



Scout ♣ *Sunday*



WELCOME



Scout Sunday ~ February 1st, 2026

() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany (written by Rosie Venner)

- P: When You say blessed are you who are poor, do your eyes rest on me in the crowd and see how weighed down I am with possessions?
- C: **When You say blessed are you who are hungry, do You place your hand in mine and know the feasts I have eaten?**
- P: When You say blessed are you who weep now, do You anoint my head with oil and sense that I have laughed long and hard?
- C: **Then bless me again Lord. Take my riches, my fullness, my laughter, all that I have in excess and let it rise up in the poor, the hungry and those who weep.**
- P: Together may we delight in good things and share bread.
- C: **Open our hearts in joy and sorrow knowing that, together, we seek your kingdom as one body. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #873

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

P: Let us pray. ~ Holy God, You confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the goodness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Micah 6: 1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



*The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 5: 1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The Holy Gospel according to the 5th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And Jesus began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Hymn #710

“Let Streams of Justice Flow”

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

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.

*The Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Merciful God ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem

“Blest Are They”

Blessing of the Elements



The Lord's Prayer

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: The God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #669

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love. ♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music



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*thank
you*

... to Scouts, Patrick Lance and Lucas Dale for serving as our
lectors this morning

... to Scout, Jacob Dale for serving as our greeter

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech


*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Emma LaFlamme, Jeanne Logan, Barb Shaneberger, Tyler and Elizabeth, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

The altar flowers have been sponsored by the Scouts in honor of present and former members and leaders.



Mark your calendars our for our next “Souper” Bowl, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale!

**** This Saturday, February 7th ****

9am-12 noon in the fellowship hall

Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are able to provide soup or baked goods. Thanks!

Friedens’ annual Easter Candy Project is starting!



Please contact Nancy Filler at 610-282-1386 if you are interested in helping. Scheduled days may vary from week to week.



**Ash
Wednesday**

Mid-week Lenten services will begin on February 18th with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:15pm. All are welcome.