

## + Second Sunday in Lent +

March 1, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS1

## + Confession and Absolution +



*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- 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.*

### Confession of Sins

- 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

*[John 20:19–23]*

- 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.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8*



- P** He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
- C** **Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
**seek his presence con- | tinually!**  
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,  
**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***  
**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**  
He is the | LORD our God;\*  
his judgments are in | all the earth.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy, p. 152

*Mark 10:47*

- A** (sung) In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, and ...unity... let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all .... let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent (part of our Lenten fast).*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 12:1-9*

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless

you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

**C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;  
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who

shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day

*John 3:16*

- P** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

### Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended



from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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



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

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground 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 all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

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

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### + Sermon +

### Offertory, p. 159-160

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

**☐** (sung) What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

**Prayer of the Church** - see colored insert

*Reminder for those watching at home to pray **The Lord’s Prayer**.*

*Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.*

## + Service of the Sacrament +

### A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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 and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord’s Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord’s Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

### Preface

*p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

**Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**The Words of Our Lord** *Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

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

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

**P** (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**Agnus Dei, p. 163**

*John 1:29*

**G** (sung) **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.**

**Distribution**

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**Distribution Hymn: 971 There Is a Redeemer**

**Distribution Hymn: 798 The God of Abraham Praise**

**Nunc Dimittis ~ p. 165**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** (sung) Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

**Post-Communion Collect**

*p. 166*

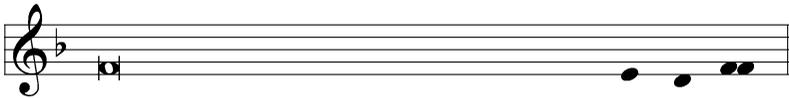
**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**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** A - men.



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**Additional Information:** Please submit prayer requests by 9:00 a.m. each Thursday to ensure they are included in the upcoming service. If your contact information has changed, kindly notify the church office. Large-print hymnals are available upon request. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

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**+ Prayers +**

World: For the end of persecution and genocide of **Nigerian Christians**. For the end of the fighting between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and soon we pray between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery.

Concern for the Lost: For family and friends who do not know or have fallen away from the truth, grace, and love of the Savior, Christ Jesus.

Vocation: For the recent Baptisms of **Silas Hicks** and **Finn Johnson**. For our parents expecting children this year: **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien**, **Bryan & Kaite Baer**, and **Justin & Nicole Fritts**. For the recent engagement of member **Rachel Vesper** to **Aiden Morrison**. For upcoming weddings in 2026 for **Patrick Jermain & Alesha Williams** (April) and for **Jack Nunnink & Rachel Holst** (June). For **veterans and our military** for **Mason Burkett** (Mary Schopmann's grandson-in-law) deployed to Poland. For military servants: **Carter Felt**, **Casey Lawson**, **Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**. For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade**, **Sam Bohnet** (vicarage placement in Louisville, KY). For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Recent Loss and Mourning: For the family of our beloved Elder **Chuck Pettyohn** who died on 2/25. For the family of **Marvin Arcari** (Will Wade's and Paul Ruble's family) who passed away in Michigan. For family of **Polly Gallamore** who passed away 2/16. For **Mary Ann Furr** (mother of Pam Sokoll). For family of **Ed Hannah** who passed away 1/22. For family of **Barney** (Darlyn Burch's brother) who passed away. For **Donald Thorson** (Susan Johnson's uncle). For family of **Cheryl Dunnington** (cousin of Sharon Felker). For the family of **Jeffrey** (Becky Hamby's brother) who passed away in Chattanooga. For family of **Carol Ehrens** who passed away 12/9. For family of (former member) **Don Wuethrick** who passed away.

Health: For **Mavis Johnson** comfort care in her final days with us below. For **Mildred Balash** (104 years old) who fell this week was/is hospitalized at Blount. **Ron Dozier** (Renee Hickmon's brother) heart incident. For **Tom Williams** health, back, and chemo treatments. For **Melvin Wehmeier** (Deb Wales's father) recovering from broken shoulder. For **Charlene Smith** (Rev. George Smith's wife) health and hospitalization (and prayers for George). For **George Walker** procedure recovery. For **Steve Clemmer** hip replacement recovery. For **Jennifer Hebar** recent hip surgery. For **Piper** (9 yr old. niece of Mary Brown) cancer diagnosis and treatment. For **Todd Stubelt** (nephew of Sharon Felker) stage 4 brain cancer. For **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law) upcoming cancer treatments. For **Alan Bell** (Barbara Morsch's brother) stroke recovery. For **Al Reuer** stroke recovery. For **Catherine Boute** surgery recovery from broken shoulder. For **Lou Trebus** recovering from knee replacement surgery. For **Sydney Pierce** recovering from broken ankle surgery. For **Sarah** (friend of Suzanne Nunnink) starting intensive chemotherapy. For **Linda Davis** anemia and health. For **Kathi Hawn** (friend of Faye Schauerman) recovering from surgery for a double lung transplant. For **John Reese** (Mary Ellen Brown's niece's husband) recovery of health. For **Carolyn Howard** (friend of Paul Ruble) pneumonia recovery and for her daughter **Jane** who suffered a stroke. For **Ann** (Rick Gift's stepmother) leukemia and health. For **Tonia Latham** (Phyllis Bembas's niece) health recovery. For **Ed McGillick** dizziness spells. For

**Fred Hansen** carotid artery procedures. For **Sherrie** (Renee Hickmon’s sister) health recovery. For **Joan Large** health. For **Matt** (Becky Hamby’s son) recovery from fall and leg surgery (long road ahead). For **Brenda** (Laura Bisconte’s aunt) cancer surgery recover and treatments. For **George Gorghis** (friend of Donna Wall) treatment for Lymphoma cancer, stage 4. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts’ sister and Pastor Roberts’s Aunt). For **Bob Heckman’s** health. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large’s son). For **Cole Hammond** (Joan Large’s grandson) comfort in dealing with epilepsy. For **Sandy Bagley** health. For **Pat Sweet** (friend of Ole & Mavis) fragile health condition. For **June McDonnell** recovering from falls and lung health. For **Tim Smith** heart and blood pressure health. For **Ted Frazier** headaches and blood pressure drops. For **Lee Schuck** and **Gus** taking care of her. For **Derek Bryant** (friend of Mary Schopmann) kidney reception. For **Gary Kubin** back and leg pain. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley’s niece) esophageal issues. For **Margarete** (neighbor to Jim & Maureen Roberts) dealing with advancing cancer. For **Ron Williams** (at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp’s mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley’s daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas’ sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick’s aunt) frontal lobe dementia. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Alan Stremsterfer’s mother** health. **Aurora Stevens** pain and health. Andrew Hebar’s Aunt **Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Larry L (3/1), Noah G (3/2), Willie D C (3/4), Teddy L (3/5), Katherine B (3/6), Owen S (3/6), Everett F (3/7), Gary S (3/7), Wyatt S (3/8), Katie F (3/9), Daniel Hen (3/10), Soren M (3/10), Meagan C (3/11), Charlie N (3/12), Bob Good (3/14)

**Anniversaries:** Mark & Sonja Ratliff (3/9)

### Church Operations & Christian Stewardship

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>2026 Receipts</b>	<b>Remaining for Budget</b>
Jan 1 to Feb 10, 2026		\$50,346	\$349,654
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>2025 Receipts</b>	<b>2026 Receipts</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>
<b>Actual</b>	\$71,247	\$2,615	\$1,253,488
<b>Pledged</b>	\$42,744	<i>Budget: \$25,000</i>	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	\$28,503 [over]	22,385 [under]	\$188,218 [over]

Thank you to all who gave or fulfilled commitments to the Capital Campaign, which ended Dec. 31, 2025. As of 12/31/25 the new loan balance is \$1,861,079. Gifts to the Building Fund or Loan Principal Fund are encouraged to help reduce principal and for future projects.

Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](http://praiselutheran.com/build) to see our build completion video! Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged. Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,100 (extra mortgage payment monthly)].

## Children and Youth Ministry

**Sunday School** begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for all children and students age 2 on up. Confirmed youth are encouraged to join the Congregational Bible Study with Pastor Roberts.

**Midweek Youth Group** will break through Easter. Come to Midweek Lent worship (weekly on Wed at 6:00 p.m. for soup and sandwich supper and 7:00 p.m. for worship).

**Campfirmation** is July 5-11 for youth 12 and up. Soft commitments are due Wed, Mar 11.

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts will meet TODAY in the large Sunday school classroom across from the kitchen, 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. reviewing Unit 6. The next class will meet on Sun, March 7 to discuss Unit 7.

## Worship and Music Ministry

**Interested in starting a Bell Choir at Praise?** Stop by the tables in the narthex and add your name to the “Bell Choir Interest” clipboard.

**Choir Practice** this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (Lent season schedule).

**Piano and Organ lessons** are available at Praise with our Director of Music, Caleb Hesse. Anyone age 6 and up (with a parent/guardian for children) is welcome to sign up. For additional information, please reach out to Caleb at [caleb@praiselutheran.com](mailto:caleb@praiselutheran.com).

## Congregational Life & Fellowship

**Oktoberfest Shirts & Glasses** from 2024 and 2025 are available on the shelves in the Narthex, with suggested donation amounts posted. Donations go to the Youth Group for our annual *Campfirmation* (July 5-11).

**Meals of Comfort Ministry** provides meals for grieving families, easing the burden of hosting visiting loved ones and allowing them to focus on mourning and sharing Christ’s comfort. We are currently seeking a Coordinator. If you’re interested, please connect with Elissa or Pastor.

**Donations for the Veterans Pantry** may be placed in the basket in the Narthex. They are delivered on a regular basis to the Blount County Office of Veterans Affairs.

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## Today

**Issues Class** with Pr. Roberts at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall, Today's topic: *Issues on Repentance*.

**Youth Catechesis** with Pastor Roberts meets TODAY in the larger classroom across from the social hall kitchen from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. reviewing Unit 6 (Means of Grace).

**Pastor will announce** date and time for Visitation and Funeral Service details for our beloved Elder + Charles (Chuck) Pettyjohn + *See also email and social media announcements for this service and time of mourning and rejoicing together with Chuck's family. Christ is risen+*

## This Week

**Mar 4 (Wed)** Lent Midweek Services at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Topic: *Temperance* (Christian Virtues). Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. **Please bring food to share.**

**Mar 5 (Thu)** Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Barbara Morsch.

## Upcoming

**Mar 8 (Sun)** Daylight Savings Time Starts (spring ahead one hour).

**Mar 11 (Wed)** Lent Midweek Services at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and 7:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. Topic: *Justice* (Christian Virtues).

**Mar 15 (Sun)** rescheduled **Voters Meeting** between services at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall.

**Mar 28 (Sat)** LWML Meeting in the Social Hall at 10:30 a.m. Founded in 1942, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of the LCMS. LWML empowers women to grow in Christ and serve through local and global mission projects. Members gather for fellowship, prayer, worship, service, and Bible study.

**Mar 29 (Sun) Palm Sunday** and the beginning of Holy Week with services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (Saturday), leading up to Easter on Sunday, Apr 5.