesday, March 21 to find your station. All activities are prepped and ready to go. You will also have a chance to grab dinner and a t-shirt. Thank you for your help!

**STEM NIGHT ATTENDEES:** The STEM event is for children Age 3-2nd Grade on Tuesday, March 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Discover the fun of SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS though hands-on activities for the whole family. We will have over 20 activities for children to participate in. Children will create, explore, and experiment in a fun, Christian environment. Families are welcome to attend without registration!

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Queen of Beauty and Courage".

**LWMS DOOR COLLECTION:** On April 2 & 3, we are having our semi-annual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). For more information on the work of LWMS, visit their website: http://www.lwms.org. They thank you for your support.

**SAVE THE DATE**: Mark your calendars for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will come later!

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR**: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: April  $6^{th}$  &  $20^{th}$  and May  $4^{th}$  &  $18^{th}$ .

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!: St. Paul's congregation is invited by the Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, March 28 from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.50 per person which includes skate rental. Please round up your friends and join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

**WLHS DINNER AUCTION:** Everyone is invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for the annual dinner auction, "Great Expectations" on Saturday, April 8, at 5:00 PM. The school gym will be transformed into an unbelievable dinner venue and the evening will include silent and verbal auctions, raffles, and more! Reserve a table of 10 or single tickets at

www.wlhs.org/auction until Friday, March 24. For auction information, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item contact Heidi Witz at 414-453-4567, ext 2004 or planner@wlhs.org.

JOB OPENING--WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to fill an opening for Director of Operations. The Director of Operations will be responsible for supervising and maintaining all business, accounting and support service functions of the school, including: maintenance and housekeeping functions, technology, cafeteria, bookstore and printing operations. Please E-mail resume and cover letter by Monday, March 20, to Jodi Lunow, Human Resources Specialist, at <a href="mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org">jodi.lunow@wlhs.org</a>, or via mail: 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213.

**NPH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**: Northwestern Publishing House has two employment opportunities available -- Customer Service Representative (part-time 24-32 hours per week) and Advertising and Marketing Copywriter (24-32 hours per week). Contact NPH at (414) 475-6600 for more information.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

### **GREETERS THIS WEEK (March 19 & 20)**

8:00 AM - Donn & Denise Johnson

10:30 AM - Gordon & Michele Lesser

**6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

## **GREETERS FOR MID-WEEK LENT SERVICE (March 22)**

3:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

6:30 PM – Nancy Adams

# **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 26 & 27)**

8:00 AM - David & Marlene Horn

10:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger

6:30 PM - Donna LaBlanc

# **USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE (March 22)**

3:30 PM - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen

### **USHERS FOR MARCH**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

March 15-21 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade March 22-28 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

March 19: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Don Gebert

March 26: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Pete Kosovich

### THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	10:30 AM
Monday, March 20	
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 21	
NO Public School Confirmation Class	
Pastor Circuit Meeting	10:00 AM
STEM Night (school gym)	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 22	
Midweek Lenten Service	3:30 PM
Midweek Lenten Service	6:30 PM
Men's Open Gym	7:30 PM

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Friday, March 24	
School Devotion	8:30 AM
Saturday, March 25	
Bible Class	8:00 AM
Sunday, March 26	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM

#### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM - 66, 10:30 AM - 124, 6:30 PM - 15

Total Attendance - 205

Midweek Lent 3:30 PM - 124, 6:30 PM - 60

Sunday Bible Class - 33, Sunday School - 6

Saturday Bible Class - 9

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