

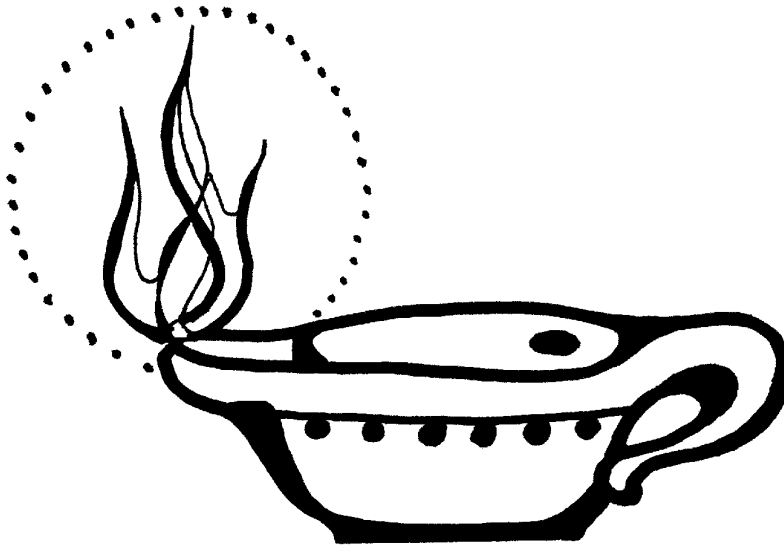


Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Gather Us In

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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. **Amen.**

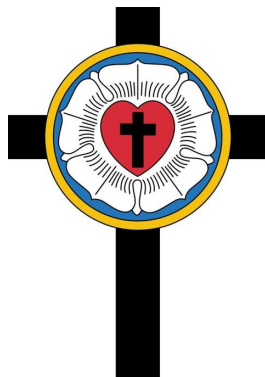
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **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.

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. **Amen.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



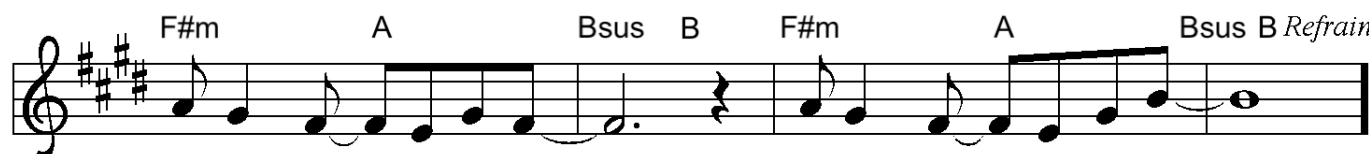
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: This Little Light of Mine

This lit-tle light of ___ mine, ___ I'm gon-na let it ___ shine! ___
 This lit-tle light of ___ mine, ___ I'm gon-na let it ___ shine! ___
 This lit-tle light of ___ mine, ___ I'm gon-na let it ___ shine! ___ Eve-ry
 day, eve-ry day, eve-ry day, eve-ry day. ___ On Mon-day gave me the
 gift of ___ love. Tues-day peace came from a - bove. Wednes-day gave me the
 gift of ___ grace. Thurs-day gave me the gift of ___ faith. Fri-day sat me down to ___ pray.
 Sat-ur-day told me what to ___ say. ___ Sun-day He gave me the pow-er di-vine, just to
 let my lit-tle light shine. ___ This lit - tle light of ___ mine,
 ___ I'm gon-na let it ___ shine! ___ This lit-tle light of ___ mine,
 ___ I'm gon-na let it ___ shine! ___ This lit-tle light of ___ mine, ___
 I'm gon - na let it ___ shine! ___ Eve - ry day, eve - ry
 day, eve-ry day, eve-ry day. ___ Gon-na let my lit-tle light shine!

Chords: G, G7, C, B7, Em, G/D, D7, A7, D, C7, G, Em, G/D, D7, G, G7, C, B7, Em, G, C, G, G/D, D7, C7, G.

Reese Donna Kellogg

February 8, 2026



Born: June 26, 2025

*Godparents: Thomas Byrne
Julie Byrne*

**THE BAPTISM OF
REESE DONNA KELLOGG**

Pastor: God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the holy spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present Reese.

I present Reese for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Reese baptized into Christ? Parents and godparents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring **Reese** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with **her** among God's faithful people, bring **her** to the word of God's holy supper, teach **her** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in **him** hands the holy scriptures, and nurture **her** in faith and prayer, so that **she** 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 **Reese** grow in the Christian faith and life? **Parents and godparents: I do.**

Pastor: Sponsors, do you **promise to nurture Karl in the Christ faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Godparents: I do.**

Pastor: People of God, in **this assembly, do you promise to support Reese and pray for her in her new life in Christ? People: I do.**

The assembly stands.

Pastor: I ask you to **profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? People: I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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 into hell. 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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Reese, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Sustain **Reese** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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. **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL

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

A candle is presented to parents and sponsors.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Pastor: Let us welcome **Reese** into the family of faith.

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



MUSIC: Welcome to God's Family

$\text{♩} = 128$ $B\flat 9$ *mf* $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$

Wel-come wel-come to God's fam - i-ly!

$E\flat$ $E\flat 7$

Wel - come wel - come to God's fam - i - ly! Wel - come wel - come

$A\flat$ $B\flat 9$

to God's fam - i - ly! God is my Fa-ther. Je - sus is my bro-ther, and

$B\flat$ $E\flat$

He is my sa-vior and that makes me God's child.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir: Let Your Light Shine

OFFERING

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C Am Em Bb/F Dm
 Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 G C Em Am
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 Bb Dm G Dm F/G G C
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Em Am Em Amaj D G Amaj
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 D Am D G Am Em
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 Bb/F Dm G C Em F C/G Bm Emaj
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: God of majesty, 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

E B/D# C#m E/B A F#m B
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 E/G# C#m A F#m B B7
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 E/G# C#m A F#m E/G# C#m E/B B7
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 E F#m E/G# E7/G# A F#m G#m A2 E/B
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 E/G# C#m A F#m E/G# C#m E/B B7 E
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



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, Lamb of God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Fill My Cup, Lord

Fill my cup, Lord. I lift it up, Lord. Come and
quench this thirst-ing of my soul. Bread of hea-ven, feed me till I
want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has

done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.

Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: God's Work, Our Hands

Wayne L. Wold

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

David N. Johnson

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). Staff 2: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). Staff 3: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). Staff 4: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). Staff 5: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). Staff 6: C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half).

1. God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2. God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - ge - ther,
3. God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - ge - ther,
4. God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to pla - ces un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.



*Go Now
in Peace*





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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Feb 8	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
Feb 15	Ed Moderacki	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder
Ash Wed			
Feb 18	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
12pm			
Ash Wed			
7pm	Christophe Moderacki		Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Feb 8	For: Jake's 9th Birthday (Feb 5)
	From: Nicole Hazarian
Feb 15	For: Love For the Duffy Family
	From: Marge Duffy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 15	Sunday School
Feb 16	President's Day—Church and School Closed
Feb 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: 6pm
Feb 16-20	School Closed—Winter Break
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday: 12pm & 7pm Imposition of Ashes (Westwood at 1:30pm)
Feb 25	Lenten Service at 7pm

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