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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026, 9:00 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

- AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.
In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

ACS #914



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.



Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.





Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.



GREETING

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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

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to you, God”

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1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
 Ours the rejoicing for nature re-claimed;
 Ours the rejoicing for spirits a-flame;
 ours the thanks-giving to your ho-ly name.

Ours be the telling of deeds great-ly done;
 yours be the glo-ry, O God, yours a-lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

P: These church members have recently been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership among us, or are presently serving in office.

Dear friends in Christ: Hear the words of St. Paul who writes: *“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them in every person, for the good of all.”*

You have been chosen by your fellow members to positions of leadership and trust in our congregation. You are, therefore, to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Him in whose Name we gather. You are to work together with your fellow members to ensure that the worship and work of Christ are done in our congregation, and that God's will is done in our community and throughout the world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of service, that the one Lord who empowers you for service is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of our church.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the office to which you have been elected? If so, answer – “Yes, with the help of God...” **RESP: “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”**

(The congregation stands, and those elected face them.)

P: And to the congregation, I ask: Will you support your elected leaders and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized people of God? If so, answer – “Yes, with the help of God.” **RESP: “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”**

P: I now declare you installed as members and officers of the Augustana Church Council and AES Church Council. May God bless you with His Holy Spirit, that you may ever prove to be faithful servants of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-12

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 112:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God’s commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gathered to - day.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer . . .

SHARING GOD'S 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.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Thank You, Lord"

vs. 1 & 4, ACS #1092

A musical score for the hymn "Thank You, Lord". The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:
1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some sustained notes and a final cadence.

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Great Thanksgiving

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:

Congregation Responds: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words Of Institution

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

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom
are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

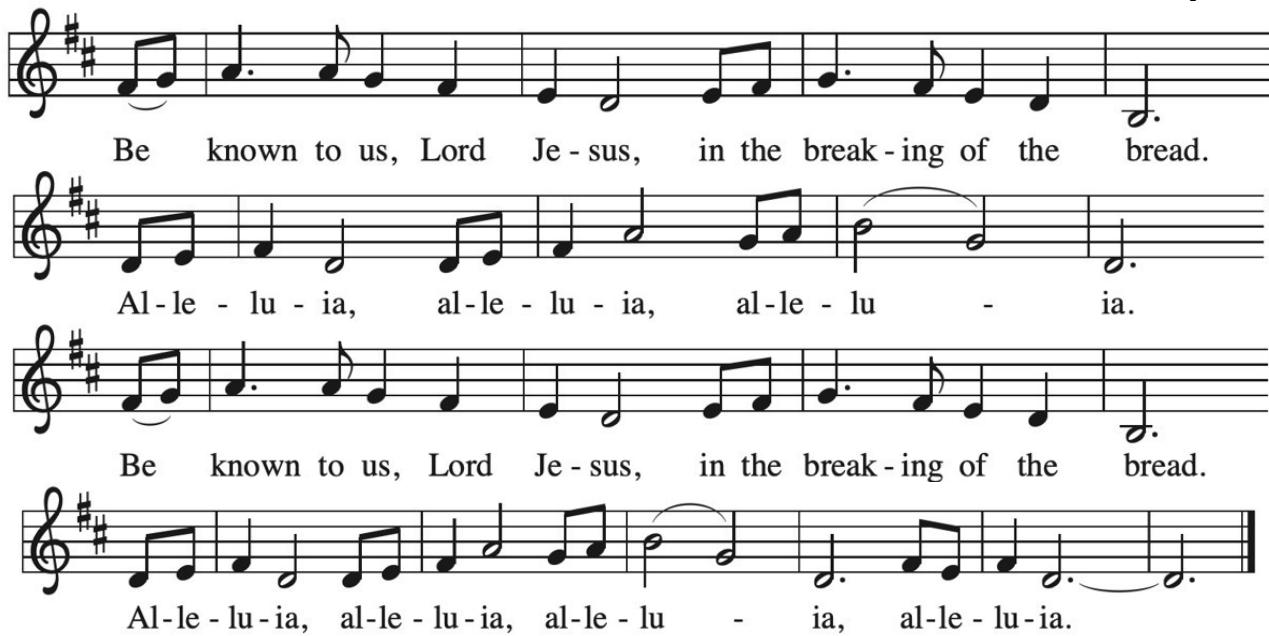
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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the table

“Be Known to Us, Lord”

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Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.
Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

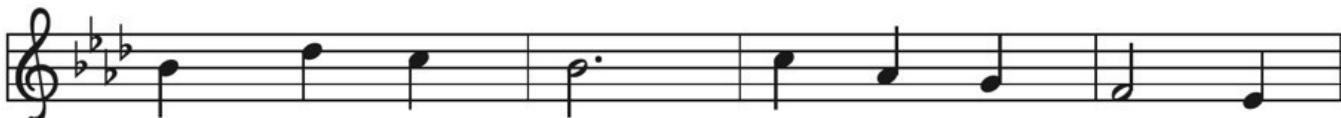
ACS #1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel.
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DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Terry "Cub" Watson, Lucy Christenson Lindsey Kulseth, Dean Hoffman, Brandon Hagen, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

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| General Offering: \$ 905.00 |
| Vanco/Online Offering: \$ 458.50 |
| Total Offering for February 1st: \$1,363.50 |
| Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget. |

Activities this week: February 9 – February 15

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
 6:00 pm – (A) Education Committee
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) ROAR / Confirmation / Committee Meetings
Thursday 6:00 pm – (E) Council
Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 am – (A) Council planning Session
Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Worship
 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour / BINGO
 10:30 am – (E) Worship
 6:00 pm – Youtherans at Food Shelf

Church Announcements

- † The **Watonwan Community Cares group** is taking donations to assist immigrant families in need in our community. Items needed include, but not limited to: baby diapers, formula, food, and financial support. Donations can be dropped off at First Presbyterian. Any questions, contact Alison Kulseth or Pr. Mandy.
- † **Grades 6 – 12 are invited to a Bowling/Pizza Party** in Springfield, Sunday, Feb. 22 from 3-7 pm. Cost is \$10 each. Each youth is also able to invite 1 friend for \$10. Contact Sandy to sign up. **Deadline is TODAY!**
- † **Ashes-to-Go Weds., Feb. 18th from 12 – 1 pm** on the corner of Armstrong Blvd N, and Weston Ave. *There will also be **Communion Worship at 6:30 pm at East Sveadahl.**
- † **Youtherans will meet at 6 pm at the Food Shelf on Sunday, February 15th.**
- † **The church will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.**
- † **The March newsletter deadline is Tuesday, February 17th.**