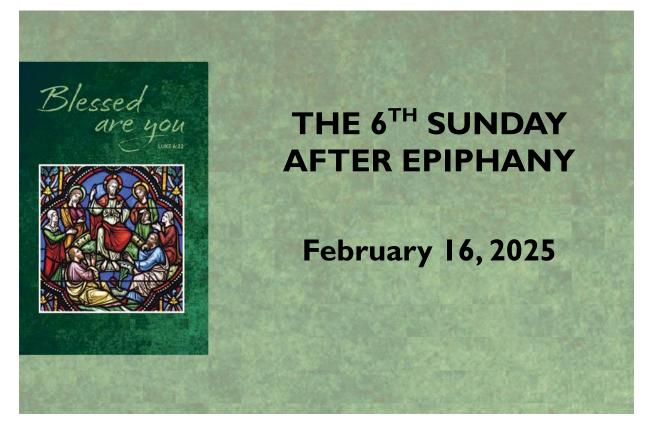
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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -*Providing* for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 6th Sunday after Epiphany + February 16, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"



*GREETING

- 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

L The First Reading according to Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 1 read responsively
A ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
C ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

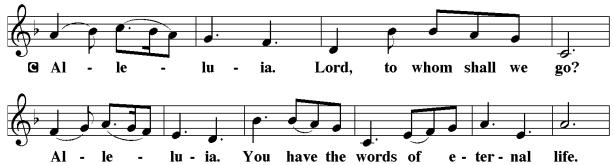
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

L The Second Reading according to 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17-26

C Glory to you, O Lord.

- Ρ ¹¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases: and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

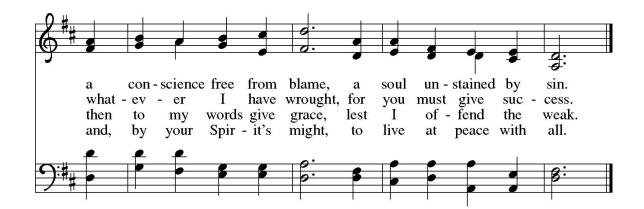
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Oh God, My Faithful God"





*APOSTLES' CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C 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 THE PEOPLE

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord 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.

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Shall Not Be Moved" Adult Choir American Spiritual

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <u>https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</u> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

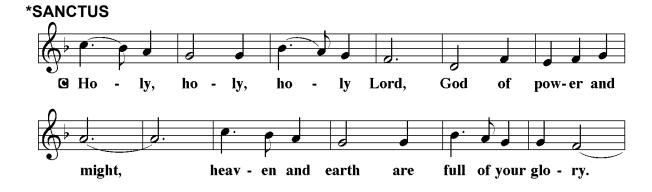
- A Let us pray. God of grace,
- C God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

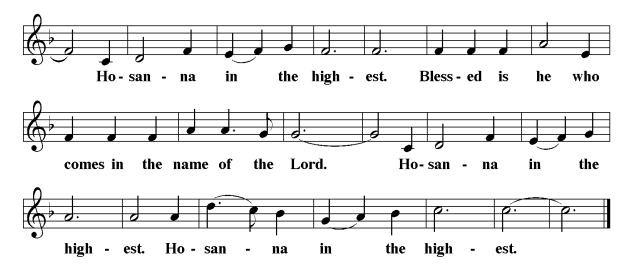
*DIALOGUE

- 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:





*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen!

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*LORD'S PRAYER

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

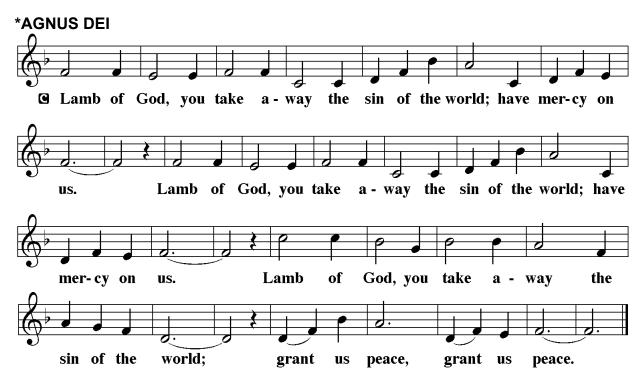
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"How Great Thou Art"

Heritage Choir



***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

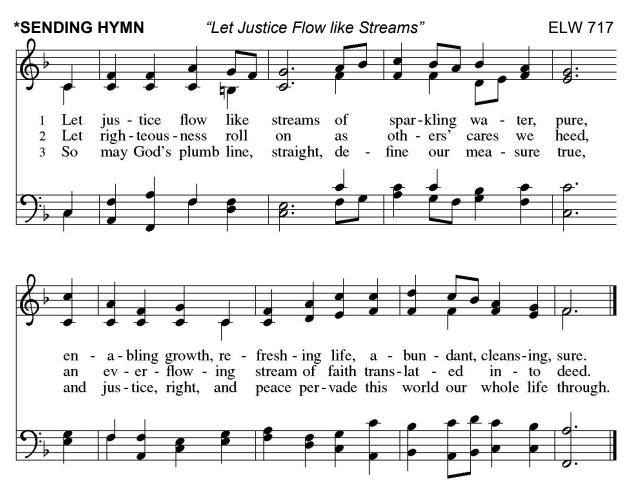
C Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

- P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- C Amen.



*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able

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	February 16	February 23
Assisting Minister	Russ Kaltreider	Donna Lehman
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Dan Fuhrman	Lucille Farrington
Communion Distributors	Glenn Alwine	Lucille Farrington
	Dan Fuhrman	Gretchen Walter
Ushers	Michael Kelly	Michael Kelly
	Sharon Kelly	Sharon Kelly
Altar Committee	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh

LAST SUNDAY'S RADIO BROADCAST AND WORSHIP BULLETINS were sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Scout Sunday by Boy Scout Troop 102 and Cub Scout Pack 102 of St. Paul's Church.

ONE OF THE ALTAR VASES sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saur by his wife, Fran, and Randi and Bob Reisinger.

COMMUNION BREAD and WINE AND THE ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Katie Sowers Olesen's 35th birthday today by Deb and Bill Sowers

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We know that fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. Coffee makers would start the coffee urn around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request!) Both volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at *finance@stpaulsyorkst.org*

Radio–Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers-March 2 (2 vases at \$20 each) Communion Bread and Wine-Feb. 23, March 2, 5, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins-Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date) Eternal flame-Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date) **FEBRUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to support our missionaries, The Swanson's, in Tanzania. Their newsletter can be found on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes, is held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us in the nursery, across from the lounge, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish by 11:30 am.

FAITH IN ACTION NEWS: Our Souper Bowl "soup" collection results are in. 536 cans were collected this year surpassing our goal of 400 cans. Thanks for your generosity!

FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOOR REFINISHING – Beginning Tuesday afternoon, February 18th, the Fellowship Hall and kitchen floor will be off limits until Friday, February 21st. We want to allow ample time for the stripping and refinishing of the floors to take place. Thank you for your understanding.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor beginning March 11 as we study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. The book focuses on what Jesus did for us on the Cross by getting us to look at it in a new light, and with a fuller understanding. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than February 24 so we may order your book.

DESSERT AUCTION AND DINNER WILL BE HELD NEXT SUN., FEB. 23, AT 1PM. This year we will be serving a Roast Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Proceeds benefit the next generation of St. Paul's Youth attending future National Youth Gatherings in 2027 and 2030! Tickets will be sold following worship beginning February 2nd. Adults \$15, Children \$5. Thank you for your support!

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wed., Feb. 26, 2025** at **12:30pm** in the Conference Room on the second floor. The elevator will take you up to the second floor then follow the hallway to the Theater Room and go through that room into the Conference Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch and a drink if you like. This month's book is <u>Then</u> <u>Came Hope</u> by Buffy Andrews. Buffy Andrews is a local author from the York, PA area who has spoken to our group before when we read one of her other books. Hope to see you there.

RUTH'S HARVEST-- The **Faith In Action Committee** has selected **Ruth's Harvest** as their Lenten project again this year. The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single-serve drinks. This project will run during Lent from **Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025.** All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

SUN., FEB. 16	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 6 th Sunday after Epiphany
Immediately following Worship		Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation
		Coffee Hour - Lounge
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		Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor)
		Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., FEB. 17	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor (no Daisies)
	7:00 pm	Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., FEB. 18	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall floor refinishing
	p.	
WED., FEB. 19	7:00 pm	Council meeting – Conf. Room (2 nd floor)
THUR., FEB. 20	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
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FRI., FEB. 21	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	4:00 pm	Private Use – Fellowship Hall
SAT., FEB. 22	9:00 am	Men in Mission breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed
	12:00 pm	Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquest – Fellowship H.
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service)
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., FEB. 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Epiphany
Immediately follow	ing Worship	Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room
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		Coffee Hour - Lounge
		Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor)
		Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Dessert Auction and Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall