

Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION to the First Sunday in Lent

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and turns to the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The presiding minister leads the following prayer of preparation:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters, during these great forty days of Lent, let us prepare ourselves to receive Christ in word and sacrament by confessing our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

I confess

to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by my fault,
by my own fault,
by my own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.
Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, + forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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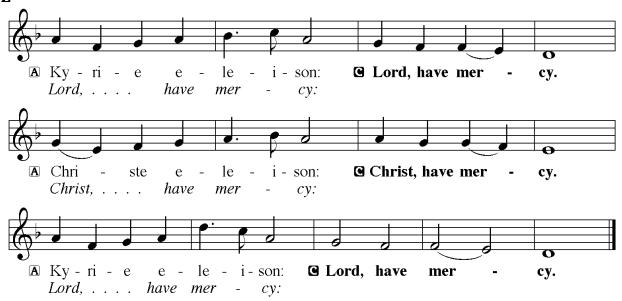


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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept, then the presiding minister leads the prayer.

P: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

The assembly sits.



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, so said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made

loincloths for themselves.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

$^{8}\mbox{\ensuremath{^{''}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{I}}$ will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

A reading from Romans.

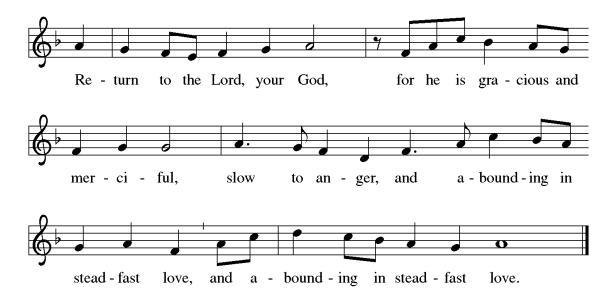
¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

P:

The Holy Gospel, according Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 'saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 'Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 'Bagain, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 'and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 'Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 'Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

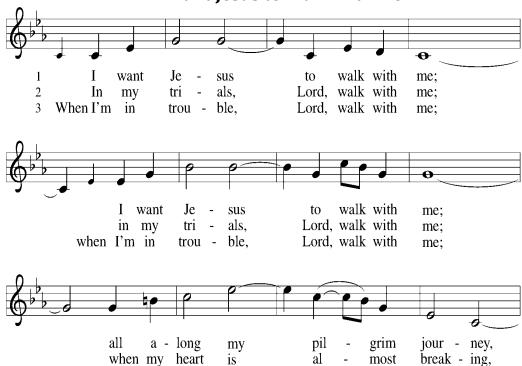
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

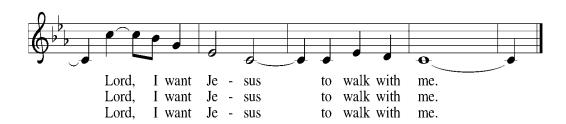
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Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.





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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After all exchange the Peace, the assembly is seated.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

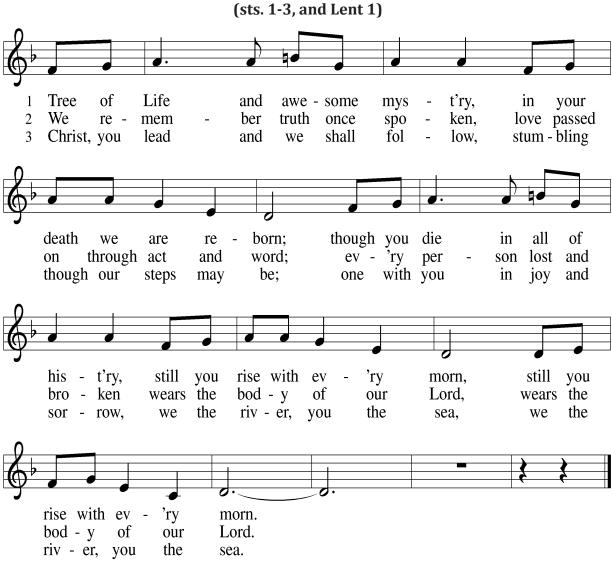
OFFERING/Anthem

The assembly stands.



Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.

OFFERING PRAYER

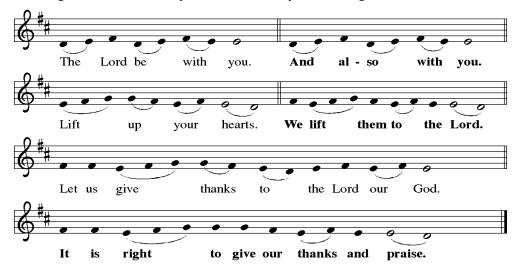
A: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

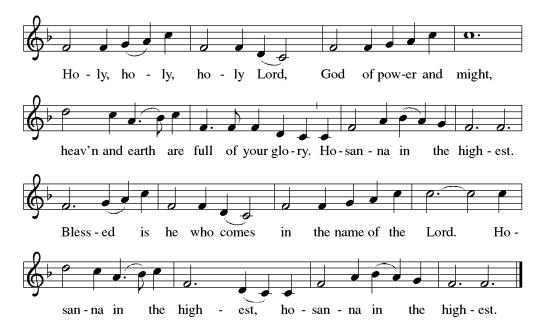
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The presiding minister continues to give thanks:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe....With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

The bread is broken for the communion. The assembly is seated.

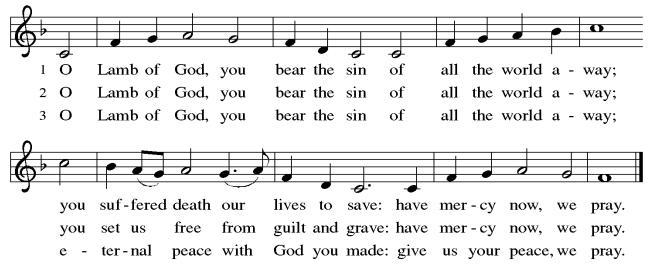
All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the celebration of holy communion. If you desire baptism, the pastor would love to speak with you! Those who are not baptized and children not yet communing may come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest if you desire a blessing.

At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

Gluten free bread is available on the right side. (please ask) Alcohol free wine is available on the right side. (please ask)

The body of Christ, given for you. *Response:* **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Response:* **Amen.**

Lamb of God





Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA. John Hughes. 1873–1932

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**



Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements (The assembly is seated)

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

The assembly stands as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

P: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Harry Ambrose, George Arce, Laurel Blake, Dorothy Johnson, James Loggins, Don Schutt, Normagene Richardson, Mildred Grady, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Kathy Paff, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

Prayers for Friends of the parish: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

₹ Rick, Mary, Carlos ₹ Laurel, Dorothy, Phil, Cheryl, Robert, Amber, Chandler, Braemen, Aiden, Jerry, Craig, Becky, Mike & Leigh, C.C., Bill, Carol, Susan, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Annette, Joanna, Betty, Chuck, Madison, Mason, John, Joseph, Daphne, Kathryn, Joni ₹ Aiden, Becky, Chandler, Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Jerry, Nettie, Amber, Mike, Leigh, Michael, Linda, Gene, Chris, Amanda, Madison, Annette, Mason, Joanna, John, Bettie, Chuck, Susan, Carol S., Joni, Carol, Bill, Dorothy, Phil, Stephanie, Alexandra, Laurel, Valerie, Greg, Melissa, Jason, Ann.

In a facility or homebound:

Barbara Kaptain – The Atrium Assistant Living at Boca Raton.

1080 NW 15TH Room 215 Boca Raton, Fl. 33486

Jane Reinhold – Platinum Loving Group, P. O. Box 410572, Melbourne, FL 32941

Evelyn Braun – 6152 Verde Trail Room 106 Boca Raton, Fl. 33433

Jim Loggins - John Knox Village – Woodlands 700 SW 4th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Bud Danker - 3020 N. Ridge Road Apartment W-316 Ellicott City, MD 21043

Assisting at Worship in March

(w) will give the cup at communion. Thank you all for serving.

10:15 AM	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz	Natalie Prego
ACOLYTE	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger	Sera Butz	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
LECTOR	Rita Sharkey	Tom Peterson	Erika Flanigan	Laurie Matarazzo	Catherine Zippay
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Pat Engle Lisa Castaneda (w)	Karin Breslin Lynda Smith R. Mottesheard Zachary Smith (w)	Pat Engle Lisa Castaneda Rita Filbert Lynda Smith (w)	Suzanne Loggins Karin Breslin Jeanne Pettit Rosie Fennelli (w)	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Caroline Smith L. Adelsberger	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson
SOUND	Larry Jones	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones
PROJECTION	Jake Waldecki	Jake VanZile	Chris Belanger	Jake VanZile	Jake Waldecki

March Holy Grill Serving Volunteers:

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	9am	5pm			
3/4	Rita Sharkey – Judy Dooge	Judy Hoyer – Annie Mandler			
3/11	Laurie Matarazzo – Juliet Crawford	Jake Waldecki			
3/18	Carol/Kelly Jacobson - Karen Breslin	Joe Leone			
3/25	Joan Possiel – Suzanne Loggins	Jake Waldecki			

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 100 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$ 3,694

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!

DARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Welcome winter residents!

We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and our first time guests today. Stop at the desk to pick up a **name tag** if you don't have one. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance cards in the worship folder with your name, number and email—especially if

you are visiting so that we can welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Pr. Schaefer. Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the gathering area at the back of the church (Narthex) following the liturgy this morning. St. Stephen members: don't forget to put a little something in the jar on the table to help support this ministry! We thank **Linda Hanzlik** for her generous stewardship of this ministry of hospitality!

Please wear your nametag to church every Sunday

We really do want St. Stephen to be a place where everybody knows your name! Regular worshippers: if you don't have one, stop by the welcome desk and we will order you one.



Congregation Council Meeting this Wednesday

The council meets on March 4 at 7:00pm in the Luther Room. Council members are reminded to pick up their packets this morning.

Join us each Thursday in Lent as part of your Lenten Discipline:

Holy Communion 12:15pm & 7:00pm

Teaching Series—Living Lutheran: The Small Catechism



Lent is the time to get back to basics. Each Thursday in Lent we will consider one of the 5 chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism:

March 5— The Ten Commandments

March 11— The Apostles Creed
March 18— The Lord's Prayer

Mach 25— The Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Confession

April 2— The Sacrament of Holy Communion

In the early church, and in many places again today, this is a time to prepare new Christians for Holy Baptism at Easter. One of the baptismal tools the church has used since 400AD is a "catechism." This comes from a Greek word that means to echo or repeat back. Following the Reformation, Martin Luther simply followed this ancient tradition, adapted now for his new situation. Countless Lutherans have studied this catechism prior to confirmation since the 1500's. It is still relevant today as a basic summary of the central beliefs of the Christian faith.



Memorial Liturgy for Edith Reichenbach

Jeanne and Dwight Pettit invite the congregation to a memorial Eucharist for Jeanne's mother Edith, who died on January 31, just short of her 100th birthday, on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00am. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow.

Holy Grill Feeding Ministry:

Breakfast is served Wednesday at 9am and dinner at 5pm in our east lot right in front of the sanctuary. Clothing is available each week in the Narthex. Please check the box on the attendance card if interested becoming a volunteer. **We need some more 5pm volunteers!!!** Be sure to include your email. Pr. Bob will contact you. We continue to collect for these urgent clothing needs: **Men's/women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, shorts, towels.**





Sunday Schedule

9:00am Bible Study in Pastor's Office

10:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1-First Sunday in Lent

9:00am Final Exodus Bible Study (Pastor's Office)

10:15am Holy Communion

Monday 2—John & Charles Wesley, Renewers of the Church, 1788 9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 3—Lent Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Bible Study (Luther Room)

Wednesday 4—Lent Weekday

9:00-10:00am Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

9:00-12pm Threads of Love

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

5:00-6:00pm Holy Grill Feeding Ministry

7:00pm Congregation Council Meeting (Luther Room)

Thursday 5-Lent Weekday

12:15pm Lent Holy Communion—10 Commandments

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

7:00pm Lent Holy Communion—10 Commandments

8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 6—Lent Weekday

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 7—Ss. Perpetua & Felicity & Companions, Martyrs, 202AD

Sunday 8—Second Sunday in Lent

10:15am Holy Communion



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