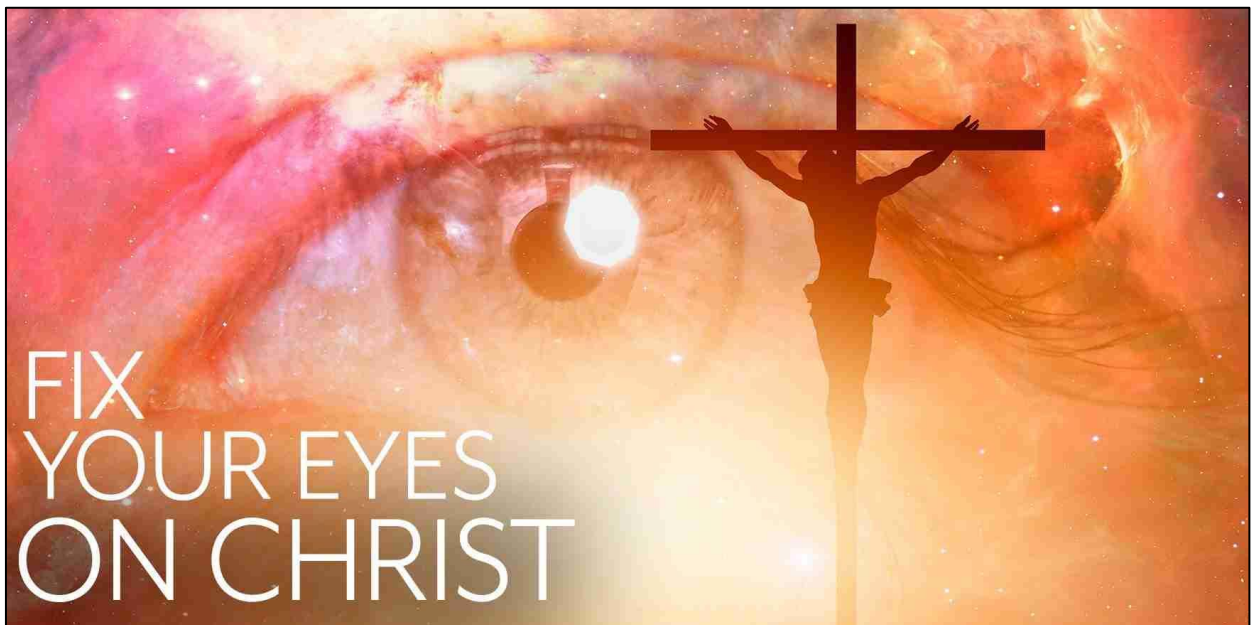


2nd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



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Preservice Music

As We Gather

We focus our attention on Christ crucified. The apostle Paul tells us that this is a stumbling block and foolishness to some people. Yet Paul also reminds us that for us who are being saved, Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. We may face people in our lives who view us as foolish. God in His wisdom sent Jesus to die for you.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

All in attendance in the sanctuary are asked to complete the Connect Card located in the pew rack and they will be collected along with Prayer Cards, during the Sermon Hymn.

Announcements

Call to Worship

♪ In The Cross Of Christ I Glory *LSB 427 v. 1-4*

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
 Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
 Gathers round its head sublime.

- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872. Text: Public domain

Invocation *(please stand)*

✝: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P God invites us to gather in His name.

C We are gathered to worship and praise.

P Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.

C He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.

P We listen to God's Word.

C We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.

Confession and Absolution

P Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us ever into His house to ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us,
and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ **Kyrie**

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in righteousness You disrupted the sinful lives of those in the temple, pointing them to the purpose of Your Father's house. Disrupt our sinful lives so that our church would be a home of prayer for all the nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(please be seated)*

Exodus 20:1–17

A The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 20.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to

them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For

since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is

written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *(please stand)*

Verse

John 2:19

P Destroy this temple,

C **and in three days I will raise it up.**

John 2:13–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for

your house will consume me.”

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

**the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

(please be seated)

Children's Message

*Those present may fill out a Prayer card. Our
volunteers will gather them during the Sermon Hymn,
to be offered up during the Prayer of the Church.*

♪ My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less *LSB 575 v. 1-4*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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Sermon

9:00AM – Offering *Please bring forward your offerings, tithes, and mites.*

Offertory *(please stand)*

♪ Create In Me *LSB 956*

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
 and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
 and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12. Text: Public domain

Prayer of the Church

P On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle.

On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C blessed Jesus, King of grace.

The prayers conclude:

P Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship Card, located in each pew rack.

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and

truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection

from the dead, Your ascension into heaven,
and Your coming for the final judgment. So
remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

♪ Agnus Dei

C 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.

(please be seated)

Distribution

9:00AM - Songs During Distribution

♪ Built On The Rock *LSB 645 v. 1-5*

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
 Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
 Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,

Longing for rest everlasting.

2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,

And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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♪ These Are The Holy Ten Commands *LSB 581*

1 These are the holy Ten Commands
God gave to us by Moses' hands
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,
Receiving them for our good.
Have mercy, Lord!

2 “I am alone your God, the Lord;
No other gods shall be adored.
But you shall fully trust in Me
And love Me wholeheartedly.”
Have mercy, Lord!

3 “Do not My holy name disgrace,
Do not My Word of truth debase.
Praise only that as good and true
Which I Myself say and do.”

Have mercy, Lord!

4 “You shall observe the worship day
That peace may fill your home, and pray,
And put aside the work you do,
So that God may work in you.”

Have mercy, Lord!

5 “You are to honor and obey
Your father, mother, ev’ry day,
Serve them each way that comes to hand;
You’ll then live long in the land.”

Have mercy, Lord!

6 “You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;
Your anger dare not dominate.
Be kind and patient; help, defend,
And treat your foe as your friend.”

Have mercy, Lord!

- 7 “Be faithful to your marriage vow;
No lust or impure thoughts allow.
Keep all your conduct free from sin
By self-controlled discipline.”
Have mercy, Lord!
- 8 “You shall not steal or take away
What others worked for night and day,
But open wide a gen’rous hand
And help the poor in the land.”
Have mercy, Lord!
- 9 “Bear no false witness nor defame
Your neighbor nor destroy his name,
But view him in the kindest way;
Speak truth in all that you say.”
Have mercy, Lord!
- 10 “You shall not crave your neighbor’s house
Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.
Pray God He would your neighbor bless
As you yourself wish success.”
Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein
That you have not been free from sin
But also that you clearly see
How pure toward God life should be.
Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord!

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

♪ Thy Word CCLI #14301

Chorus **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

1. **When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end** *Chorus*

2. **I will not forget**

Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end *Chorus*

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!



SERVING in the LORD'S HOUSE

Pastor Rev. Aaron B. Chittick

Admin. Assist. Laura Oswood **Organist** Kay Kaupp
Treasurer Donna Hobday **Altar Guild** Ruth Patch
Interpreter Amy Linscott **Banners** Cheryl
for the Deaf Downs

	<u>Wed -</u>	<u>Next Sunday -</u>
<u>Today - March 3</u>	<u>6:15pm</u>	<u>March 10</u>
Acolyte Madeline G	-	Lorelai C
Assistant Merle D	-	Rick T

Ushers	John S	-	Christopher M
	Jeremiah G		Kevin L
Reader	Kelsey S	Donna Ho	Chris Do
Sound	Max G	-	Jason M
Candles	Ron P	-	-
Counters	Rick T	Chris M	Chris M
	Suzanne D	Steve O	Steve O
Cookies		-	

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Joyce Adams; Sidney Bills; Scott Brandenburg; Sue Davenport; Debbie; Rob Eickmann; Ethel; Samantha Greenburg; Nancy Gregory; Janet; Kim; Kathleen Klumpp; Bill Livingston; Liz; Jim Mallow; Lynn McCurley; Chris Mills; Monica; Noah; Dixie Pawloski; Ruben Pineda; Patrick Reardon.

Family & Friends: Brian; Clark; Alice Conrad; Cathy Harari; Debbie Jenner; Fred Jenner; Vicki Keokuk; Mike; Patricia; Doreen Robinson; Bill Tunison; Vanessa & Violet; Zoe.

Shut-ins: MaryAnn Morrill; Mary Osbon; Bea

Richardson; Gail Tryner.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Gabrielle; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Joe Meyer; Logan Ostrander; Ryan Schlueter; Heath Taner; Chelsea Terrones; Arie Vincegerra.

ATTENDANCE February 25 Worship: 9am-69, 11:30am-14; Sunday School: Adults-28, Kids-10.

OFFERINGS February 25 (Includes Direct Payments): General Fund-\$3,411; Lent-\$135; Youth-\$102; Narthex Project-\$270; Total-\$3,968.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 8:30am, Wed.*

Sunday School For All Ages Grab a cookie, find the appropriate class on the bulletin board, and join us @ 10:30!

Wednesdays in Lent Join us for supper @ 5:30 and Worship @ 6:15, all in the Fellowship Hall. We'll continue studying "Judges: Old & New" as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter.

Sign Ups for Wednesdays in Lent Check out the

bulletin board for sign up sheets to bring food or host one of our meals. We need your help.

Green Volunteer Sheets are due TODAY. These are for scheduled volunteers for worship services. If you have questions, talk to Pastor, Ron Patch, or the office.

Interpretation for Deaf Mary will be out of town for a couple of weeks. Here's the upcoming schedule as far as we know:

March 3 - Amy will interpret

March 10 - no interpretation

No interpretation at the midweek services until further notice.

Family Promise We'll be helping feed the homeless through Family Promise March 11-15.

Memorial Garden Bricks Don't forget you can order bricks to be added to our Memorial Garden. Bricks may be personalized with your chosen dedication. You can always find order forms on the shelf in the Copy Room. There are 2 sizes, so be sure to get the form for your chosen size.

Return when completed to the church office with your \$. Talk to Bill or Barb Tunison with questions.

Diaper Drive During the month of March we will be holding a drive for baby diapers and wipes which will benefit Beginnings Care for Life. Especially needed are sizes 5 and 6 diapers.

THIS WEEK at ST. PAUL

- Sun 3/3 9:00am Worship
 10:30am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:30am Worship
- Wed 3/6 9:00am Staff Meeting
 1:00pm Quilting
 5:30pm Supper
 6:15pm Lent Worship
 7:00pm Elders Meeting
- Sat 3/9 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- Sun 3/10 9:00am Worship
 10:30am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:30am Worship