

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**A Community of Faith for 242 Years**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**FIRST**



**SUNDAY**  
**in LENT**

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Holy Communion

\*stand +kneel

## **GATHERING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE...**“ What Wondrous Love Is This?”- arr. by Marvin Gaspard

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P - Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C - Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P - Gracious God,

**C - have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious  
God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work  
of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain  
the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of  
your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C -have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P - God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C -Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG...** "The Glory Of These Forty Days" (ELW 320)

# The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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## **\*GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

**P** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** - **And also with you.**

## **\*KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

**P** - Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before 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 is seated.*

## WORD

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God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but 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."

<sup>3:1</sup> 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'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God 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.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So 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. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

P - The word of the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 32 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>|</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>|</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>|</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>|</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>|</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>|</sup> all day long.

- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. R**
- <sup>9</sup> Do 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.”
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. R

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But 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 gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

<sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive

the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P - The word of the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (ELW 811)

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.

Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

P - The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C - Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> 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.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> 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.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY.....“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (ELW 325)**

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

**P - Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.**

*A brief silence.*

**P - God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.**

**C - Your mercy is great.**

**P - God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.**

**C -Your mercy is great.**

**P - God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. P - Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.**

**C -Your mercy is great.**

**P** - God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

**C -Your mercy is great.**

**P** - God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

**C -Your mercy is great.**

**P** - God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Hear us, O God.

**C -Your mercy is great.**

**P** - Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C - Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P** - The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C - And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **BELL ANTHEM ("Joyful Noise")**

**"Lenten Meditation" by Paul A. McKlveen**

## **MEAL**

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING...**

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" (ELW 182)**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P - O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C - Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P - The Lord be with you.

**C - And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

### **\*PREFACE**

P - It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

**P** - Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C** - **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P - O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C - Come, Holy Spirit.**

P - Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C - Come, Holy Spirit.**

P - With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C - Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P - Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### **\*COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

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.

### **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

P - The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

**C - Amen.**

## **\*TABLE BLESSING**

*The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds*

P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C- Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P - God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C - Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

P - Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C - Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

P - Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**C - Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG.....**“Bless Now, O God, the Journey” (ELW 326)

# Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

P - Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

There is no postlude during Lent. Please use the time for the postlude for a quiet reflection of your Lenten journey.

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**Please sign the Friendship Register** in your pew. Visitors, or members with a change of address, please complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors may also include the name and address of your home church so they can be notified that you have received communion.

**Prayer Requests:** Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of the service.

**The Student Loan Committee** will be having a meeting immediately after the service TODAY.

**Wednesday night Lenten worship services:** The services, with the theme of making change, will take place each Wednesday at 7:00pm from February 25 through March 25. We hope you will join us!

**The Women of the ELCA** will be collecting personal, school and baby items during the season of Lent. Check the table in the narthex for a list of all the items needed. All donations can be left on or under the table in the narthex. Please speak to Holly Maldonado for more information.

**We're trying something brand new** – we'll soon be livestreaming our worship services on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!! No need to worry about missing a thing — once we launch, we'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You'll still be able to chat, comment, and worship together live just like always. Our website now features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find recorded services beginning in February. So head on over, click Like, hit Subscribe, and ring that little bell 🔔 to be notified when livestreaming begins! 🙌 Check us out here: <https://www.youtube.com/@summerHillLutheran>

**All kids are invited** to join our Summer Hill Youth Group Escape Room on Saturday, March 7th from 4-7pm at St. Paul's UCC. Solve puzzles as you race through the rooms to see who can finish first! Pizza will be provided. An RSVP is appreciated by March 1st, but is not required. Please email [Laura.carll@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.carll@yahoo.com). There is a flyer on the bulletin board. We can't wait to see everyone there!

**The Saturday Spoken Worship Service** for March will be moved to Saturday, March 14. The service will begin at 5pm.

**Our annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on March 29th at 2pm. Please sign up any children that would like to participate on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by March 22. We will also have a sign-up sheet for plastic filled egg donations. If you're able to contribute, please see the bulletin board. Egg donations can be turned in by March 22. Thanks for your support.

**DONATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, March 22nd until Sunday, April 12th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will be given to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

**Summer Hill Cemetery:** Prior to March 28: Please remove any winter arrangements from the cemetery that you would like to keep. Thank you. Thank You!!

**Altar flower and bulletin sponsorship:** There are many openings available throughout the year to sponsor the fresh altar flowers and bulletins on a Sunday morning. You can celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, etc. Sponsorships can be in honor of, or in memory of someone. There are sign-up sheets for a few months at a time on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church office and speak to Kelly to be added at any time throughout the year. The cost of altar flowers is: \$17.50 to sponsor one vase, or \$35 to sponsor both vases. The bulletins are \$10 per sponsored Sunday.

**2026 Offering Envelopes and 2025 Giving Statements:** If you have not already picked up your envelopes and/or statements, they are available on the table in the Narthex. If you do not want to receive envelopes because you are contributing online, please contact the church office.

**Helping Harvest donations** will take place the first weekend of every month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

**Pastoral visits and home communions** are available at any time. Please call the church office at 570-754-7350 or Pastor Marie at 716-353-1610.

**Reminder for hospital visits:** The church is not informed by the hospital when someone is admitted. Please call the church to let us know if a pastoral visit is desired.

**Attendance February 15, 2026** – 48 in person; 185 online views, 1 share as of February 19.

**The 2026 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$2,951.25**

**February 8-13, 2026**

Current	\$3,677.55
Benevolence/Synod	\$25.00
Local Benevolence	<u>\$340.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,042.55</b>

**THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**Sunday, February 22 -First Sunday in Lent**

- 9:15am -Sunday School
- 10:30am -Worship Service
- Student Loan Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25**

- 7:00 PM -Wednesday Lenten Worship Service

**Thursday, February 26**

- 6:00 PM -Bell Choir practice

**Sunday, March 1 -Second Sunday in Lent**

- 9:15am -Sunday School
- 10:30am -Worship Service

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday, February 23:** Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

**Tuesday, February 24:** Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

**Wednesday, February 25:** Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

**Thursday, February 26:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

**Friday, February 27:** Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

**Saturday, February 28:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

**Sunday February 22 – 10:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Helen Miller

**Acolyte:** Tanner Gormley

**Lector:** Harry Schwenk

**Usher:** Becky Mairose

**Communion Assistant:** Michael Ziegler

**Counting Team:** Michael Ziegler & Matt Platt

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**Those serving in the military:** Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Mark Weinus, Jr., Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast

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