

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

## MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

## WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*  
-Galatians 3:28

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert

Worship Minister—Jean Lincoln

Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary

AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

### **9:30 am service**

Acolyte—TBD

Assisting Minister—Russ Albert

Communion Assistants—Betty Johnston and Wanda Faust

Communion Prep—Lisa Albert

Lector—Skip Rath

Greeter—Cindy Blair

Ushers—Darryl Schutte, Davd Van Egmund, Skip Rath, Matthew Rust

## **INTRODUCTION**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

# GATHERING

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise.*

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*—ELW 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## Glory to God—ELW 3

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;



you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Holy God,

**C: 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 life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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### FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

L: A reading from Micah.

- <sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear, 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.
- <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- <sup>4</sup> For 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.
- <sup>5</sup> O 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."
- <sup>6</sup> "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?
- <sup>7</sup> Will 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?"
- <sup>8</sup> He 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?

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 15

L: We read Psalm 15 responsively:

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- <sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up on a neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who  
fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take  
back their word.**
- <sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be  
overthrown.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

L: A reading from First Corinthians.

- <sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord  
<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it  
is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
- <sup>20</sup> 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?
- <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire  
wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews  
and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews  
and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For  
God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is  
stronger than human strength.
- <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God  
chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to  
abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of  
God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for  
us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and

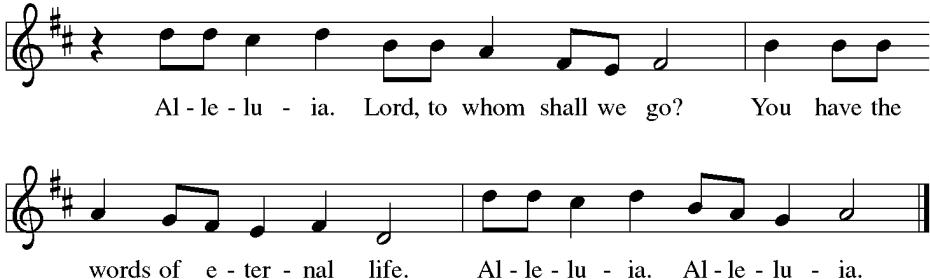
redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please rise.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**O God of Mercy, God of Light**—ELW 714:1-4



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work in you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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

- A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

- A: God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

- A: God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- A: God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way; *especially pray for those we name silently in our hearts.* Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- A: God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- A: God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# MEAL

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.*

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*Lead Me, Lord*

arr. Hayes

*Please rise.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*In This Feast of Love*—ACS 962:1,2

1 In this feast of love, wine, in in this this  
2 In this bread and love, wine, in in this this

feast bread and love, wine, Lord, you have share prom - ised,

blood and your bod - y, Lord, to be with us, Je - sus, Lamb of God div - ine.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray... God of majesty,

C: **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKGIVING

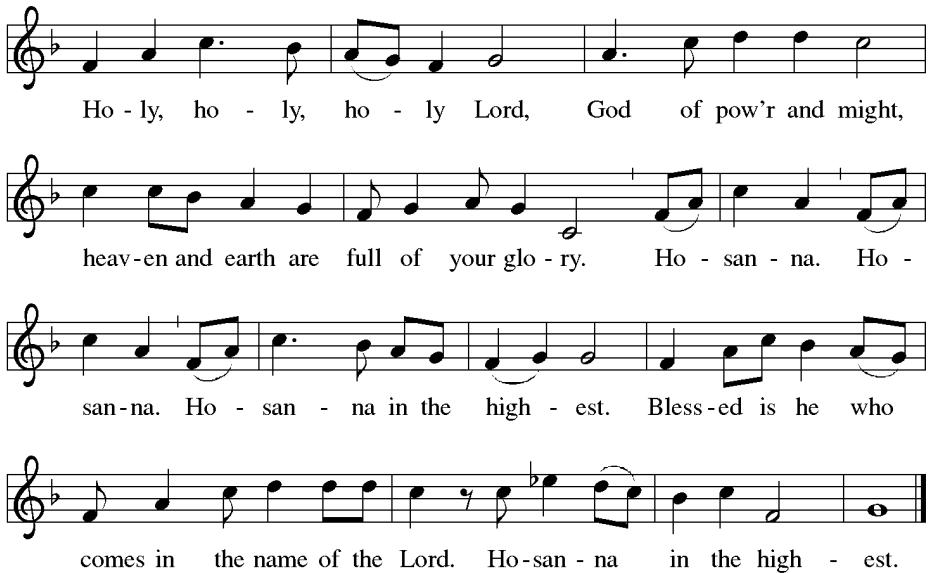
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and joy...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**C: Come to the table; taste and see.**

*Please be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

*Please rise.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray... Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PRESENTATION OF BIBLE**

## **SENDING** \_\_\_\_\_

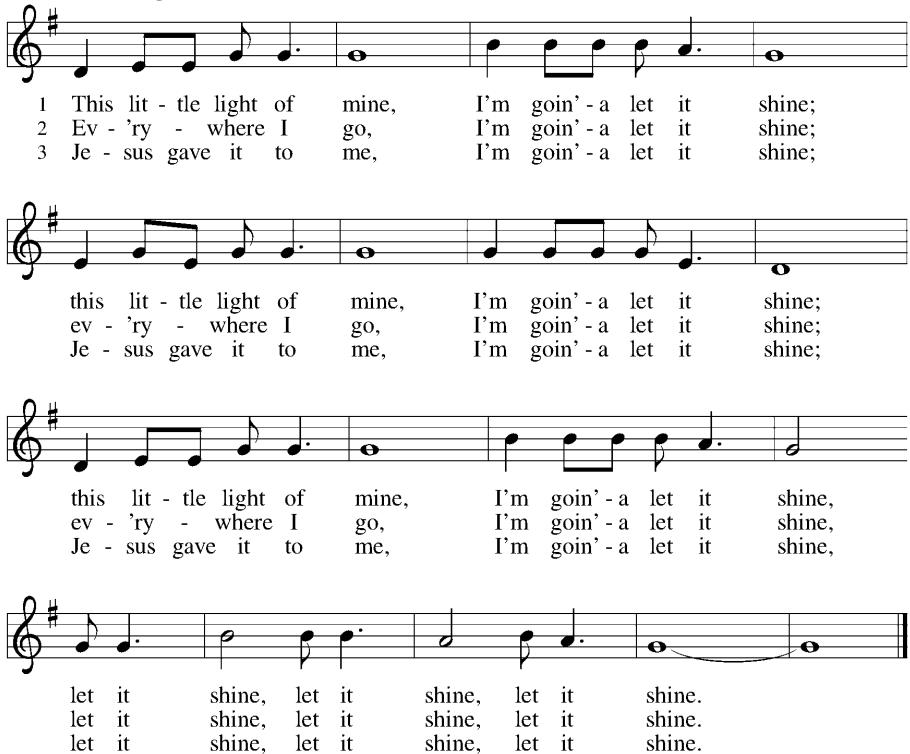
### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father,  $\pm$  and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*—ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO ORDER SUBS!**

Enjoy a sub sandwich while watching the Super Bowl and let the youth do the work for you! Your choice of ham or turkey sub, chips, and a cookie for \$10 - order forms can be found in the Commons.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Today during worship, John Albers will celebrate his First Communion by receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion.

### **CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED**

We are currently organizing an online devotional written by members of Our Savior's which will be sent out via email throughout Lent. If you would like to secure a date and contribute a reflection, please visit: <https://signup.com/go/DspgZUp>

### **YOUNG @ HEART**

Come out on **Thursday, February 12 from 12:00-2:00 pm** for fellowship, games, and a delicious lunch of BBQ, fries, and dessert. To help us prepare, please sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, February 8. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.

### **HEARTS OF LOVE TEA**

WELCA invites you to "Hearts of Love Tea" on **Sunday, February 15 at 10:30 am**. Enjoy this special coffee hour and fellowship time. We welcome you to bring your favorite Valentine treat.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Our Savior's will hold an Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 18 at 6:30 pm** to usher in the beginning of the Lenten Season. Entering the discipline of Lent, the service will include the Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion, Word, and Music.

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP**

Beginning Wednesday, February 25 we will hold weekly Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm in the Commons, followed by worship at 6:30 pm. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy for these services. Sign-up sheets for our Lenten Soup Suppers are now available on the counter in the Commons, please consider signing up to provide soup and/or bread.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED**

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.  
Links and bulletins: [oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship](http://oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship).

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday	February 1	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 11:00am 1:00pm	Worship Kids Connect Annual Meeting Youth Connect Game Day Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	February 2	8:30am	Sewing Bee
Tuesday	February 3	9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Staff Meeting Text Study Education Boy Scouts Anna Circle Dartball
Wednesday	February 4	9:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm	Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) P.E.O. Meeting Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Confirmation (7&8 grade)
Thursday	February 5	6:00pm	OA
Friday	February 6	9:30am	BAREA Board Meeting
Saturday	February 7	10:00am	Youth/Sub making (Kitchen)
Sunday	February 8	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Sub pick-up (Kitchen) Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

## STAY CONNECTED

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## SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next week by studying the scriptures.

- Isaiah 58:1-9a
- Psalm 112:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
- Matthew 5:13-20



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# GAME DAY SUBS

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE COMMONS

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SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

**Purchase a sub sandwich for Super Bowl Sunday!  
Your choice of a ham or turkey sub, chips, and cookie for \$10.**

*Pick up your order on Sunday, February 8 @ 10:30 am*

