

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 15, 2026



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Holy Communion Setting Three”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses are in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Oh Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”

arr. by Mackie

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

*Gathering Hymn

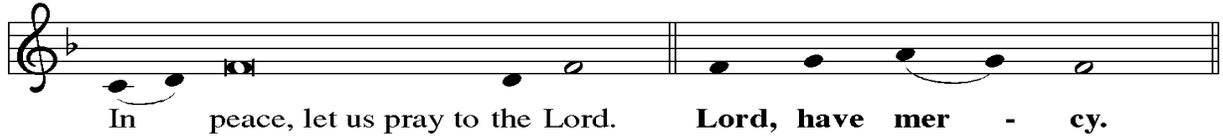
“Shine, Jesus Shine”

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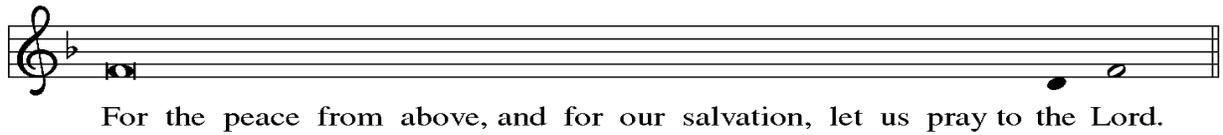
GREETING

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.**

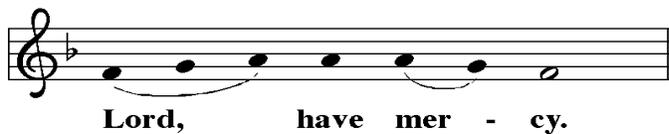
*Kyrie



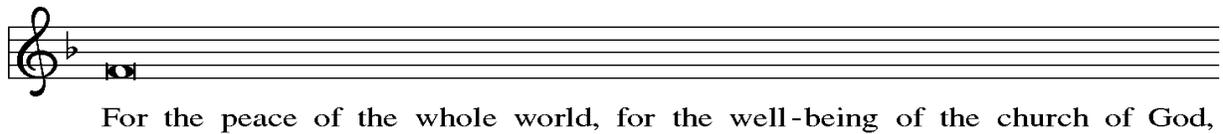
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



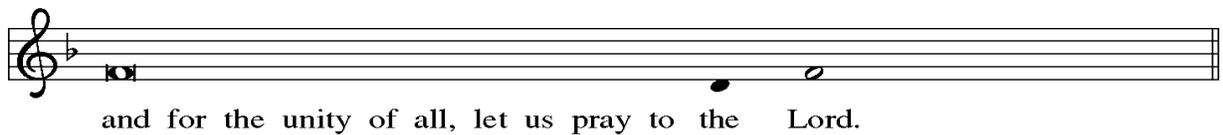
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



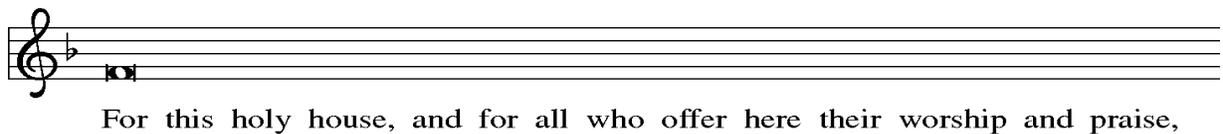
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



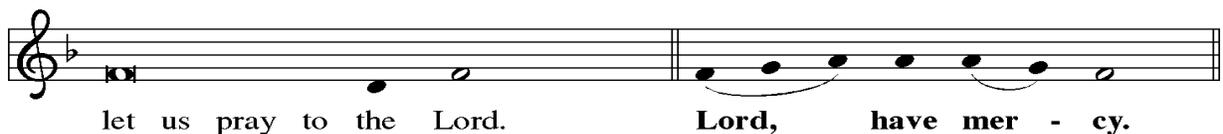
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Canticle

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day** O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18A

reading from the twenty fourth chapter of Exodus

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 *congregation will read responsively*

¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot to
gether, against the LORD and against the | LORD’s anointed?**

³ “Let us break their | yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing; the LORD holds them | in deri-
sion.**

⁵ Then in wrath God | speaks to them, and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**
⁷ Let me announce the decree | of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son;
this day have I be- | gotten you.
⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**
⁹ You shall crush them with an | iron rod and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”
¹⁰ **And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
¹¹ Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;
¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.**
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the first chapter of 2 Peter

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Be- loved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

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.

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon
Children's Church

Caroline Monroe
Linda Trier

Sermon

Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day

“How Good Lord to be Here!”

ELW #315

Intro by Callahan

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict (*regions at war may be named*). Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace is Shared

The Peace of Christ be with you always **and also with you.**

Christian Fellowship is one of the most blessed gifts given to us by our God. Please take a moment to greet those around you and extend to them the peace of Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Offering

Offertory Anthem "You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd" ACS p. 954

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

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

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***Offering Prayer** 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.**



Invitation to Communion All who desire to receive are invited to communion. Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... Proper Preface (concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

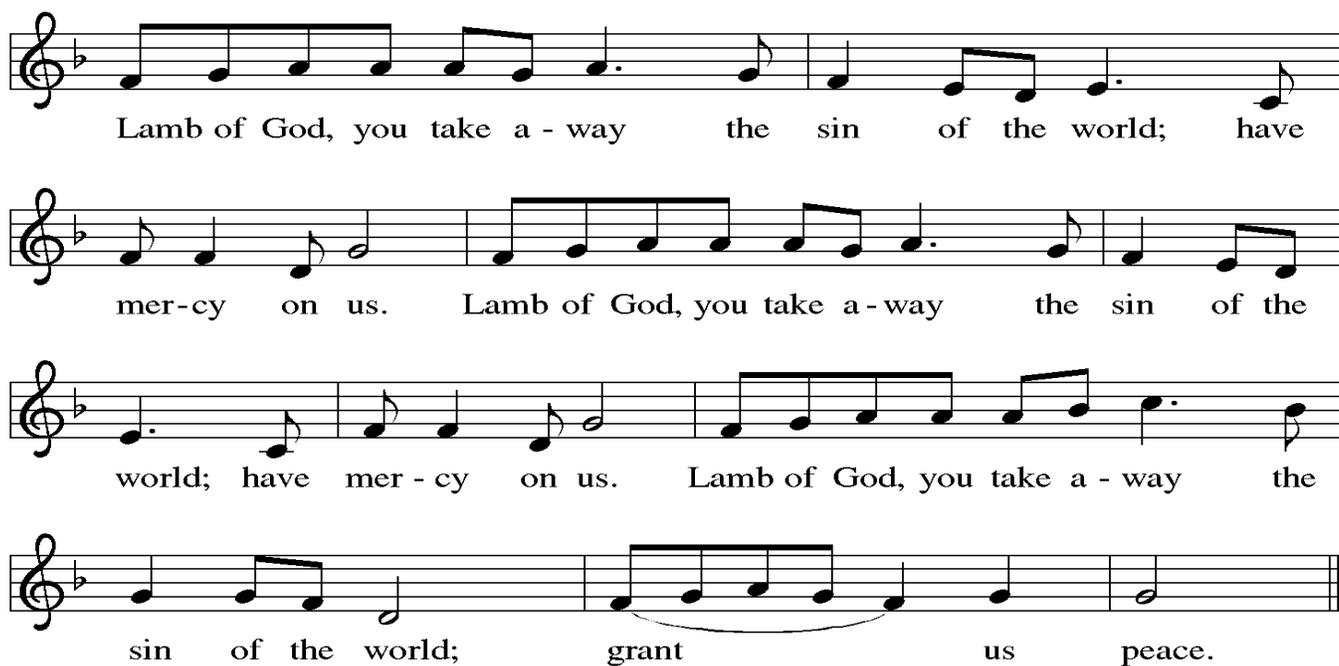
*Words of Institution

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. **Amen**

*Lord's Prayer

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



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.

Communion Music

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. by Kosche

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

***Post-Communion Prayer** 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.**

***Blessing** 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.**

***Sending Hymn** “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” ELW #318
Intro by Hopson

***Dismissal** Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

*Our worship service has ended.
Our worship thru service begins.*

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Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name on the fellowship pad as it is passed in each pew.



HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Brenda Dwiggin	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Elaine Stiller	Recovering at her residence
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Joey Bullock	Recovering at his home
Wayne Chaffin	Recovering at his home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name on the fellowship pad as it is passed in each pew.

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion and wish to share the following with you. Holy Communion is offered to all baptized believers, regardless of denomination or home church. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal we call Holy Communion. (ELCA.FAQ) in the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness,

life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006)

Here at Bethel Lutheran Church:

- The ushers will direct you forward to the communion table. If you prefer to receive communion in your seat, simply share your wish with one of the ushers.
- You are not required to kneel and may be more comfortable standing.
- Grape juice is offered in the center of each tray. (The majority of the cups contain wine).
- After you have communed, the pastor will dismiss your table.
- Children who have not received communion training are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

Today is the first Sunday for our “Children’s Church”. After the children’s sermon in the sanctuary, volunteers will take the youngest children out of the sanctuary to be read to, to color, and to play. This will allow parents to focus on the sermon without having to pay attention to little ones. Thank you, Linda Trier, for starting this wonderful service.

We are studying what the bible has to say about anxiety and stress. If you have not yet joined, you can come at any time. Each week is independent of the other weeks. **SCHEDULE CHANGE We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2:30 at church, and on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 via zoom.** Email Peggy to get the link for the zoom meeting. If you have had a busy week and have not been able to read the material, come anyway for the discussion. We will recap the reading and bible verses each week. Please note the change of the ZOOM meeting group from Thursday to Wednesday.

Missions and Outreach Group plan to meet after worship today. If you have indicated interest in this committee, please plan to attend.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Our Worship service will begin at 7 pm, with the imposition of ashes and celebration of Holy Communion. Why do we do this? It's a visible symbol of our repentance, humility, and mortality. It is an optional activity during the service. Consider bringing a friend to start lent, to be an accountability partner as we spend these days of repentance focusing on our relationship with Jesus. An accountability partner can be someone that you discuss your faith with, and pray with. Join us for this meaningful beginning of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Our Lutheran Men in Mission will be hosting a pancake supper at 6:00pm on February 17th. Typically, this was an opportunity for households to use up milk, butter, eggs and other rich ingredients, preparing for the Catholic rules that called for significant changes in diet during lent. While those prohibitions are no longer in effect (and we are not Catholic!), it is a great opportunity to come together as a community. Join us for fellowship and good food.

Snowtubing Time! All tickets have been purchased, we are scheduled to snow tube Saturday, 2/21 from 2pm to 3:45pm, followed by dinner (on your own) at Daniel Boone Inn before returning home (just a note about the Daniel Boone Inn, they only take cash or check, no credit cards). Meet at the church at 10:00a.m. We will travel together or carpool to Hawks Nest Snow Tubing in Seven Devils, NC.

Red Cross Blood Drive has been RESCHEDULED for March 1, 2026. Signup sheet is available in the narthex on the table; you may also go online to the Red Cross Website and schedule there. Please share this opportunity with your family, friends, and neighbors. Blood donations are in critical supply!

SAVE THE DATE **Saturday, March 14th Matthew Weaver with Clay Lunsford in concert, performing traditional Appalachian Mtn. Gospel and old-time country gospel music.** There will be fellowship following the performance; bring a snack to share. Canned and cupboard foods will be collected at this event and all donations will be given to Rowan Helping Ministries to help their depleting family assist food pantry.

Mission and Outreach will meet TODAY following worship.
175th Anniversary Committee will be chaired by Vickie Grubb; the first meeting will be on February 22nd following worship.



Thank you all for your continued supply of food for the Blessing Box. It is amazing how this box is being used in the community. Please continue with your contributions. We have received a generous donation of a new, bigger blessing box. It will be installed in the very near future. It is presently sitting on the stage in the fellowship hall; go by and take peak. *“I will bless you...and you will be a blessing.” Genesis 12:2 (NIV)*

Be sure to check your mailbox in the narthex

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Transfiguration Sunday

TODAY 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
 10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Children's Church

Mission and Outreach Committee will meet following worship

TUESDAY 6:00-7:00 p.m. Shrove Pancake supper
 WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:30p.m. Bible Study in the fellowship hall
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Worship/Holy Communion
 THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers practice

March Newsletter Deadline

SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. SNOWTUBING EXCURSION

NEXT SUNDAY **First Sunday in Lent February 22**

 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
 10:30 a.m. Worship

175th Anniversary Committee will meet following worship

WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:30p.m. Bible Study in the fellowship hall
 7:00-8:30p.m. Bible Study *ZOOM format
 THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers practice
 SATURDAY 10:00-2:00 p.m. **Opening Day of the Children's Closet**

Attendance/Contribution Information for 2/8/2026

Worship Service 43

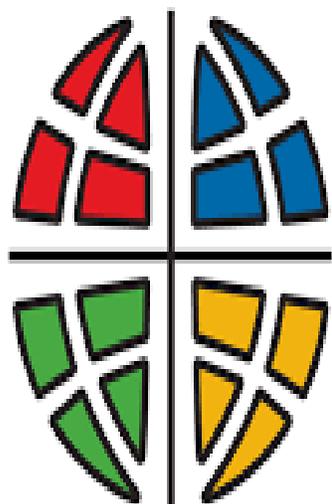
	Given Given 2/8/2026	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$6,155.00	\$17,290.00	\$2,630.00
Benevolence	\$330.00	\$835.00	\$ 77.00
Building Improvement	\$195.00	\$550.00	

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Praise God
from whom all blessings flow

