

"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 4: 00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 7:45 & 9:30 A.M.

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

<u>VISITORS..</u> Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER...</u> to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

<u>DID YOU KNOW...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

<u>LITTLE FOLKS...</u> Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

**<u>BE COMFORTABLE...</u>** There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

**Hearing Devices:** The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

<u>FLOWERS</u> for the altar today are given by Jim and Linda Bryant in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary AND Carolyn Smith in memory of husband Jack.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Cheryl Perkins (friend of Glorious Quilters), Ginger Van Winkle, Lissi Grill, Mary Marsh, Rod Rowland, Dave Graham, Becky Scheller, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller), Angela Butler (daughter of David Donaldson/sister of Michelle Cegon), Henry Carey, JoAnn Munson, Mason Fletcher, Dave Hofslien, Iva Pennell(Paul Ehler's Sister)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of March. God blesses our prayers.

*Is Your Phone Turned Off?* 

#### **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- P God Is Good!
- C All the time
- P All the time
- C God Is Good!

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

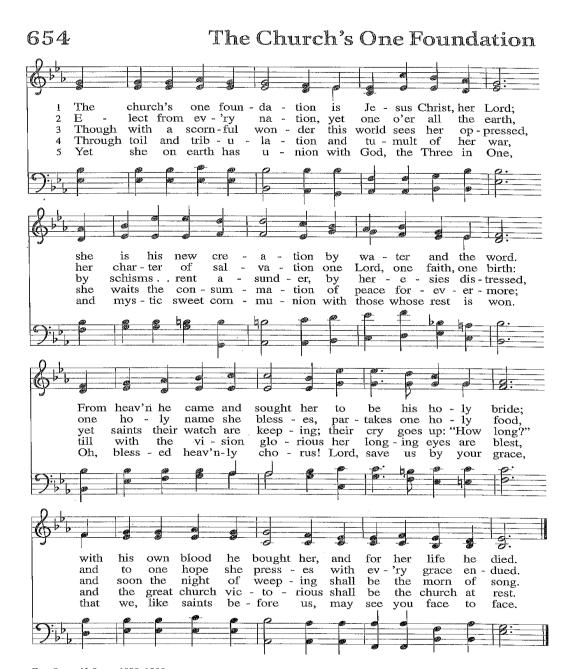
#### C Amen.

P We confess our sins before God and one another.

# Pause for silence and reflection.

- P Guiding God,
- C we have failed to follow you as we ought. We have not reached out to our neighbors with the selfless and sacrificial love you modeled for us. We have caused harm to others and your creation by our actions and by our unwillingness to act. Forgive us our sins and lead us back onto the path you have trod for the sake of others.
- P In Christ, God meets us where we are and as we are and for his sake, God makes us whole and holy. Go forth to follow Jesus in the knowledge that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

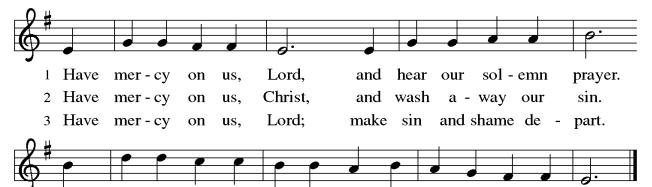
#### C Amen.



#### **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.

#### **KYRIE**



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

#### **SONG OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY** together we pray:

God of the beginning and of the end. You ask us to put our trust not in worldly things, but in heavenly things. As we navigate the challenges of daily life and the much larger challenges faced by our communities and all creation, give us confidence in your power and grace, that we might live into our faith each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you
- C And also with you

#### **WORSHIP CAROL**

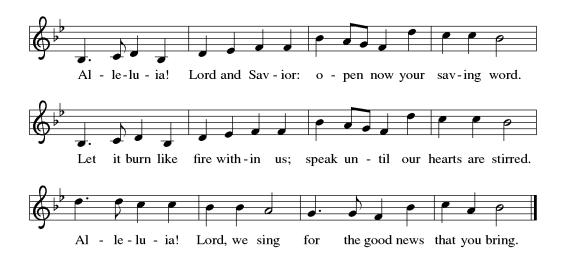
**CHOIR** (4:00) "Transformed by the Lord"

**BELLS OF GLORY** (9:30) "Greet the Rising Sun"

#### **PSALM 102:12-22**

- R But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.
- C <sup>13</sup> You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come.
- R <sup>14</sup> For your servants hold its stones dear and have pity on its dust.
- C 15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- R <sup>16</sup> For the LORD will build up Zion; he will appear in his glory.
- C <sup>17</sup> He will regard the prayer of the destitute and will not despise their prayer.
- R <sup>18</sup> Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD:
- C <sup>19</sup> that he looked down from his holy height, from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
- R <sup>20</sup> to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,
- C <sup>21</sup> so that the name of the LORD may be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem,
- R <sup>22</sup> when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8;24-37

<sup>1</sup> As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. <sup>24</sup> "But in those days,

after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the [a] elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert, <sup>[c]</sup> for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

- P The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING ""STAYING FOCUSED???!!!

**Pastor Bill Timm** 



#### 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 INTERCESSION

P As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

## A brief silence.

- P Merciful God, Jesus' words about the end of time are provocative and frightening. We ask that you would stir up in us a profound trust in your promises, that we might live knowing that all will be well. God of the journey,
- C In mercy, hear our prayer.
- P all of creation bears witness to your presence. Open our eyes to see you in everything from a delicate blossom to a colossal mountain, that we might love creation as you do. God of the journey.
- C In mercy, hear our prayer.

# Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition. We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P Earthly powers will pass away, but you will reign forever. Remind all who lead that their power and authority is only borrowed, that they might dedicate what time they have to the selfless service of all your beloved children. God of the journey,

# C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P Comfort those who are facing the end of their lives, and all who love them, that they might trust in the promise of eternal life with you. Give strength to all in our community and beyond who struggle with the pains and trials of life, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of the journey,

# C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P With gratitude we remember the saints who came in your name and guided us in your truth. May we, in turn, help others to not be led astray by the enticements of the world. God of the journey;

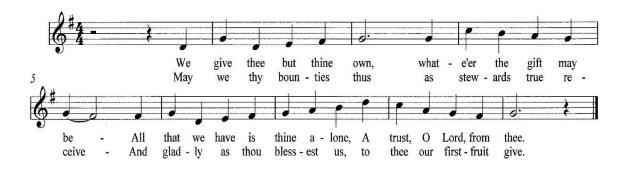
## C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior.

## C Amen.

**OFFERING:** (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving.)

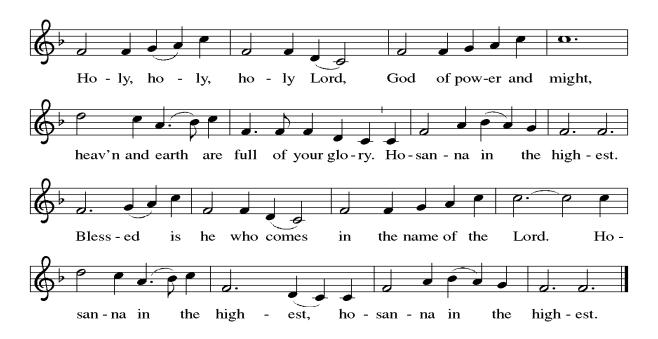
# We Give Thee but Thine Own



#### 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 our thanks and praise.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE**



- P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
  - We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
  - Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who do not commune and children may come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest to request a blessing. Simply complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

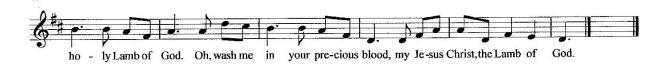
#### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

# Lamb of God Your Only Son



Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt-y Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The hum-ble king we named a I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and













# **POST COMMUNION BLESSING** (please stand)

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



- P Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...
- C YOU ARE NOT DONE!
- P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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# **Announcements**

# <u>Lenten Worship:</u> "YOU MEANT IT FOR EVIL, BUT GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD!"

All are invited to come for a wonderful Lenten series based on the gospel of Luke 22 and 23! Gifted lay members including Jerry Randby, Char Schomisch, Roger Tracey, Judy Zeiss, Randy Zieman, and Shirley Ehler will bring these texts to life for you!

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**Lenten Soup & bread suppers:** Join us this Wednesday from 4:30-5:00 pm. and see what's cooking. The men from pastor's monthly breakfast group will be preparing a 'soup buffet'. It should be interesting!! Rumor has it there will be cream of 'hare'; chili; chicken noodle and more

<u>Easter Invitations:</u> We have received 200 invitations for our Easter services over and above those mailed out to residents in the area. We would like each of you to take a few and invite a friend and/or neighbor to worship with you. Pick them up in the Narthex.

<u>Please Note....</u>Beginning Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> there will only be one class for chair yoga/strengthening. It will be at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall through April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will then stop for the summer months.

<u>Easter Breakfast:</u> Easter is just around the corner and the ladies of WELCA will be preparing/service breakfast on Easter morning between the worship services. If you would like to join us, please complete the insert in the bulletin and place in the offering this morning so they can know how many to plan for.

Attention Ladies: On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-2:15 pm, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West is hosting the Cactus Conference Women's Gathering. We, at GDC have always had a group of ladies attend. Brian Flatgard, Director of Communications ELCA will present two morning sessions addressing, "Artificial Intelligence, Faith, and Faith Communities". We'll enjoy a lunch prior to hearing from women's ministry leaders, Myrna Wells-Ulland, President of Churchwide; Laura Krueger, President and Suki Kisling, Ambassador of the Grand Canyon Synod, prior to the closing communion service. Anyone interested??? Cost is \$15/person which includes morning coffee & lunch. If you'd like to attend sign up on the sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. We will probably carpool leaving in the early morning.

Going north soon?- Those planning on heading north for the summer, please indicate on your green slip. Be sure to include your northern address to confirm what we have is correct, and the date you plan on leaving and then returning to Yuma. We wish you all safe travels.

<u>Are You a Thrivent Member?</u> This is nearing the end of March when the cutoff for 'choice dollars' takes place. Have you taken care of yours?

<u>Stephen Ministry:</u> Spring has arrived, but life can still seem cold and dreary for those who have suffered a loss or experienced a crisis. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to help people through the winters of life, providing emotional and spiritual support during tough times. If you or someone you know could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one Christian care of a Stephen Minister, contact one of our leaders.....Pastor Timm, Michelle Cegon, Jim or Sherri Wehrer. **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!!** 

#### **REMINDERS:**

**Monthly Potluck:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 9:30 am worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.

**Food Pantry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.

<u>Men's Breakfast</u> the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at Daybreakers. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

**Stephen Ministry Potluck:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.

**<u>Bible Study:</u>** Every Monday at 12:30 or 3:00 pm at Pastor's home (7649 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street). Tuesday's @ 10 am via Zoom (contact the office for the link to join in)

Old Testament Bible Study: Every Thursday afternoon, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

<u>Chair balancing/stretching:</u> Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall thru April 24<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$3/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

<u>Days for Girls:</u> check the calendar for the next date. Come join us for the fellowship and fun.

# Holy Week Services:

March 23	<b>Palm Sunday Weekend</b>	Sat., 4:00 p.m.
March 24		Sun., 7:45 & 9:30
March 28	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	6:00 p.m.
March 29	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	6:00 p.m.
March 31	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

There is no service on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Date	Time	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Communion	Readers
3/13	6:00 pm		Char/Jan Klipfel	Jerry/Chris Randby	
3/16	4:00 pm	Nancy	Dyanne Radke/Chris	Sharon Noltemeyer/ Marcia Severson	
			Brown	Marge Jones	
3/17	7:45 am	Char	Dave/Nancy	Mary Marsh/Elaine Char Hofslien	
			Griffiths		
	9:30 am	Joanne	Lauren/Janice	Jim/Linda Bryant	Cheryl Preul
			Erickson		
3/20	6:00 pm		Joanne Ausing/		
			Char		
3/23	4:00 pm	Chris	Jerry Taylor/Diane	Bob/Judy Zeiss Jerry Taylor	
			Lee		
3/24	7:45 am	Nancy	Larry Unger/Brenda	Dave/Nancy Griffiths	Mary Marsh
			Taylor		
	9:30 am	Niki	Dave/Lynda	Linda Strand/Chris	Niki Duffy
			Steinman	Randby	

# **Attendance March 9/10**

67 @ 4 pm, 58 @ 7:45 am, 161 @ 9:30 am Total= 286 in person 9 views on YouTube; 172 view on Facebook = Total 181 online

# **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 3/18	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 3/18	10:00 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom
Monday 3/18	12:30 & 3 pm	Bible Study	Pastor's home
Tuesday 3/19	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 3/19	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study	Your home
Tuesday 3/19	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 3/20	9:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Classroom
Wednesday 3/20	1:00 pm	Chair balancing/Stretching	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 3/20	4:00 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary
Wednesday 3/20	4:30 pm	Soup Buffet (Men's group)	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 3/20	6:00 pm	LENTEN Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wednesday 3/20	7:00 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday 3/21	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 3/21	4:00 pm	Old Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 3/21	5:00 pm	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 3/22	8:00am	TOP	Fellowship Hall
Friday 3/22	10:00 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 3/22	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Friday 3/22	6:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 3/23	4:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 3/24	7:45 & 9:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 3/24	12:00 pm	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom

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Bells of Glory: Lorie Rapp

## GriefShare Group Leaders:

Ted & Niki Duffy Lisa Crayne Mary Marsh Lynette Layton

# Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Michelle Cegon Pastor Timm Jim Wehrer Sherrie Wehrer

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