



Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

5 Habits of Highly Effective Christians: **Encounter God's Word**

*An ounce of prevention is worth a
pound of cure!*

Benjamin Franklin, 1736

For everyone's comfort in the midst of heightening concern over the spread of the Covid-19 Virus, Grace is implementing a few additional preventive measures you may wish to observe:

Ushers will not be handing out bulletins. The bulletins will be available for pick-up on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary. After worship, please dispose of your bulletin in the boxes provided at the exit. We will not be saving bulletins for repeated use.

This bulletin contains ALL the information you will need for worship this morning so that you may avoid using a hymnal.

Please respect the comfort level of others when passing the peace – the peace-sign is a great way to share a safe and friendly greeting. Please respect a distance of at least 3 feet from each other.

The Offering Plates will not be passed through the pews, but stationed at the front of the church next to the individual communion glasses so you can make your offering as you come up for communion.

Every communion assistant will sanitize their hands before serving.

Be careful to touch only your glass when removing it from the tray of communion glasses – sticking your finger into the glass makes this very easy. The Common Cup will always be available, as it is the norm for offering the sacrament.

Pastor will not be touching foreheads when providing a blessing to those not receiving communion.

Pastor will not be greeting us after the service so he can minimize

being a potential vector of transmission.

Prelude

Confession

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

*A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We diminish our respect and awe of You by not putting our relationship with you
on the top of our priority list. We relegate You to being our god of convenient
comfort rather than Creator of the Cosmos, and so we limit the power you have
in our lives.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We let other voices and speak to us of fulfillment, hope and peace, tempting
us to turn away from the truth you offer us. And so, we have doubted your
presence, your power and your promise.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We have shut our ears to your call to love and serve others with the same
compassionate love and service Christ offers us. We have not been diligent in
staying keenly aware of how we can be a source of comfort, hope and
sustenance to those who suffer, despair and are deprived of what they need. We
have found security in protecting our abundant blessings.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*A: We misuse and abuse the role you have given us in and over creation. We
exploit and squander the earth's resources without inconveniencing ourselves
with consideration for the sustainability of life in the future. We assume the
power of gods, but fail in seeking the Wisdom of God in the use of our power,
focusing too much on our satisfaction in this moment rather than
comprehending the full scope of our actions. We privilege our lives over the
lives of other creatures without respect for the depth of the interconnectedness
of all life.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

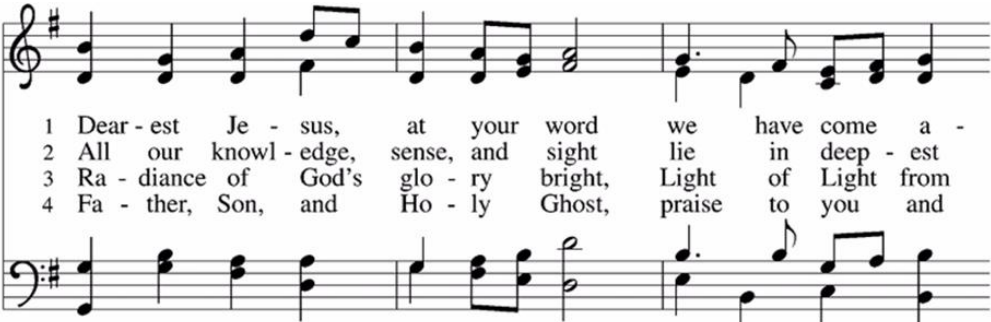
*P: We do not always own our own problems, nor do we take enough
responsibility for working to solve them. We scapegoat, we make excuses, we
get distracted. We do not bring them to you and open ourselves to the Spirit's
guidance through unexpected voices and resources. We become discontented
because we resign to empty contentment. We default to following the norm
rather than clinging to the distinction of being a Child of God.*

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

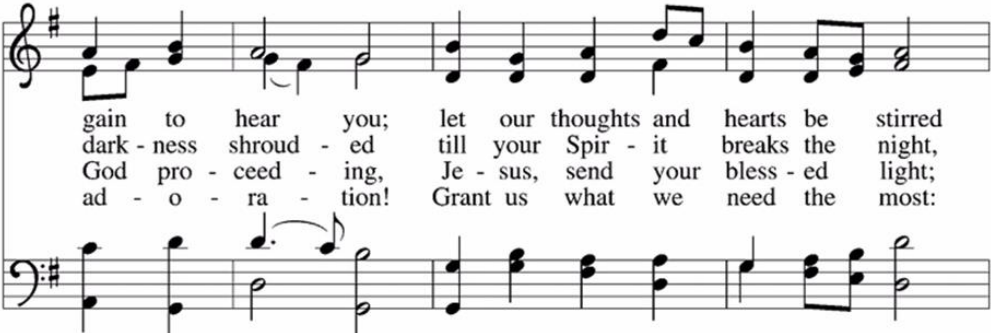
Entrance Hymn

Dearest Jesus at Your Word

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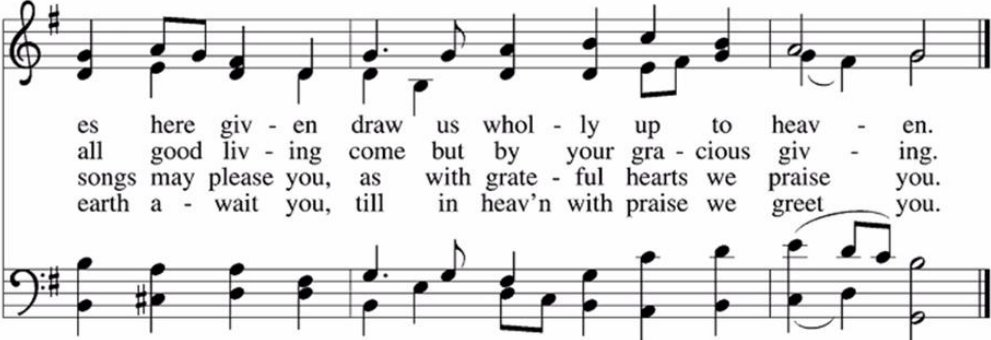
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Greeting & Kyrie

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During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

A Kyrie may be sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.



P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



P: For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, you spoke and all things came into being. The Spirit filled the voices of the prophets to proclaim your words of warning and redemption to your people. Over time, that same Spirit inspired others to pen your word on papyrus and paper so that we can read what you have spoken over the ages. Give us that Spirit, so that we will: open our hearts to desire this wisdom; open our minds to comprehend the depth of your teaching; open our ears to listen for your voice in our time; open our eyes to see the truth of your word in the working of the world; open our hands to honor your word by carrying to the generations to come. We ask this in the name of the Word-Made-Flesh, who is our sage and our salvation, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Nehemiah 8

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

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The teach- ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

**The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;**

*the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;*

**the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

*the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;*

**the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;**

*the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.*

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;**

*sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb. R*

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1

Vou have been born anew, not of what is perishable, but of an imperishable seed - through the living and enduring word of God. For:

*"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.*

*The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)*

That word is the good news which was announced to you.

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Verse

Lord Let My Heart be Good Soil

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Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 4

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for *the Biblically appointed preparation period* of forty days and forty nights, and because he was perfectly faithful to his fast, afterwards he was famished.

Then the devil came tempting Jesus by saying, "Since you are the 'Son of God,' speak, *like the Father did at Creation*, so that these stones may become loaves of bread."

But Jesus answered, "It has been written:

*'Man will not live by bread alone,
but by every word going out from the mouth of God.'*"

(Deuteronomy 8:3)

Then the devil took him into the holy city of *Jerusalem* and stood him on the pinnacle of the temple, *directly above the Ark of the Covenant, the very Throne for God*, to tempt Jesus a second time by saying, "Since you are the 'Son of God,' go ahead and throw yourself off this tower, for it has been written:

*'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'*"

(Psalm 91)

Jesus said to him, "Again it has been written:

'You will not test the Lord your God.'"

(Deuteronomy 6:16)

For a third time, the devil tempted Jesus by taking him to a very high mountain and showing him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and the devil said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

But, Jesus said to him, "Be gone Satan! For it has been written:

*'You will worship the Lord your God,
and will serve only him.'*"

(Deuteronomy 6:13)

Then Jesus released the devil *and the devil went away*. And, behold, angels came and served Jesus.

P: *The Gospel of our Lord!*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *As Rain From the Clouds*

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We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

Apostles Creed (8:30)/Holy Baptism (11:00)

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

**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 to the dead.
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.**

**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

Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem

Presentation of the Gifts

685 vs. 1, 4 & 6

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

A: Let us pray:

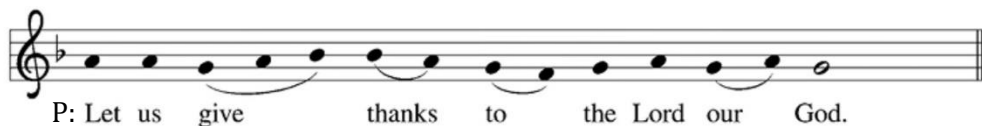
**C: Loving God, we give you thanks for the bounty and
blessings of our lives, returning these offerings as signs of
our gratitude. May these gifts further your work and
sustain your kingdom among us. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

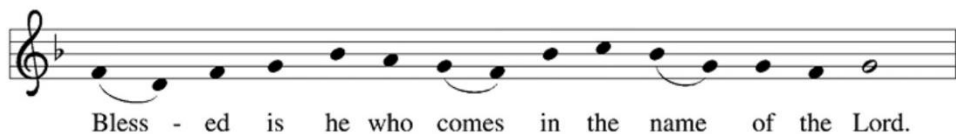
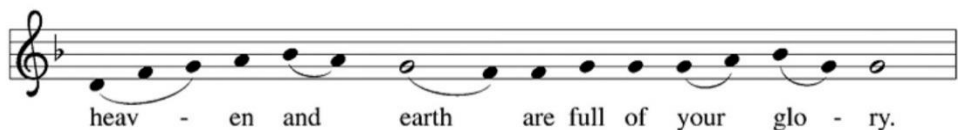
Great Thanksgiving

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P: 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks . . . Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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C: Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

***please remember to place your offering
 in one of the plates up front by the trays
 of individual communion glasses.***

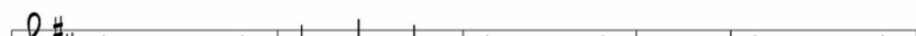
C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

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Break Now the Bread of Life



O Word of God Incarnate

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and tenor parts providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal parts. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line corresponding to a different voice part.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three voices.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

O God of Light

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1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world, your sum - mary you are send - ing

Dismissal

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS begins today at 12:30 with lunch and learning with Pastor Chris in his office. Class continues for the next two Sundays.

YOUTH DINNER TONIGHT! At Grace from 6 – 8. Come prepare, eat and enjoy time together with food, fun and fellowship – and also some prayer and bible reading.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH & SERVICE – have started and we hope you will plan to join us each week. Bring a sandwich to enjoy with a soup provided by one of Grace’s Ministry Committees. Then stay to center yourself in the season with the quietly contemplative music of the French Christian community of “Taize.” Each week readings will focus on a different *Fruit of the Spirit* : *Self Control, Patience, Joy, Gentleness and love*. We hope you will join us.

SEASONED CITIZENS LUNCHEON - next Sunday, March 15th, our monthly luncheons resume in the fellowship hall after the late service. All our “seasoned” members of Grace are invited to attend.

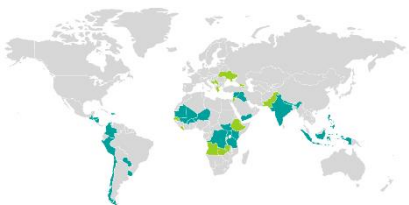
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – is being held next Sunday March 15th after each service with the only agenda items being an extension of call to Doug Jenkins to become a synodical deacon as well as reinstatement from on-leave from call for our other 3 deacons: Peg Lindblom, Carol Straub & Chuck Rogler. We hope you will plan on staying after worship for one of these important meetings in support of our congregation members.



Please make your tax-deductible donation to support Grace Lutheran and our many faithful ministries using this QR code!

A Season of Hope

*Grace's Lenten Lutheran World Relief
40 "Personal Care Kit" Collection*



● Quilt and Kits of Care distributions.

● Long-term development project and/or emergency response.



*“Cleanliness
may not actually be next to
godliness, but it certainly helps a
person feel more human. When families
find their homes destroyed, or must flee
for their safety,
soap and a towel
rarely make the*



cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.”

LWR Website

Every Lent Grace participates in a Lutheran World Relief campaign to assist those in need around the world. This year we will be collecting different “Personal Care Kit” items on each Sunday during Lent. Our goal is to gather after each service on Easter Sunday to assemble a total of 200 Personal Care Kits. Please bring an item each Lenten Sunday and place it in the box as you enter the Sanctuary. The boxes will be brought forward as part of our congregation’s offering each Sunday. Here is the schedule for items to bring:

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| March 1 | Light-weight bath-size towel (between 20” x 40” and 52” x 27”), dark color |
| March 8 | Three 2 bar pkgs. of Soap 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping |
| March 15 | Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging |
| March 22 | A Sturdy comb, remove packaging |
| March 29 | metal nail clippers (attached file optional) |
| April 12th - | Personal Care Kit Assembly after each service in the Fellowship Hall on EASTER SUNDAY! Each kit takes only a few minutes to assemble. |

Upcoming Events at Grace

Today, Sunday March 8th *Encounter God’s Word*

- ❖ Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
- ❖ Confirmation Class, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- ❖ First Communion Class, 12:15 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Dinner Gathering, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9th

- ❖ Confirmation Class, 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Grace Book Club 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th

- ❖ Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Personnel Committee 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th

- ❖ “Setting Apart” Worship Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Mid-week Lenten Soup & Sandwiches, 6:30 p.m. Soup provided by Evangelism Committee
- ❖ Mid-week Lenten Taize Service, 7:30 p.m. “*Patience*”
- ❖ Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12th

- ❖ Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, March 15th *Devotion to Prayer*

- ❖ Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Special Congregational Meeting, 9:45 a.m.
- ❖ Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- ❖ Confirmation Class, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- ❖ Special Congregational Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- ❖ Seasoned Citizens Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- ❖ First Communion Class, 12:15 p.m.

	Second Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020 8:30am	Second Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020 11:00am	Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2020 8:30am	Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2020 11:00am
Lector	Marion Fuscaldo	Margaret Swift	Joan Kennedy	Mil Bauerlein
Asst. Minister	Doug Jenkins	Charlie Kiederer	Bruce Waldman	Chuck Tressler
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