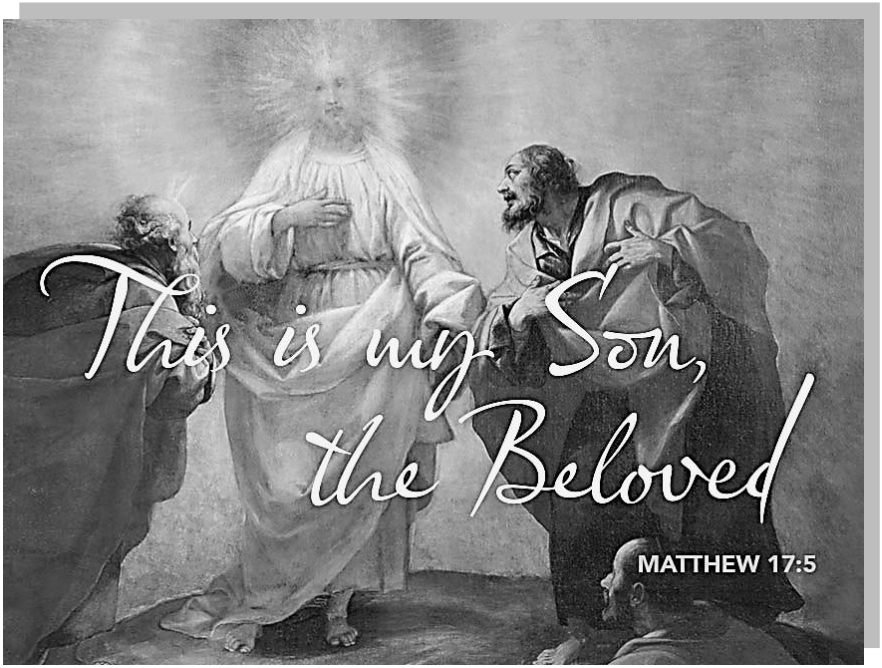

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The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 15, 2026

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses and was also true for Peter, James, and John. Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins this week on Ash Wednesday. We turn this week to our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Today we seal the "Alleluias" from our worship as we prepare for our Lenten journey.

Regular text is spoken by the presiding minister
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen
Rise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon us. *(Isaiah 60:1)*
Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. *(Psalm 89:15)*
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light. *(Psalm 36:9)*

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.
Silence is kept for personal reflection.

God of peace,
we confess that we are not at peace. We bring to you all that causes pain in our lives and the lives of others: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, restore us. Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, the Light of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Through the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, we are free from all our sins. Rise, shine, for our light has come. **Amen.**

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *W:* Women *M:* Men

"This is the Feast"

Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 5:12-13

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING — Exodus 24:12–18

12The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will
give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for
their instruction." 13So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the
mountain of God. 14To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again;
for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."
15Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16The 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. 17Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD
was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.
18Moses 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 99 – *read responsively*

1The LORD is king;
let the people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
2The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples. 3Let them confess God's name, which
is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.
4O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob. 5Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's
footstool;
God is the Holy One.
6Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name,
O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,
7you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that
you gave them.
8O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
**9Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the
LORD our God is the Holy One.**

SECOND READING — 2 Peter 1:16–21

16For 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. 17For 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 Beloved, 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

*HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them
up a high mountain, by themselves. 2And he was transfigured before them, and his face
shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3Suddenly there appeared to
them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us
to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one
for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and
from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen
to him!" 6When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.
7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8And when they
looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
9As 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 MESSAGE — *Caleb Wyse*

MESSAGE — *"Stop and Listen This Time"*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*CONFESSION OF FAITH – *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.

*INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

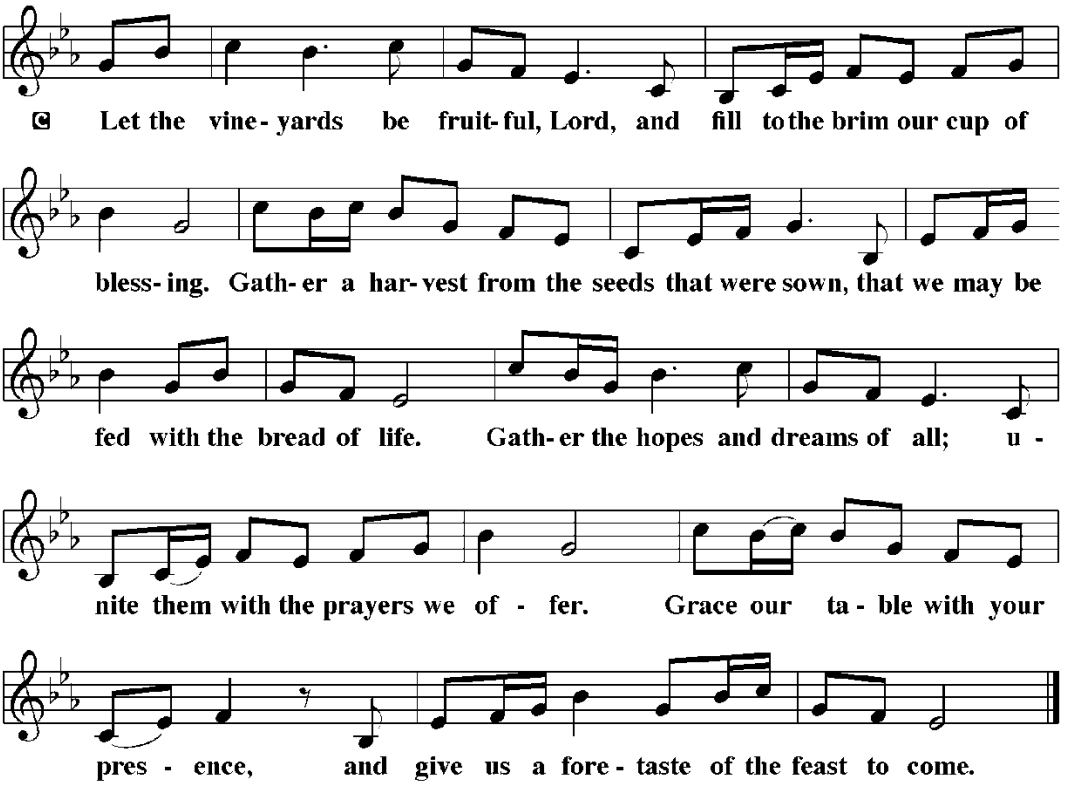
OFFERING OF GIFTS — *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Chancel Choir — *-arr. Frackenpohl*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Oh, you are the light of the world.
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
The light that shines is the light of love, lights the darkness from above,
It shines on me and it shines on you, and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near, I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear,
Where there's a dark corner in this land, I'm going to let my little light shine.
On Monday he gave me the gift of love, Tuesday, peace came from above;
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith, On Thursday he gave me a little more grace;
On Friday he told me to watch and pray, Saturday told me just what to say;
On Sunday, He gave me the power divine to let my little light shine.

THE CHURCH SHARES THE MEAL

*OFFERTORY



*OFFERING PRAYER

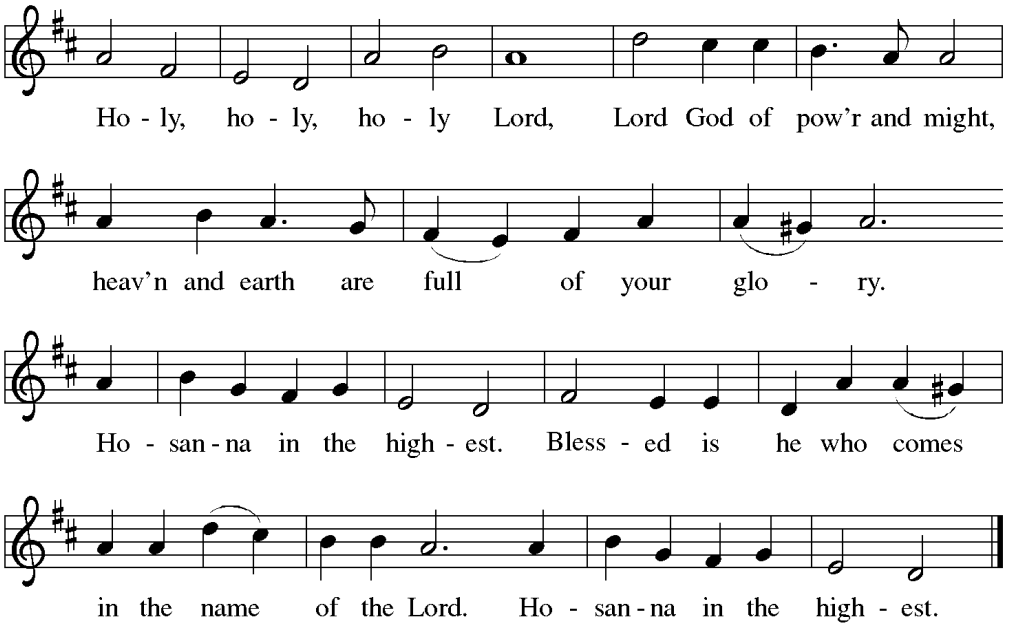
Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!
And also 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

*THE 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.

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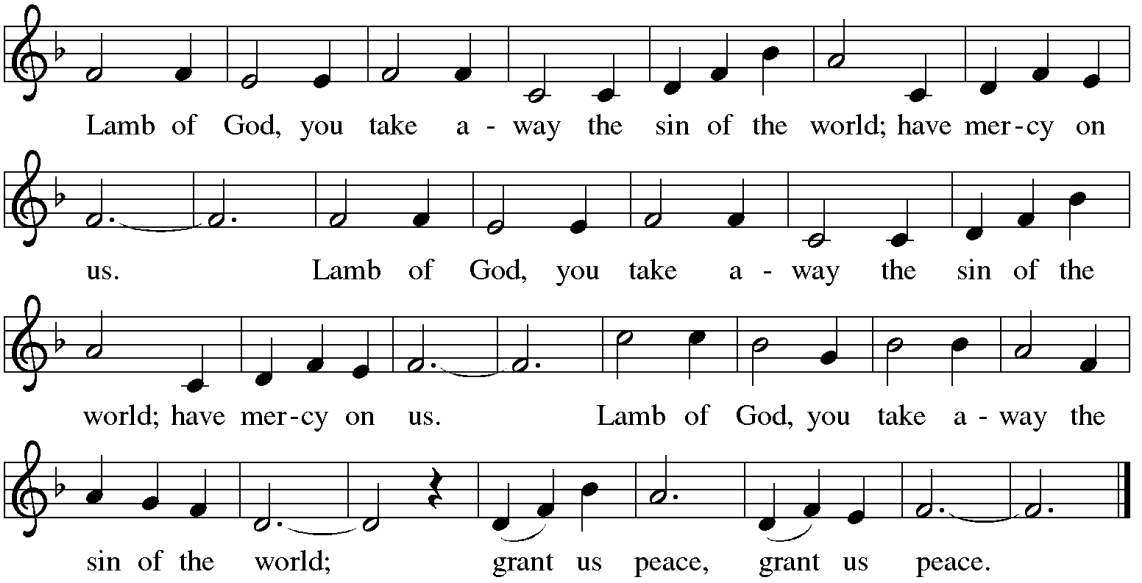
"AGNUS DEI"

(Lamb of God)



"Beautiful Savior"

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

* POST COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*PRAYER

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—as we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. As we prepare for our Lenten journey, sustain us all with your Holy Spirit so that we may return again with shouts of "Alleluia" at the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*BLESSING AND SENDING FOR MISSION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need.

Let us be your hands and feet to be loving neighbors to all people.

Bless those who go out to be our hands and feet among us:

…To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his 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, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Closing Hymn *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"*

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Pianist	-Rick Breier
Lector	-Mark Weaver
Usher Team Leader	-Ziegler/Pinter/Gericke Family
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer & Peg Bjorlin
Offering Counters	-Jane Sonnenberg & Jo Ann Liechty

The ALLELUIA Banner hanging in the front of the sanctuary was made by the Sunday School kids. It will be taken down during the closing hymn this morning and return on Easter Sunday as we begin the Lenten season this Wednesday.

There will be NO Kids Club this Wednesday, February 18th, 2026. Kids Club will return the following week on Wednesday from 6pm-6:50.

ASH WEDNESDAY worship will be held this Wednesday beginning at 7pm. Imposition of ashes and communion will be offered as we begin our Lenten journey.

The St. Martin's Webstore is open! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email, or scan the QR code provided.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

Monday Night Bible Study just finished the Apostles Creed as we continue exploring Luther's Small Catechism. We'll resume February 16 with the Lord's Prayer, which will also be the theme for our Wednesday Lenten worship this year. This is an informal discussion-based format on Zoom! No previous experience required, jump in when you can. Send Steve an email if you'd like to join.

Mission Team Update

13 volunteers from St. Martin will be traveling to **Puerto Rico leaving next Sunday, February 22–March 1** to help repair a home whose roof was destroyed by hurricanes. During service today we lift up those going to Puerto Rico. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers throughout the following few weeks.

Bill & Diane Phelps, Albert & Yanira Reyes, Darren & Jane Sonnenberg, Aaron Short, Gabe Short, Aden McCarty, Jane Trudel, Barry Johns, Mike Short and Jo Ann Liecthy

Thanks so much for all the donations from the coffee hour we hosted on February 1st. It was a great success. We should have enough now to cover our travel expenses. Also, thanks for supporting the mission trip resolution at the annual meeting. This $10,000 will go directly to TPMG that will support the organization and be used to purchase the building supplies and provide staff during our week at the construction site.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and generosity as we prepare to serve our neighbors in Puerto Rico.

2026 Lenten Theme: **Lord, Teach Us to Pray…**

The Lord's Prayer

The season of Lent begins **February 18** with Ash Wednesday. The three pillars of Lent are: Prayer, Fasting & Works of Love. We will be focusing on **prayer** as we explore the petitions of The Lord's Prayer during our Wednesday worship at 7pm each week.

Additionally, you are encouraged to join the Monday Night Zoom Study Group as we continue our look at Martin Luther's Small Catechism. That group's focus will also be The Lord's Prayer as we consider Luther's words on each of the petitions. That study will begin on Monday, **February 16** at 7pm. Please email Pastor Steve if you'd like to join.

WEDNESDAY SERIES: *Each Wednesday at 7pm*

FEBRUARY 18 – OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME
FEBRUARY 25 - THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
MARCH 4 - GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
MARCH 11 - FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US
MARCH 18 - AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL
MARCH 25 - FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY.

MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM STUDY GROUP: *Each Monday at 7pm*

Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 23

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday – February 15-Transfiguration Sunday
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:20am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth Mafia Night, 6:30pm

Monday- February 16
Adult Zoom Study, 7pm

Tuesday – February 17
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Community Meal, 5pm @ St. John's Christian

Wednesday- February 18-Ash Wednesday
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Adult Circle, 6pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
Catechism, 6:15pm
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday- February 19
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Newsletter Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – February 22-First Sunday in Lent
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:20am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth Mafia Night, 6:30pm

Church Council is installed today as they begin their ministry for 2026. Darren Sonnenberg, President; Cameron Thompson, Vice-President; Jane Trudel, Secretary; Janet Wyse, Treasurer; and At-Large Representatives, Jan Delaney, Jay Schnitkey, Mark Weaver.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, hosted by the Ridgeville Township Fire & Rescue is March 1, 2026, at the Ridgeville Legion from 7am-1pm. It is a Free-will donation, and all proceeds go towards Fire & Rescue Equipment.

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service
7:00pm each Wednesday during Lent (Feb 18-Mar 25)

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – *Romans 15:7*

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.