

Transfiguration February 26 & 27, 2017

Welcome! 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,

- † 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.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE

Worship Participants

- Liturgist** Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Preacher** Pastor Brian Adams
- Organist** Mrs. Sharon Larsen
- Junior Choir Director** Mrs. Marie Becker

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Christian Worship #95

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
 2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may

fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
 to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave

the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 sion bright And make this hill our home.
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Please stand

THE INVOCATION

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

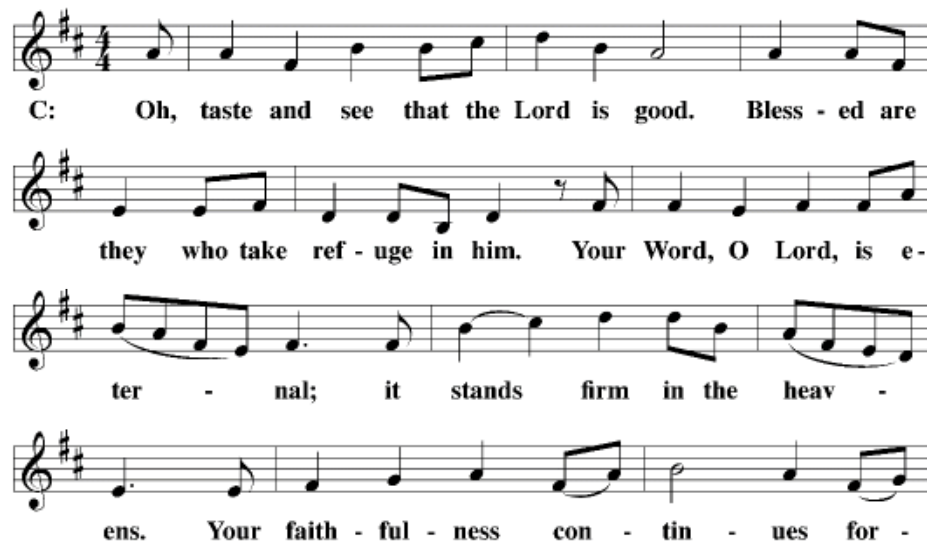
C: **Amen.**



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:12,15-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 148

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Refrain

For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone

Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Psalm continues on next page

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

For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone

THE SECOND LESSON..... 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 AM ONLY) “Tell the Good News About Jesus”

Words by Lynn Shaw Bailey

Music by Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo

*Lift up your voice. Sing and rejoice.
Tell the good news about Jesus!
Lift up your voice. Sing and rejoice.
Tell the good news about Jesus!*

*Lift up your voice and rejoice! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lift up your voice and rejoice!*

*Jesus is Lord! Savior and King!
Jesus is Lord! That’s why we sing!
Tell the good news about Jesus!*

*Lift up your voice. Sing and rejoice.
Tell the good news about Jesus!
Lift up your voice. Sing and rejoice.
Tell the good news about Jesus!*

*Lift up your voice and rejoice! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lift up your voice and rejoice!
Tell the good news. Tell the good news about Jesus!*

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 17:1-9

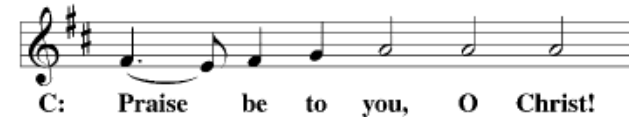
^{17:1} After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”



Please be seated

CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Down from the Mount of Glory”
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1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words “my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son” were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

THE SERMONMatthew 17:1-9

Please stand

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, “praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a-dorned in robes of
 jus - ti - fied, re-deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn time is
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be



glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Beth Van Ert's birthday from her family.

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.

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 1st. 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)

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, February 25th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "Daniel in Exile".

ADULT CHOIR: The Lent and Easter choir will begin on February 22. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Lent/Easter Choir is February 22 - April 16. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 are typically 45 -60 minutes. Choir Director: Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

STEM NIGHT SIGN-UP: Raffles! Real Scientists! Free Books! Dinner! ← This is just some of the STEM excitement we have in store at our St. Paul's STEM Night, Tuesday, March 21st. 3K – Grade 2 can discover the fun of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through hands-on activities. Please sign up online or using the form on the easel or the narthex counter!

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 10th – 14th. 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: March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

WELS LUTHER MOVIE SCREENING: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting an exclusive screening of "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" on Monday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the [Marcus Majestic Cinema](#) in Brookfield, to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther's Reformation. This new full-length documentary features thrilling reenactments of the sixteenth-century events with commentary from leading church-history experts. Tickets are \$9.00 per person and **must be pre-ordered online by Monday, March 6th**, at: <http://wisco.NewLutherMovie.com>. After the movie, one of the film's directors, Steve Boettcher, will be hosting a Q&A.

BUTTERFLY BRUNCH: The Christian Women's Leadership Circle hosts its annual Butterfly Brunch at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Saturday, March 11 at 8 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Diane Studer, founder and executive director of Soles for Jesus. For more information, visit wlc.edu/butterflybrunch. Download an event flyer.

WLHS MUSICAL GUYS AND DOLLS: This romantic comedy tells the story of Sky Masterson, man of the world and gambler of renown, who falls in love with missionary Sarah Brown, who tries not to fall in love with him. With snappy dialogue and timeless melodies, you will be sure to have an entertaining experience! Performances will be held on Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by calling [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567), or by printing the ticket order form at www.wlhs.org/finearts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in 8th grade and younger. Before the Friday, March 3 performance, you can enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the WLHS cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Wisco Kids and Inspiration will perform during the dinner. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

LUTHER PREP MUSICAL FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: The story of the small tradition-steeped town of Anatevka, Russia, where Jews and Russians live in a delicate balance. The story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of his colorful and tightknit Jewish community, Tevya tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in a time of extraordinary change. Performances will be held March 10, 11 and 12 at 7:00 PM in the Luther Prep auditorium. Reserved seats are \$8.00 and can be purchased by calling (920) 261-4352 weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

WLHS SPRING BAND CONCERT: Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Concert Band will be performing their Spring Concert on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM in the WLHS Auditorium. Tickets are free and everyone is invited to attend!

BAND CONCERT: The Wisconsin Lutheran Concert Band presents its Spring Tour Home Concert on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Center for Arts and Performance. Free tickets are available by calling 414.443.8802.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHOIR: The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir will be performing their 2017 Winter Concert Tour on Friday March 3rd at 7:00 PM at St. John's – Burlington (198 Westridge Ave.) and Sunday, March 5th at 1:00 PM at Atonement Lutheran Church (4500 N. Sherman Blvd.) Tour concerts are free and everyone is invited to attend!

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR: The Martin Luther College Choir will be performing their 2017 spring tour on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM at Star of Bethlehem in New Berlin.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS LEADERS SUMMIT: WLC alumnus Derek Deprey, a speaker, author, and general manager - Wisconsin Athletic Club, will speak at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Wednesday, March 15. The Christian Business Leaders Summit, which costs \$40 per person, begins at 10:45 a.m. and includes networking, lunch, Deprey's talk on "SHIFT: Move from Frustrated to Fulfilled," and a panel discussion on Christian Servant Leadership. For more information, visit wlc.edu/speakerseries. Download an event flyer.

JOB OPENING FOR WLHS HOUSE PARENT: Impact the lives of students living away from home by becoming a house parent at WLHS for the 2017-18 school year. House parents live and work in on-campus student housing, supervise, mentor, discipline, and love the international and out-of-state students attending the high school. For a full detailed job description and application visit www.wlhs.org/houseparent. Applications must be received by Monday, March 13. For additional questions, E-mail Eric Duwe, Director of the International Program, at eric.duwe@wlhs.org.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (February 26 & 27)

8:00 AM – Nancy Adams

10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli

6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES (March 1)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – Dave & Dawn Brightsman

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 5 & 6)

8:00 AM – {Your Name Here - Sign up to be a greeter!}

10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess

10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Cooper Goede, Nolan Romeis, Zach Matthew, Austin Hennen-Petricek, Dawson Ziegler

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES (March 1)

3:30 PM – 7th & 8th Grade Students

6:30 PM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess

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

Feb 22-28 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer

March 1-7 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Feb. 26: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Alyce Lehtinen

Mar. 5: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Sherry Kosovich

Wednesday, March 1

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Ash Wednesday Worship 3:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 2

NO SCHOOL

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Friday, March 3

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, March 5

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, February 27

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 28

Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 113, Communed – 89

10:30 AM – 122, Communed – 85

6:30 PM – 51 , Communed – 45

Total Attendance – 286

Total Communed – 219

Sunday Bible Class – 38, Sunday School – 9