

Welcome to  
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Lent**

**March 8, 2026**



**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

During the Confession, you are invited to take on a posture of reverence. If you are able you may kneel, sit forward and lean on the pew in front of you, or remain seated.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots  
out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C:** **Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P:** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**C:** **Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**A:** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**C:** **Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

A: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

May the Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwell within you, pouring God's love into your hearts, giving you life and peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand as we sing our Gathering Song.*

**GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 807

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING***

**THE GREETING**


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!**

## A CANTICLE FOR LENT

*The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain, while Pastor sings the verses.*

*Refrain*



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the  
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

## EXODUS 17:1-7

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD,

“What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## ROMANS 5:1-11

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death

of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

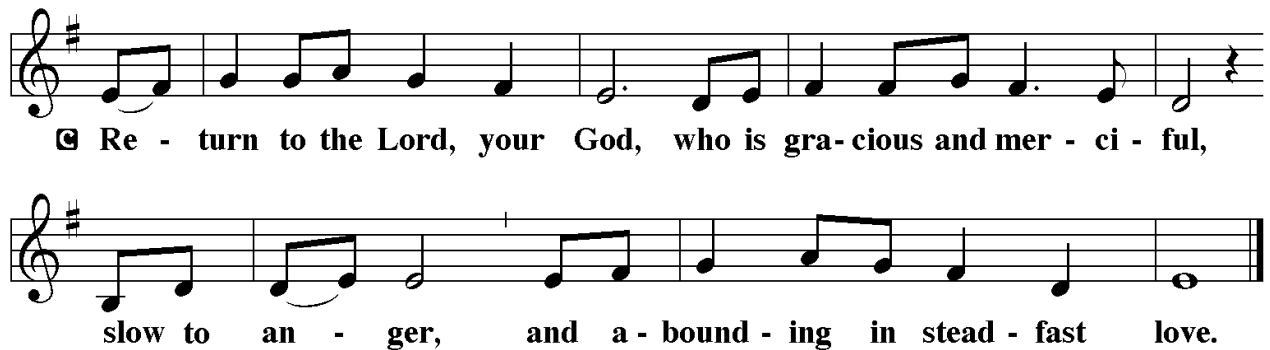
*On Sunday.*

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather in the Sunday School room for an activity. They will return to worship before communion.*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### **READING OF THE GOSPEL**

**JOHN 4:5-42**

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about

noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that

Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION**

*REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY*

*On Sunday.*

### **THE AFTERWORD**

*Middle & High School Youth are invited following the reflection to meet in the Dining Room. They will connect with the message for the day and spend time in prayer. The youth will return following the offering hymn.*

*Please stand.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW # 777

#### ***COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY***

*Please be seated.*

### **SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

- P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P: Today you have presented ***Theodore Jackson Chipner*** for baptism.
- P: As you bring ***Theodore*** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy

scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *him* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

P: Do you promise to nurture *him* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support **Theodore** and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

A: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

A: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

A: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

A: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To

you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Baptism**

P: **Theodore**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Theodore** the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: **Theodore**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Welcome**

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

Mark Patterson

#### ***JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE***

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OFFERING SONG**

ELW # 325

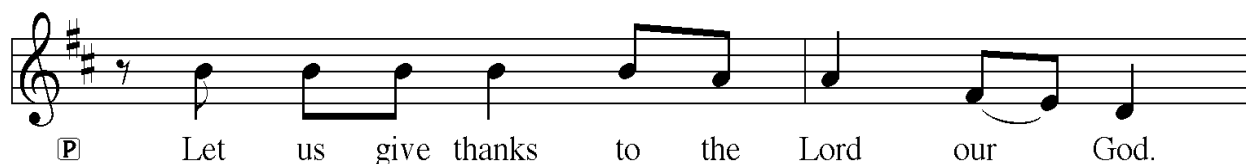
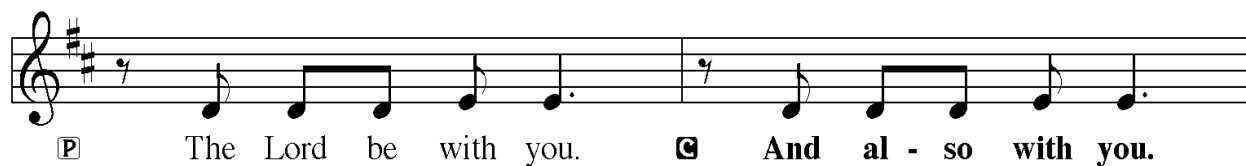
#### **I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**C:** **Your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## THE PROPER PREFACE

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.**

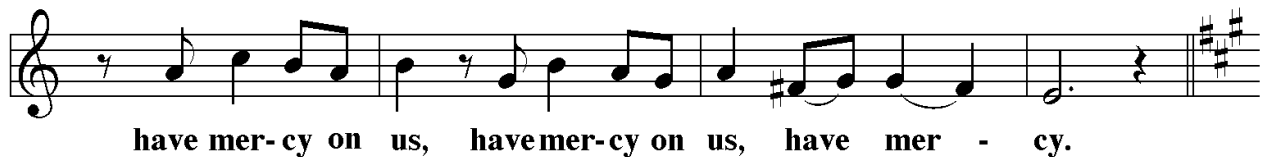
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

*Please be seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## AGNUS DEI



## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice is offered as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 623

### ***ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME***

*After all have communed, you will be invited to stand.*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
bless you now and always.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

ELW # 419

***FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN***

VERSES 1, 2, 8 & LAST

### **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace.

**P:** Believe the good news.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

**DRIVE-IN CHURCH** - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, by Joyce Havens and family.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** in loving memory of our parents Marie & Wayne Lieske's 75th wedding anniversary and our sister Kay Reiter from "The Girls" and their families. **(Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50], should contact the church office.)**

**THIS WEEK AS YOU PRAY** please remember: Terry, Ruth Auxter, Diane Berryman, Rae Ann Cooper, Kristen Brown, William Damschroder, Cindy Delagrange, Peggy Dorr, Donna Garner, Ken Hirt, Kristen Lindsday, Debbie Porter, Duane Pump, Tim Rutherford, Julie Stawowy, Melissa Toker, and Connie Wasserman.

**THIS WEEKEND WE REJOICE AND CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM** of Theodore Chipner, son of Morgan (Durell) & Carson Chipner, and his sponsors are Craighton Durell and Saige Sheets.

**HOSPITAL VISITS!** If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

**PRAYER LIST REQUESTS** - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER** should be sent to Tricia in the office at [dabrunztricia@yahoo.com](mailto:dabrunztricia@yahoo.com)

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR WITH PR. BAILEY** will meet today following worship (3/8). Everyone is welcome to gather in the front pews for conversation, dreaming, and growing together as people of God.

**PI DAY IS ALMOST HERE!** Next Saturday is Pi Day (March 14). That makes 3.14 reasons to celebrate. All are welcome to a Pi Day gathering following our Saturday Worship Service. Three things to share:

1. Pizza (pie) - we'll order, you enjoy.
2. Pie (for dessert)
3. Fellowship and Conversation with the Bailey's

And we will leave the other 0.14159 (and all the unending numbers of pi) to be filled by the Holy Spirit. Because pizza will be ordered, you are asked to RSVP to [pastorcbailey@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcbailey@gmail.com)

**SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on *March 16 at 6 pm* in the lounge. If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of others experiencing the same loss, then please consider joining this group.

**PLEASE NOTE** – The Missions and Outreach Committee meeting will now take place on March 18 at 5 pm.

**JUGGLING ACT** - Ladies do you feel like you are always juggling the demands of life? Sometimes it's nice to gather with others that are juggling the same demands around a meal that you did not have to prepare. This group meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at The Garrison. Our next gathering will be held on March 24. If you plan to attend please call the church office.

**BOOKWORMS** will meet on *March 23 at 2 pm* in the lounge to discuss *The Housemaid* by Fredia McFadden.

**THE PROJECT DAY GROUP** will once again make quilts for the Let's Build Beds Project in September 2026 and Lutheran World Relief. They need FLAT bed sheets to use as the back of the quilts. These may be new or gently used (no holes or stains. Please drop off the sheets to the church office or place them in the shopping carts. Thank you for supporting our local and Lutheran World Relief projects. If you are interested in helping to sew quilts the group meets the first and third Mondays at 9 am in the dining room.

## **FOR OUR YOUTH**

**FIRST COMMUNION TRAINING** – All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders (and anyone else who wishes to participate) is invited to attend First Communion training on *March 14 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm* in the auditorium. If you plan to attend please let Heather know by emailing her at [heatherRhawn@gmail.com](mailto:heatherRhawn@gmail.com) Participants will receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday during our 6:30 pm worship.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** – You are invited to attend The Way of Love Confirmation Retreat hosted by the NWOS Eastern Conference on March 22 from 9 am – 1:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 500 S. Brentwood Dr. Gibsonburg. The event will include: youth led worship, bible study with Bishop Daniel, and a service project. The cost is \$5 per person for pizza and snacks. Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item as an offering to help with our service project. Questions contact? Pr. Stacy from St. John's Sandusky at [Stacylauer@gmail.com](mailto:Stacylauer@gmail.com) or Pr. Matt from St. John's Fremont at [matthew.wheeler612@yahoo.com](mailto:matthew.wheeler612@yahoo.com)

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**March 8 - 15, 2026**

Today: 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone/Baptism Chipner  
 10:15 - Confirmation  
 10:15 - Listening with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ear with Pr. Bailey  
 12:30 - LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's  
 Monday: 11:30 - PB&J<sup>2</sup> with Pr. Bailey  
 1:00 - Bible Study with Maureen  
 6:00 - Executive Committee Meeting  
 7:00 - Church Council Meeting  
 Tuesday: 11:30 - 1:00 - Office Closed - Staff Lunch  
 Wednesday: **G & T DEADLINE - Noon**  
 5:15 - Lenten Supper  
 6:30 - Mid-Week Lent Worship  
 Thursday: 11:30 - Soup Kitchen  
 Friday: - - - - -  
 Saturday: 1:30 - 3 First Communion Training, Auditorium  
 4:00 - Worship/Communion/Noisy Offering/Food Pantry  
 Collection'  
 5:30 - "Pie Day" Dinner with the Bailey's  
 Sunday: **FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE** (Peanut Butter & Jelly)  
 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone  
 10:15 - Confirmation

**WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 141**

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 9 AM**

<b>ACOLYTES</b>	
<b>GREETER: NARTHEX</b>	Jan Guthrie Roger Haynes
<b>GREETER: BAKER ST.</b>	Dick Zilles
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	Kristen Lindsay
<b>READER</b>	Henry Seibert
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Kent Watkins
<b>DEACONS/ CLOSERS</b>	Cecilia Boucher Tracy Michles

**February Offering Total -**

	\$23,521
Offering	\$16,336
Loose	\$478
Online Giving	\$6,707

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