



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

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

10:15am

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, Pastor

Holy Communion

Gathering

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

INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

CHOIR PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

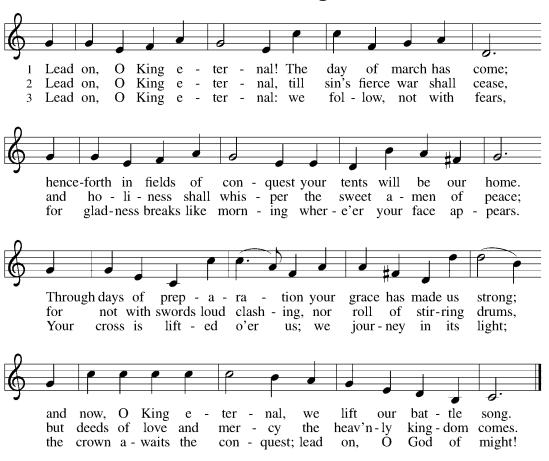
The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, **+** forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. **Amen.**

The assembly remains standing to sing, turning to the altar as the cross passes by.

GATHERING SONG:

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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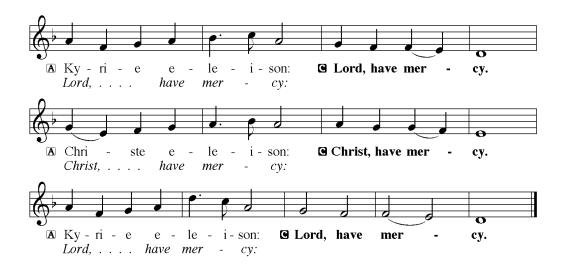


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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

 $^{12}\mbox{As}$ the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,

they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A reading from Philippians.

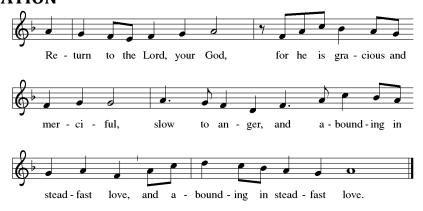
¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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: Luke 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

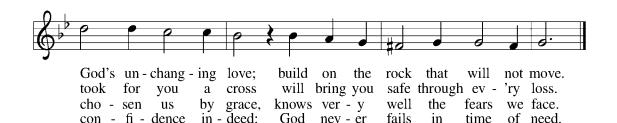
Children and Youth Message

SERMON

The Rev. Thomas Peterson

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





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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

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NICENE CREED

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

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

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.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

and his kingdom will have no end.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

After all have greeted each other the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

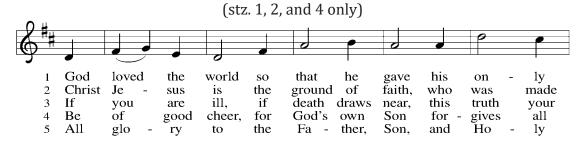
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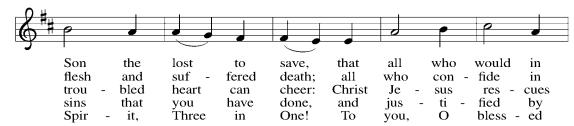
The assembly stands.

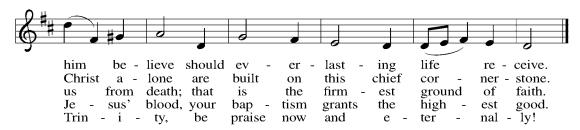
OFFERING SONG:

God Loved the World

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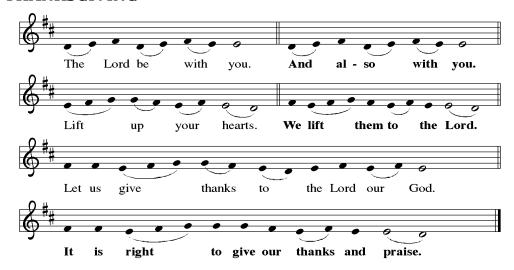
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OFFERING PRAYER

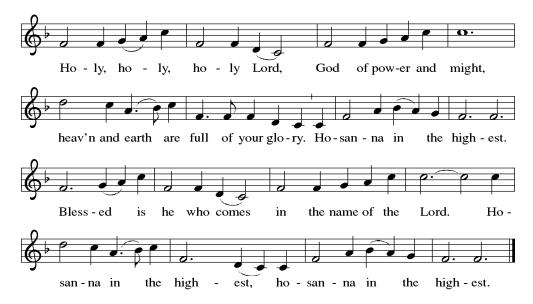
A: Let us pray.

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. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

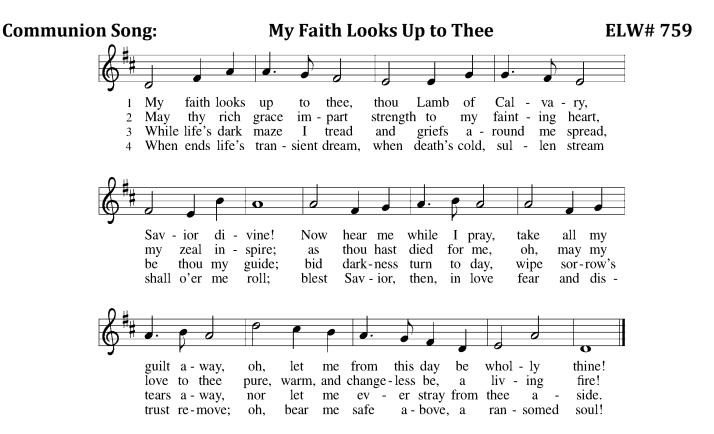
At St. Stephen we receive Holy Communion by receiving the bread and then either drinking directly from the cup or by intinction: That means that you may **receive the bread in your hand and then dip bread in the wine**.)

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: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Additional Communion songs are sung as needed

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

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

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING

P: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.





Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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: Caroline Smith, Dawn Schramm, Juliet Crawford, Carol Chmelynski, Jimmy Fennelli, Laurel Blake, Kathy Runk, Edith Reichenback, Audrey Shumway, Jim Loggins, Diane Adler, Katie Paff, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, and Shelley Amato.

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

♣ Cheryl, Robert, Craig, Nettie, Chandler, Becky, Aiden, Braemen, Jerry, Mary, Makayla, Bob, C.J., Bruce, and Sean ♣ Joyce, Sal, Lizbeth, Aurea, Marjorie, Jennifer, Aliya, Lem, and Eric ♣ Linda H., Sean, Letty, Pat, Susan, and Dan B.

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 Our Worship in March

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

10:15 AM	March 17	March 24	<u>March 31</u>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Pat Belanger
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Katie Paff	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Carisa Esposito	Catherine Zippay	Tom Peterson
USHERS -Need 4 to Serve Head Usher	Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Rosie Fennelli (w) Jimmy Fennelli Rosie Fennelli	Suzanne Loggins Jeanne Pettit Lynda Smith Zachary Smith (w) Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler (w) Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve SOUND	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson Dennis Magarrell	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle Sera Butz	Rose Jones Kelly Jacobson Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Jake VanZile	Dennis Magarrell	Larry Jones

In response to the amazing love, mercy and grace of God, St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community that openly welcomes all who are seeking God's divine love and grace. All are welcome in this place regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic situation or life situation, marital or relationship status, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, friends, spouses and partners are welcome. Your diversity and

uniqueness enriches and expands our community. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

DARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are thankful you are here! We especially welcome our guests and first time visitors 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!

Thank you Pastor Tom!

We thank our own Pr. Thomas Peterson for presiding and preaching at our Liturgy this morning in the absence of Pr. Bob, who is in Dallas this weekend presiding at the marriage of his former Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. James Graeser.

JOIN US: Lent mid-week worship series every Thursday at 12:15 and 7:00pm in the church.

We continue to share word and sacrament and explore each of five faith practices that mark baptismal living! The liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism describes the faith practices that grow out of our baptism (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 236). Our remaining themes:

- ❖ March 21--To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
- March 28--To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- ❖ April 4--To serve all people following the example of Jesus
- ❖ April 11--To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Assisting ministers needed at worship!

"Liturgy" means "public service" or "work of the people."
When we gather for worship an ordained pastor presides, but the liturgy is the work of the entire assembly and there are many roles. One of the most important is what *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* calls "Assisting Minister." In the liturgy an assisting minister is a lay person who leads some of the prayers, assists at the altar and distributes holy communion. We have four dedicated assisting ministers, but we need



more—especially men at this time, but all are welcome. If you might feel called to this important ministry, please check off the Assisting Minister Volunteer box on the attendance card. Pr. Bob will be in touch to schedule a training schedule. We are also looking for more lectors, greeters and ushers—see Pr. Bob if interested in any worship ministry.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Easter Day Breakfast and Egg Hunt!

We would like to have an Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter morning, April 21. We have some great plans but we need some great St. Stephen volunteers to help prepare and cook. We plan to serve breakfast in the fellowship hall from 8:30 to 9:45am. The menu will

include scrambled eggs, bacon, saugage, assorted casseroles and fruit. If you are willing to help with any of these things, please see Carol Jacobson today!

Wear your name badge:

It's really important that we know each other by name and can warmly welcome guests to our community. Please wear your name tag to worship and to every parish function!





Change for Change Tower: 40 Days of Giving

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United

States and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action. St. Stephen has set a goal of collecting \$500 during Lent for this project. Please pick up a Lenten 40 Days Giving Devotional Calendar in the back of the church if you have not already received one.

The Holy Grill feeding ministry needs you!

We serve breakfast to hungry, homeless and the working poor at the east end of the property on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am from the Holy Grill feeding truck of St. Nicholas Episcoapl Church. Please check off the box on your attendance card to volunteer to be a part of this ministry. We will contact you about schedule. Here is the list of food and goods we are collecting during Lent. Bring items to the narthex any time in Lent.



- Canned Goods
- Sloppy Joe mix,
- Individual Juices, Bottled Water, Tea, Kool aid
- Plastic Utensils
- Underwear
- Socks

In addition, you may arrange with Pr. Bob to bring the following perishable items on Wednesday mornings:

• American Cheese, Eggs, Butter, Breakfast Meat, Vegetables, Fruit.

You may also donate money designated for the Holy Grill for equipment for such as:

• Ice Machine, Ovens, Walk- in Refrigeration, as well as food.

We follow the ancient tradition of not using flowers at the altar during Lent.

There are many openings on the chart in the narthex near the door for later in the spring. Consider honoring or remembering a loved one, or just give flowers to beatify our worship to the glory of God. There are a number of Sundays open on the chart near the front doors of the church. The flowers are \$35 for the week.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

Last Sunday Attendance: 86 Last Sunday Income (all sources): \$4,156 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!



Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Ministry

Thursday Eucharist in Lent

12:15 p.m. & 7:00pm

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Activity Calendar

Sunday 17

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 - 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

Monday 18

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Tuesday 19

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Wednesday 20

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

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Thursday 21

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

12:15pm Midweek Lent Eucharist

7:00pm Midweek Lent Eucharist

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 22

9:30am-12:30pm Office Open

Saturday 23

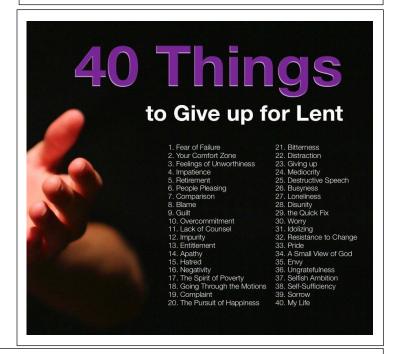
Happy and Blessed Saturday!

Sunday 24

10:15am Sunday Worship

11:45 – 12:45pm Confirmation Ministry

11:30am Worship Commission



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