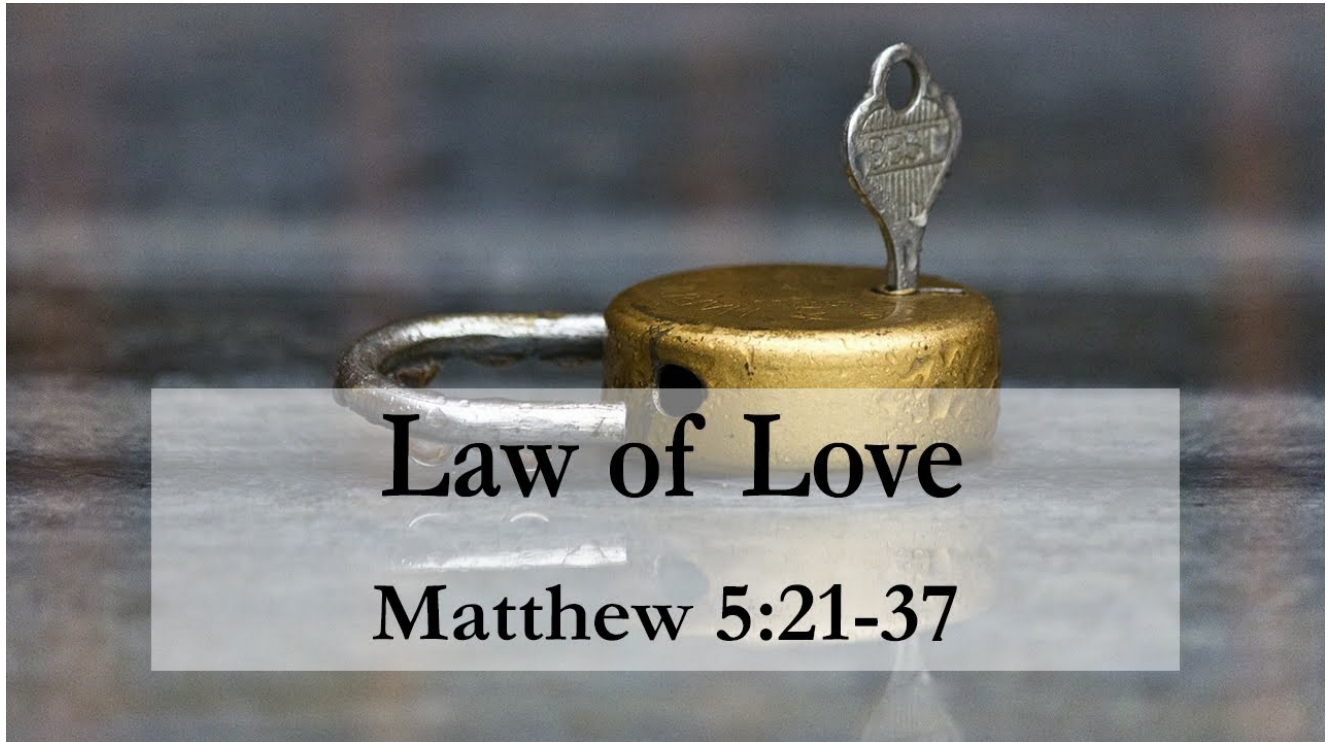


# Welcome

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020



## UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

arr. Nelson

*Please stand as you are able.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

WOV 652

APOSTOLIC 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.**

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)

WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

## KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy**

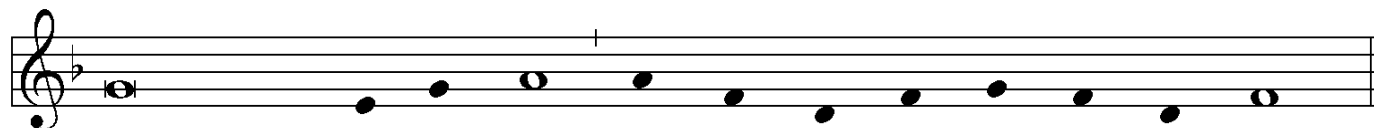
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray, O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>{Moses said,} “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Hear ends the reading.

**Psalm 119:1-8** (read in unison)

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,\*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe his decrees\*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- <sup>3</sup>Who never do any wrong,\*  
but always walk in his ways.
- <sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments,\*  
that we should fully keep them.
- <sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct\*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame,\*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- <sup>7</sup>I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,\*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- <sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;\*  
do not utterly forsake me.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37**

<sup>21</sup>{Jesus said,} “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. <sup>31</sup>It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

SERMON

*Bothered and Disturbed*

Pastor Harvey Blume

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

LBW 492

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE PEACE

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* (WOV-765) arr. Nelson

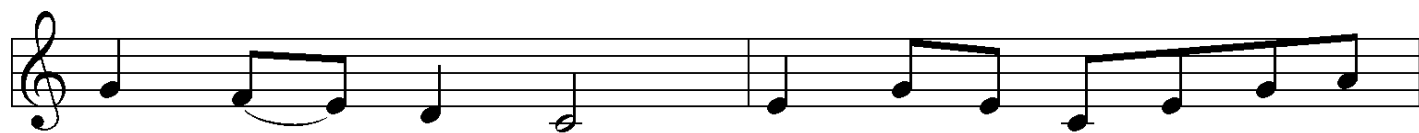


*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



☞ 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.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**


P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**


P It is indeed right and salutary....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

**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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

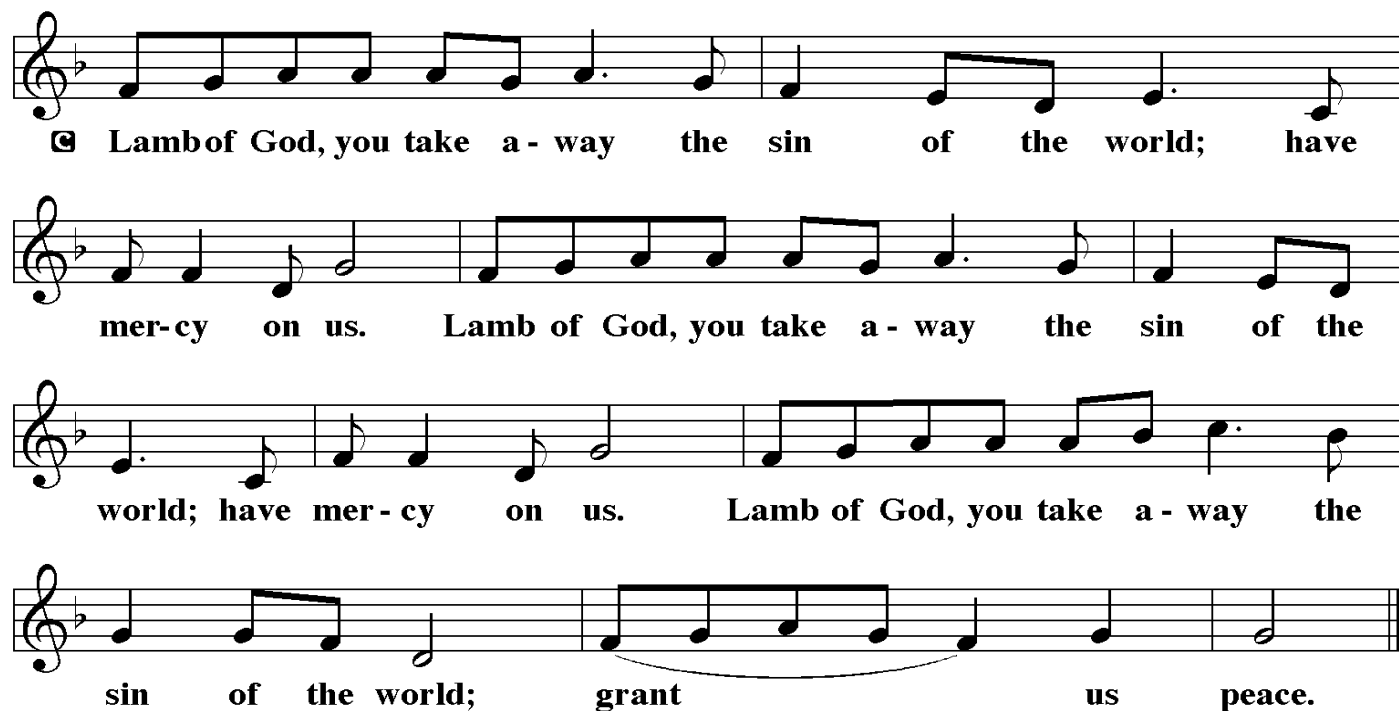
**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us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

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.*

## LAMB OF GOD



☐ 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.

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION**      *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*      LBW 479

*Please stand as you are able.*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

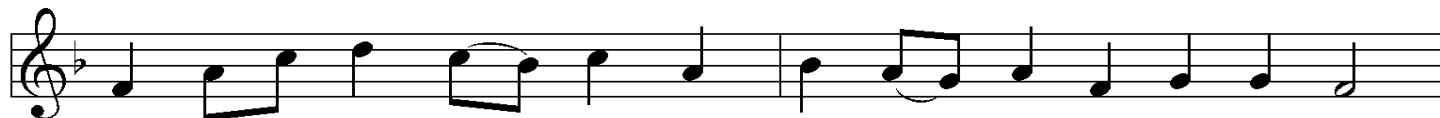
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

**P** Let us pray

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## BLESSING

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

## HYMN

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

LBW 535

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Nursing Home Residents** - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat & Wayne Miller, and Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care), Jean Ray and Betty Herion (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

**Homebound Members** - Mary Brady, Ray Chambers, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** - Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Lynn Coughenour, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Josh Eagle, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teresa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Harold Miller, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

**Continual Prayer** - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Pat Miller (friend of Jan Huffman), Shelia Mulkey, Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

*Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!*

**OUR LOVE** and **SYMPATHY** is extended to Yvonne Welton on the death of her cousin, Bruce Alan Earnhardt, Jr.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

*During the month of February the **loose offering** will be given to the Social Ministry Fund (2/2), Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund (2/9), Building and Repair Fund (2/16), and Lutheridge Scholarship Fund (2/23).*



# The weekly *Messenger*

## Today's Activities (February 16):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

We welcome Pastor Harvey Blume, Supply Pastor,  
sharing the Word with us today and next Sunday!

## This Week's Activities:

Mon. Feb 17 President's Day Holiday

Wed. Feb. 19 7:00 p.m. Scouts

Fri, Feb 21 10:30 a.m. Ed Denker's Funeral Service at Trinity Oaks with  
Pastor Woolly of St. John's Lutheran Church conducting the  
service

5:00 p.m. Game Night

*Please contact the church office if you or any of your family members need to change your address, telephone number, or email address for the **2020 YEARBOOK** by **Friday, February 21**. Email addresses provided in the yearbook are to be used only for church related purposes unless specific permission has been granted otherwise, to prevent people from unwillingly ending up on distribution lists for jokes and other unsolicited email.*

## Next Sunday's Activities (February 23):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Little Lutherans and Quest Youth at Union

March Newsletter articles deadline to the church office is next Sunday.

## **Lessons for Next Week**

Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

## Those Serving in February:

**Acolytes:** Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm

**Lay Readers:** Pam Vellines ~ Ellie Wilhelm ~ Ethan Wilhelm

**Communion Assistants:** Brad Huffman ~ Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz

**Ushers:**

Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

Shrove Pancake Supper sponsored by Union Youth Group  
Tuesday, February 25, from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Old Pine Center

Mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Harvey Blume will be our Guest Pastor.

Sunday, March 1  
Rev. Heidi Punt's first day at Union Lutheran!  
A brief summary of Pastor Heidi is in this Sunday's insert.

Lenten Meal from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, March 4-April 1

While we will be observing Lent, please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**  
for the **LENTEN SUPPER FUNDRAISER** on March 11 at 5:30 p.m.  
More information will be coming soon!

Lenten Vespers at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, March 4-April 1

Daylight Savings Time reminder for March 8 at 2:00 a.m.

*ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent. Its name is taken from the ancient biblical tradition of using ashes as a sign of repentance and human mortality. We come together **Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.** in humble and honest reflection on our own sinfulness, trusting in the forgiveness of our merciful Lord and in the promise that he has won for us in the cross.*

*The Lenten season is one that is somber and reflective as we gather together to recall Jesus' final acts of ministry and the events that led to his death. We come in humility knowing that our sinfulness is no different than any humans that have come before us, but that we ask God to forgive us and make us his new creatures in the waters of our baptism.*

During the season of Lent, we gather every **Wednesday Evening at 5:30 p.m.** for a simple supper, provided by members of the church community, and close with the **MID-WEEK LENTEN VESPERS at 7:00 p.m.**