



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 12, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting One

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Here I Am to Worship”**

**Arr. Mark Hayes**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

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Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen 1855-1932 Public Domain

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

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, amen.**

**Canticle of Praise: *Now Thank We All Our God***

**ELW 840**

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Cathrine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johan Crüger, 1598-1662 Public Domain

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119:1-8** (*read responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!  
<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**  
<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.  
<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**  
<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**  
<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW p. 102**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**

**Refrain**

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

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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**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
...power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offertory Music: “*The Heart of Worship*”**

**Arr. Mark Hayes**

**Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**ELW 188**

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



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**Offering Prayer in Unison**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

## Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

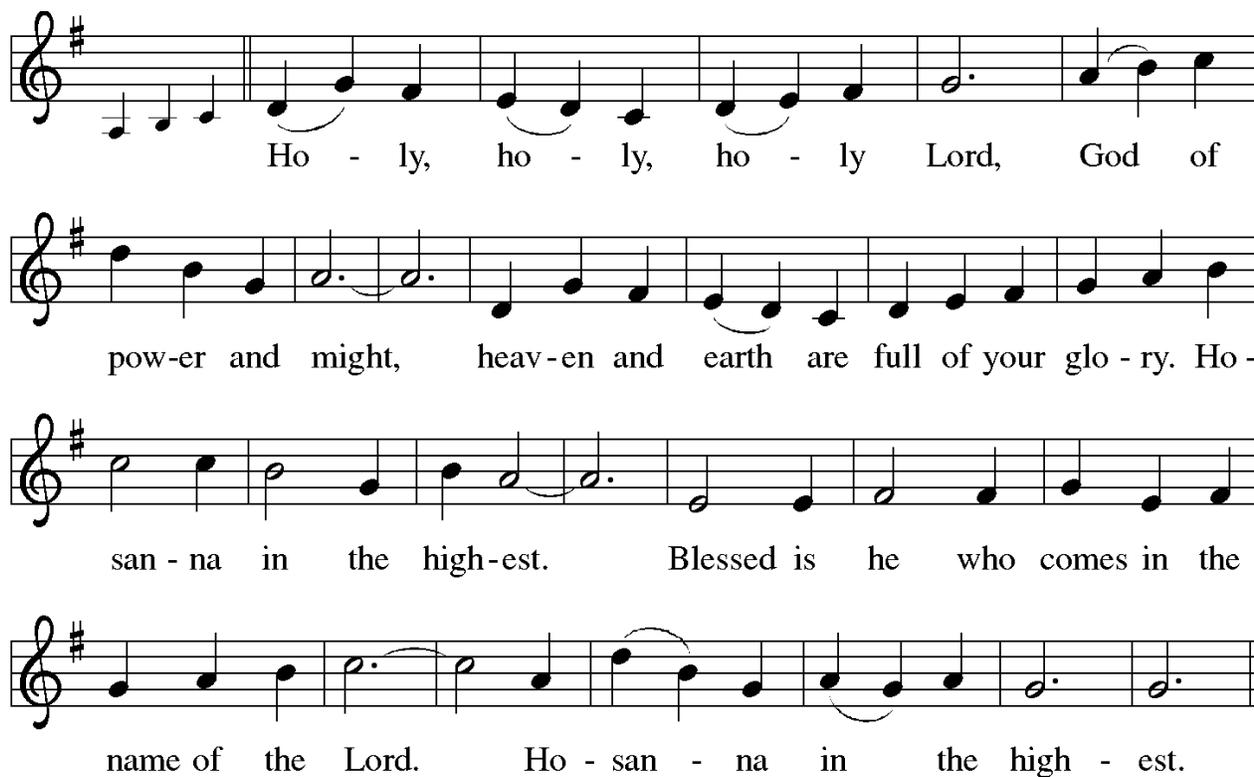
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

## Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

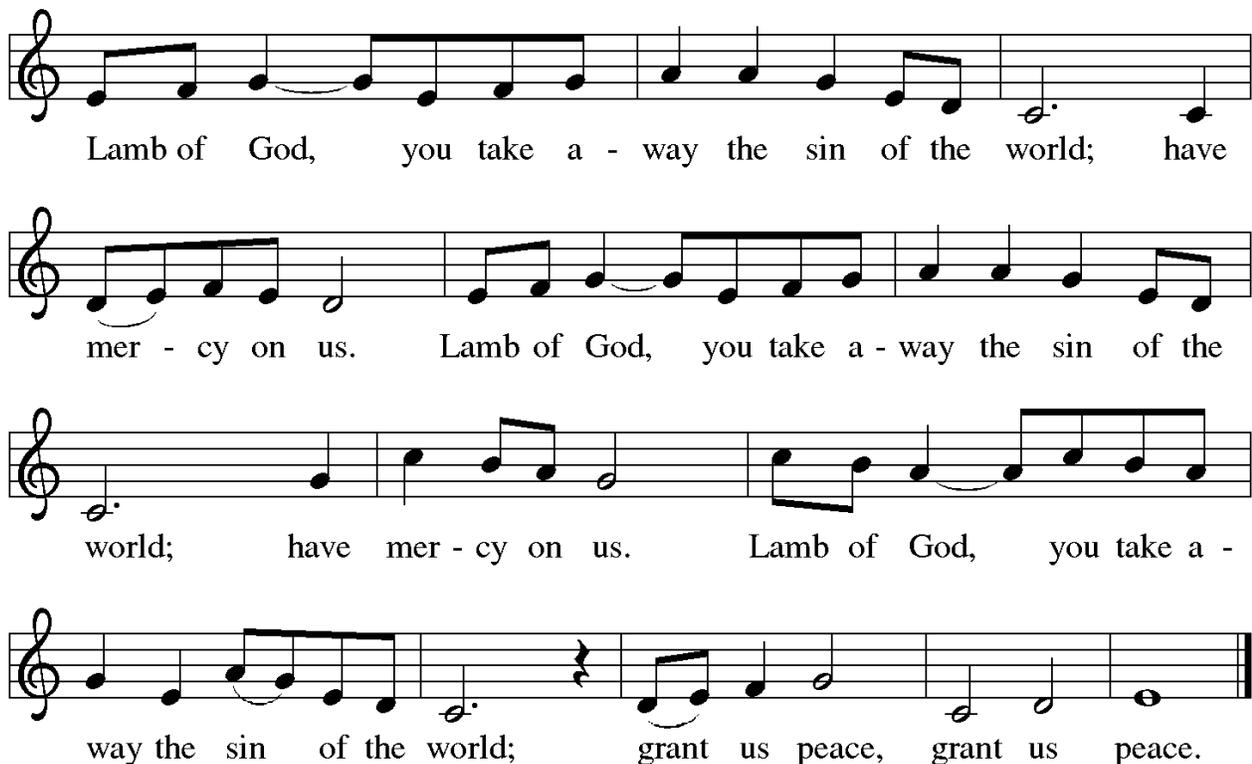
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

ELW p. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution Songs:

### *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

ELW 312

- 1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.
- 3 Jesus, come! in new creation,  
heav'n brought near in pow'r divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest Sign!
- 4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!

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### *One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

#### **Refrain**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **Refrain**
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## Announcements

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song: *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

**ELW 544**

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| 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,<br>worship, thanks, devotion voicing:<br>glory be to God on high!<br>Christ, your cross and passion sharing,<br>by this eucharist declaring<br>yours the final victory. | 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,<br>lost and lonely, one voice hearing,<br>ears attentive to your word;<br>by your blood new life receiving,<br>in your body, firm believing,<br>we are yours, and you the Lord. |
| 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,<br>we go forth alert and living<br>in your Spirit, strong and free.<br>Partners in your new creation,<br>seeking peace in ev'ry nation,<br>may we faithful foll'wers be.   |  |

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: ‘Open the Eyes of My Heart w/Be Thou My Vision**

**Arr. Mark Hayes**

## Announcements

### Worship Online

#### Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: Luther

#### Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: 456037

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Barry & Mary Pickart in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Cross Generational Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, February 15	6:00 PM	Confirmation w/Mentors: Dine & Learn

**Holy Land Presentation** During today’s cross-gen. Sunday School time we will welcome WTS students Mark Glazener, Laura Jaciszek & husband Colin Baker along with Troy T. who will share their experiences in the Holy Land in January. There will be foods to try and lots of photos and stories. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

**SOUPer Bowl of Caring** Today’s the day! Thank you for your generous support of this fundraiser for our Little Food Pantry. Donations are greatly appreciated and still welcomed.

**New Member Gathering** Are you a regular at Lord of Life? Do you enjoy worship, the friends you've made (or have yet to make!)? Are you transferring from another congregation? Are you interesting in becoming a member of Lord of Life? Join Pastor Paul in the conference room on Sunday, February 26th for donuts and dialog about what it means to formalize your relationship with the church. Just RSVP to [pastor@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:pastor@lordoflifedbq.org) or sign up at the corner of the coffee bar today!

## **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and Jazz Service!**

On the evening before Ash Wednesday we will have a party. Our first pancake supper and jazz service since before the pandemic takes place on **TUESDAY, February 21st**. Dinner at 6pm and a Dixieland Jazz Band service at 7pm.

**Bake 'em, bring 'em for Fat Tuesday!** Do you have a dessert that you really love? Bring it for Fat Tuesday and the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21st. Cookies, cakes, pies and more all welcome as we celebrate together. Items can be dropped off during the day or brought to the supper by 5:30pm.

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Pastor Paul will once again offer an open space in the sanctuary from Noon-1pm for the imposition of ashes. Come and go over the lunch hour. The full liturgy will take place at 7:15 pm and will be live-streamed from the sanctuary. This day is critical as we enter Lent and the 40 days.

## **Prayer List**

Brandon Johnson	Valerie Kennedy and family
Jason & Sara Jones and family	Rich & Sue Keppler
Ramona Kartman	David King
Pete & Stephanie Klein and family	

## **Servants:**

### **Sunday, February 12**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita		Kris E-Eipperle	Backhaus'
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Brandon Johnson	Joan Cram	Barb Lindecker	Tim & Heather F.

### **Sunday, February 19**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Susan Hansen
<b>10:30 AM</b>	

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