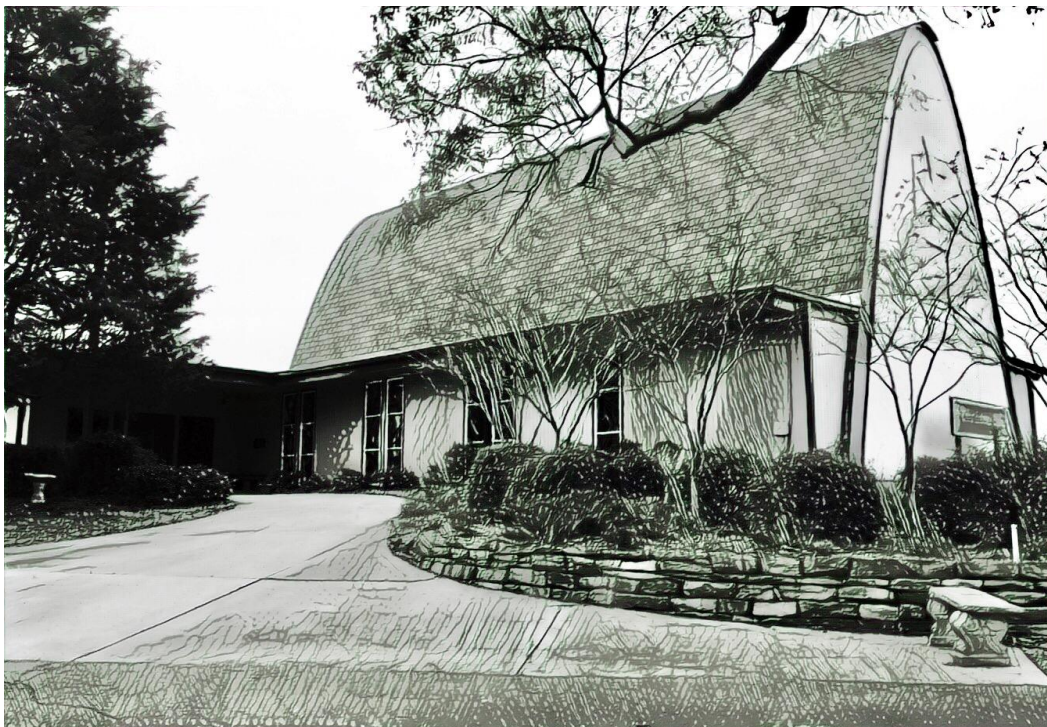


# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Rev. George Fields, Pastor**

**Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.**

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

+ April 6, 2025 +

*“Perhaps They Will Respect My Son”*



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,  
and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the  
worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.  
Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.  
We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available  
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

## **WELCOME:**

“The people of Christ then is correctly named a vineyard, either because of the sign of the cross woven on its forehead or because its fruit is gathered in the last season of the year. It may also be called a vineyard because there is equal esteem in the church of God for the rich and poor, humble and powerful, servants and masters. There is no difference in the church, as in all the rows of a vineyard. As the vine clings to trees, so the body is joined to the soul and the soul to the body. When the vine clings, it is raised up. When it is pruned, it is not diminished, but it increases. The people of God is stripped when it is bound, uplifted when it is humbled, crowned when it is cut.”

– St. Ambrose of Milan, *Exposition of the Gospel of Luke*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE II

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.*

## OPENING HYMN

**O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth**

#834

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

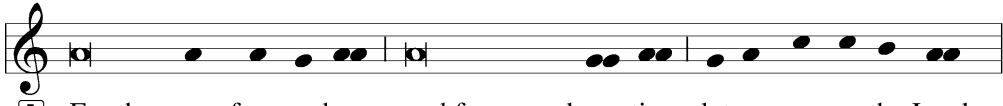
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.





**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



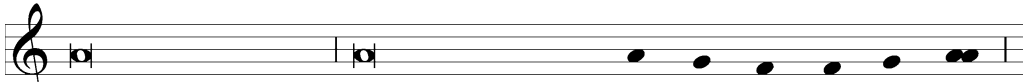
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



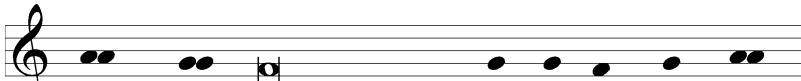
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,





**P** The Lord is righteous;  
He has cut the cords of the wicked.

*Please stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 20:9-20*

**P** The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?”

“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Please be seated*

OFFICE HYMN

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

**#430**

SERMON

*The Vineyard*

*Please stand*

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,** (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)  
**the Father Almighty,** (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)  
**maker of heaven and earth** (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** (Col 1:16)  
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,** (Rom 10:9)  
**the only-begotten Son of God,** (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,** (Jn 1:2)  
**God of God, Light of Light,** (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)  
**very God of very God,** (Col 2:9) **begotten, not made,** (Jn 1:2)  
**being of one substance with the Father,** (Jn 10:30)  
**by whom all things were made;** (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)  
**who for us men and for our salvation** (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)  
**came down from heaven** (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** (Lk 1:34-35)  
**and was made man;** (Jn 1:14)  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)  
**He suffered and was buried.** (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)  
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures** (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)  
**and ascended into heaven** (Acts 1:9)  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** (Acts 7:55)  
**And He will come again with glory** (Mt 26:64)  
**to judge both the living and the dead,** (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)  
**whose kingdom will have no end.** (2 Pt 1:11)  
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)  
**the Lord and giver of life,** (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,** (Jn 15:26)  
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,** (Mt 3:16-17)  
**who spoke by the prophets.** (Eze 11:5)  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,** (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,** (Eph 4:5)  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)

**Amen.** (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition of the prayer:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*For comfort, health, and recovery:* **Shirley Bagley, Hunter Burkhalter, Joel Chaffee, Tahlia Ferderer, Debbie Gangi, Barbara Glenn, Anita Martin, Betty Ramsey, Laura Rawson, Mallory Richard, Savannah Richardson, Judy Smathers, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Jennifer Webster, John Weidner;**

*For those who mourn:* the family and friends of **Laura Angelo;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Nancy Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Sara Fields;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Gabriel Escude, Glen Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;**

*For foreign missionaries*

*This week's prayer family:* **Jenny Merry** and her loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand*

# OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**☐** 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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<b>Lord Jesus, Think on Me</b>	<b>#610</b>
<b>Christ, the Life of All the Living</b>	<b>#420</b>
<b>The Son of God Goes Forth to War</b>	<b>#661</b>



*Please stand following distribution of communion*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

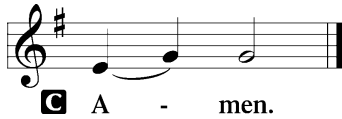
*Luke 2:29-32*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

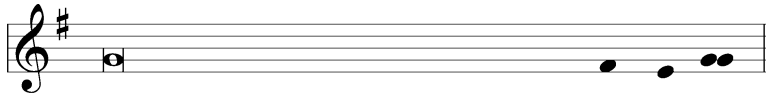
**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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### Serving Today:

**Celebrant:** Rev. George Fields

**Acolyte:** Miles Agent

**Interpreter:** Denee Smith

**Elder:** Keith Martin

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Teal

**Bill Cookston Funeral This Saturday:** The Lord has gathered His saint Bill unto Himself. He will be given a Christian funeral this Saturday, April 12th, at 9:00 a.m., with interment to follow. Come pray with us as we commend our brother Bill into the hands of Christ.

**Many Thanks** to all who helped clean the church and spruce up the grounds yesterday!

**Last Lenten Evening Prayer:** It is the Fifth Week of Lent, and the final week of midweek services. Next week marks Palm Sunday's Triumphal Entry, followed by the Triduum of Holy Week. So, join us for this last Evening Prayer of the Lenten season before we "turn our face toward Jerusalem."

**Last Lenten Supper:** Join us for our last supper of the Lenten season (not to be confused with *the* Last Supper...)! We will gather at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday** for food and fellowship before Evening Prayer. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for all who would like to help provide food. Thank you in advance for your loving service and contribution. Thank you!

**Easter Lilies:** You are invited to provide one or more Easter lilies for next the Easter Sunday Divine Service. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex (near the front door). You may take them home after the service Easter Morning. Checks should be made to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Easter Brunch:** Our annual Easter Brunch will be Easter morning from **9:00-10:00 a.m.** (There will be no Sunday School classes that morning). If you would like to bring a dish to the brunch, please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Come to enjoy good food before celebrating our Lord's resurrection with the community of the faithful. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children – please bring your own Easter basket!

**Holy Week on the Horizon:** The celebration of our Lord's Passion beginning with Palm Sunday is only a week away! Mark your calendar for the services of Holy Week, and join us as we journey with our Lord to the cross of our redemption:

- April 13, 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Divine Service
- April 17, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service
- April 18, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Chief Service
- April 19, 8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
- April 20, 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Divine Service

**Readings for next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Palm Sunday:**

Introit Ps. 24:7-10; Psalm 118:19-29; Deut. 32:36-39; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:20-43.

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*This week at Christ Lutheran Church: April 7 – April 13*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b> Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> Private Confession & Absolution
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Lenten Dinner
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Lenten Evening Prayer
	<b>7:45 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> LifeLight
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Bible & Breaky @ Broadstreet
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Bill Cookston Funeral
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School for All Ages
	<b>10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Palm Sunday</b>



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