

**W**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,

- † 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:  
**THE GIFT OF FAITH IS FOR ALL**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist** ..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

*Christian Worship #106*

1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -  
 4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -

by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,  
 lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

*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**

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Genesis 12:1-8

<sup>12:1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

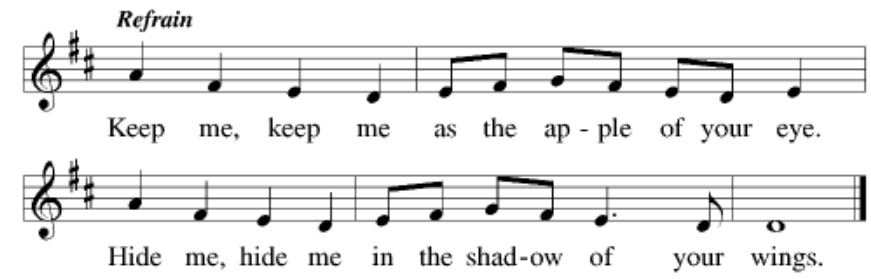
<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 121


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*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.  
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



I lift up my eyes to the hills.\*  
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,\*  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel\*  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

### *Refrain*

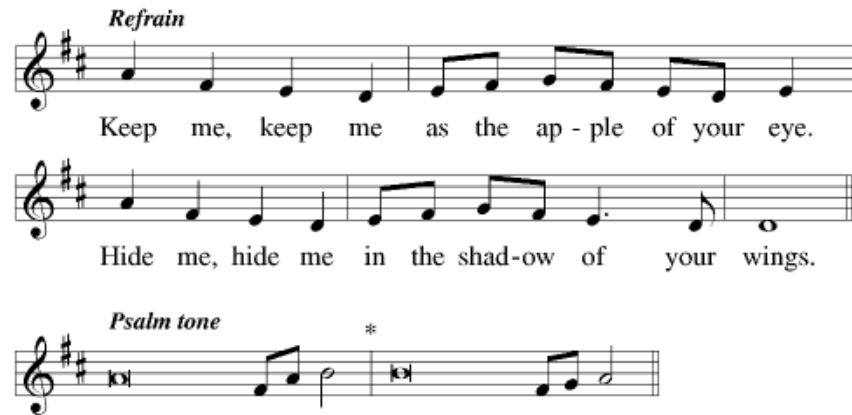
The LORD watches over you,\*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,\*  
he will watch over your life;

*Psalm continues on next page*

the LORD will watch over your coming and going\*  
both now and forevermore.

**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.**



**THE SECOND LESSON..... Romans 4:1-5,13-17**

<sup>4:1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.

<sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**  
(Philippians 2:8b cf. NIV)

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 4:5-26**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "God Loved the World So that He Gave"**

*Christian Worship #391*

1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your

Son the lost to save That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my

him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To you, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

**THE SERMON ..... Romans 4:1-5,13-17**

*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*

### 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.

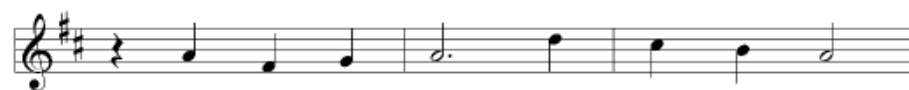
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be seated*

CLOSING HYMN .....“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Christian Worship #395



1 Seek where you may To find a way  
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;  
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,  
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is  
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers  
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him  
 Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the  
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,  
 first, All you who thirst For grace that  
 pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His  
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our  
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek  
 love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My  
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For  
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He  
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.  
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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)

**MARY MARTHA GUEST SPEAKER:** Pastor Bruce Marggraf from Faith Lutheran Church in Sussex will be here this Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to speak about the work of WELS Christian Aid & Relief. Anyone is welcome to join us!

**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 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 3K – Grade 2 can discover the fun of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through hands-on activities. If you haven’t signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible!

**“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”.

**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: March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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

**WLHS SPRING BAND CONCERT:** Please join us for an evening of beautiful music on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium as the concert band presents their spring concert. The band will perform a newly commissioned, high school world premiere piece called “Seeds of Glass,” by Benjamin Dean Taylor. 8th grade members of

the Jr. Viking Band will also perform with the high school band. Seating is general admission.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org), 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 12 & 13)

**8:00 AM** – Lyle & Christie Timm

**10:30 AM** – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle, Declan & Parker

**6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

### GREETERS FOR MID-WEEK LENT SERVICE (March 15)

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

**6:30 PM** – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen



**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 19 & 20)**

- 8:00 AM – Donn & Denise Johnson
- 10:30 AM – Gordon & Michele Lesser
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

**USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE (March 15)**

- 3:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski

**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 8-14 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
- March 15-21 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- March 12: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Connie Myer
- March 19: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Don Gebert

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 12**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

**Monday, March 13**

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 14**

- NO Public School Confirmation Class
- Mary Martha ..... 6:30 PM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 15**

- Midweek Lenten Service..... 3:30 PM
- Midweek Lenten Service..... 6:30 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:30 PM
- Men’s Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

**Thursday, March 16**

- Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM

**Friday, March 17**

- Grandparents’ Day – School Devotion..... 8:30 AM
- School Dismissal..... 12:00 PM

**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

**Statistics – Last Week**

- Attendance: 8:00 AM – 104, Communed – 93
- 10:30 AM – 150, Communed – 89
- 6:30 PM – 53 , Communed – 42
- Total Attendance – 307
- Total Communed – 224
- Sunday Bible Class – 33, Sunday School – 3