

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE,
AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

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"BEWARE OF PRACTICING YOUR PIETY BEFORE OTHERS IN ORDER TO BE SEEN BY THEM;  
FOR THEN YOU HAVE NO REWARD FROM YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." MATTHEW 6:1  
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(*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

READING OUR MISSION STATEMENT (INSERT)

*OPENING HYMN: **THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE** (INSERT)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: SEE, NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME;

ALL: SEE, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!

LEADER: LET US PRESENT TO GOD OUR CONTRITE HEARTS.

ALL: GOD WILL INWARDLY RESTORE AND RENEW US.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: LIKE YOU, CHRIST, PROPHETS BEFORE YOU AND APOSTLES WHO FOLLOWED YOU HAVE ATTEMPTED TO TEACH US THE CONTOURS OF A DEVOUT LIFE. AS THIS SEASON OF LENT BEGINS, LET THEIR WORDS RING OUT URGENTLY, REMINDING US OF OUR MORTALITY, EXHORTING US TODAY TO FAITHFULNESS AND REPENTANCE. HELP US TO REFORM OUR WAYS AND REDIRECT ALL DEVOTION TO YOU. LET US LEARN TO LIVE HUMBLY AND TO WORSHIP YOU SINCERELY. AMEN.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATORIX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21**

SERMON: "PRACTICING PIETY"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

HYMN: **#332 AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE** (ALL VERSES)

CARL P. DAW, JR., 1989

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): **ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: **#347 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY** (ALL VERSES)

FRED KAAH, 1975; ALT.

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON RESPONSE:

AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN, MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

USHERS: **ASHLEY WEDGE & NANCY WEDGE**

GREETERS: **KATHY MOORE & JOE GARANT**

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: **RON & LYNN BORKE AND BETH PETTY**

ALTAR GUILD: **PAT GARANT**

COMMUNION: **PAT GARANT**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MARCH 2	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY	MARCH 3	4:30 PM 5:30 PM	SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY (ASH WEDNESDAY)	MARCH 5	1:15 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS SOUP SUPPER/ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP/ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE, AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP; PUDDING (4 PACK JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS). PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

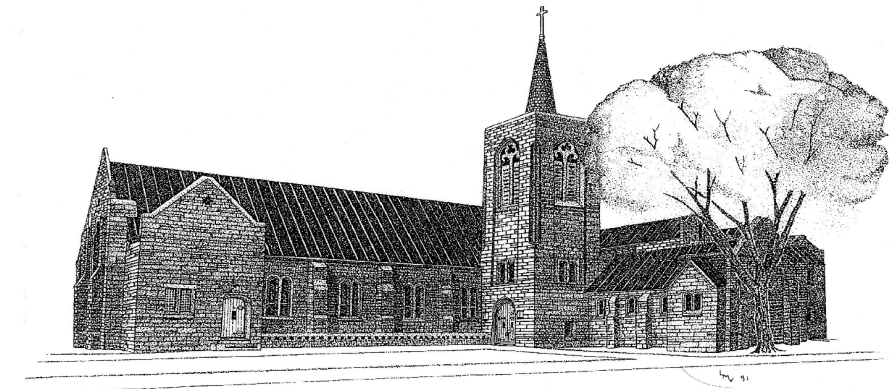
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

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March 2, 2025

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share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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