



This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!
Luke 9:35

Transfiguration of Our Lord
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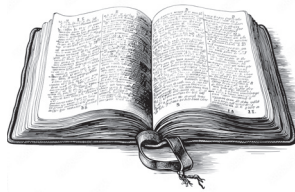
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This Week's Memory Verse

And a voice came out
of the cloud, saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"
(Luke 9:35)



Memory Verse Aid

AAVCO,
OTCS,
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(L935)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Burkhardt

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

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

Amen

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. **Amen**

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.

Reflection and self-examination

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Most merciful God, 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By Christ's authority alone, 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. Amen

Hymn: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

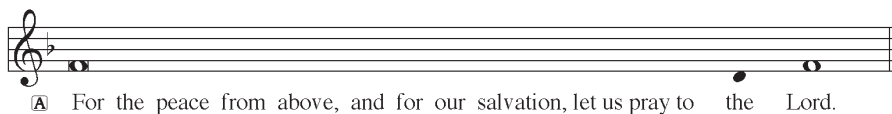
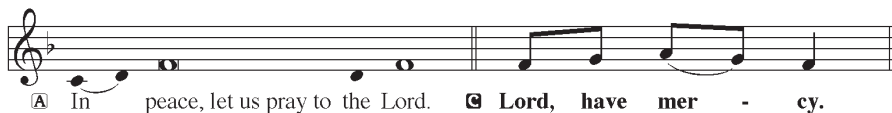
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

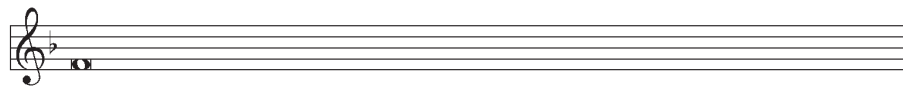
The Kyrie

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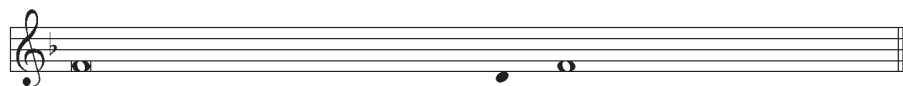




☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



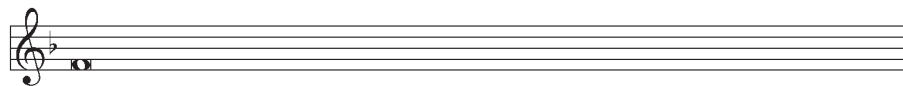
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



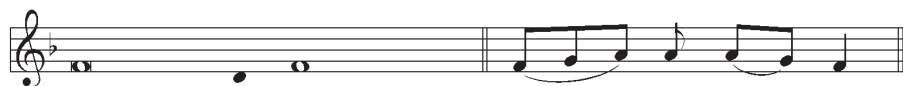
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☐ A - men

Hymn of Praise

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☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.





Prayer of the Day



O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab

thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is King; let the | people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²**The LORD is | great in Zion;
he is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess his name, which is | great and awesome;
he is the | Holy One.

⁴**“O mighty King, lover of justice, you
have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.”**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down be- | fore his footstool;
he is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel
among those who call up- | on his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he | answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree | that he gave them.

⁸**“O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished
them for their | evil deeds.”**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter.

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Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about

to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said.

³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Facing Glory”

Hymn: “Oh Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

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Confession of Faith

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Let us profess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

²I 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.

³I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of the Church

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Offering

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Anthem: “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Adult Choir

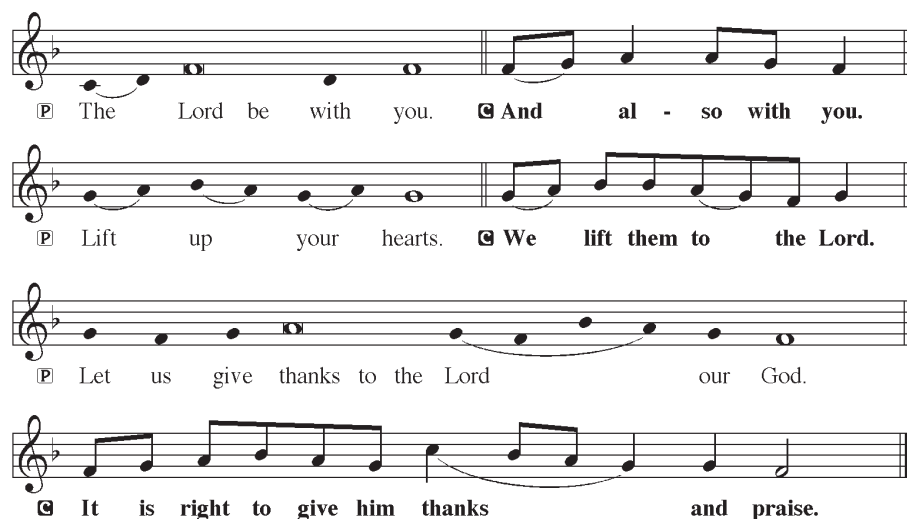
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



Merciful Father, 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

Thanksgiving

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It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.

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

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

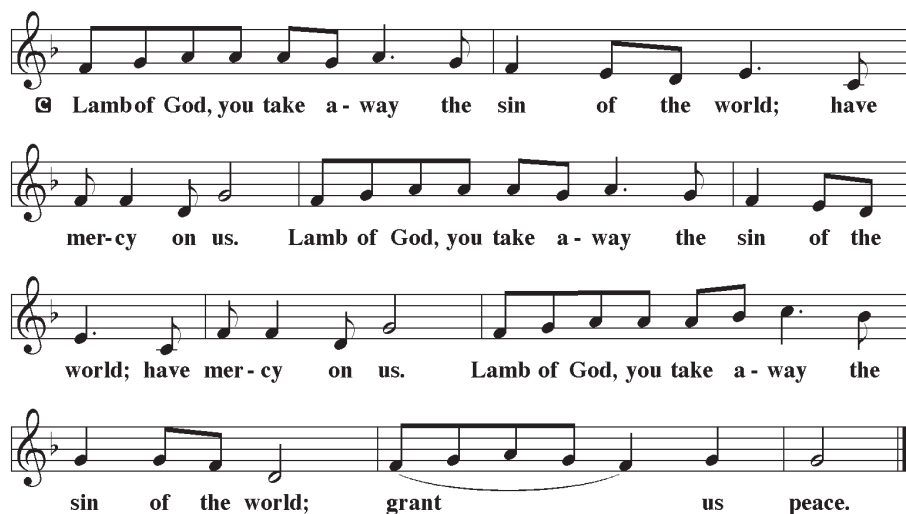
⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Distribution of Holy Communion

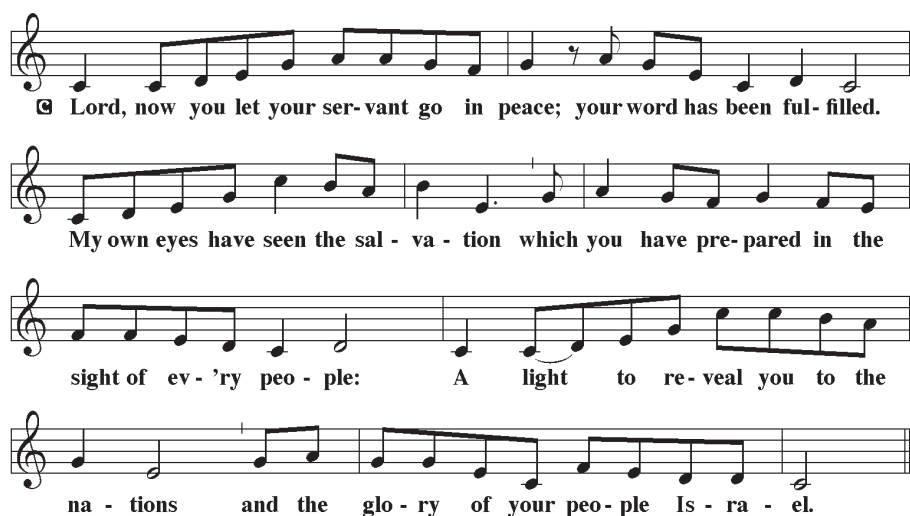
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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

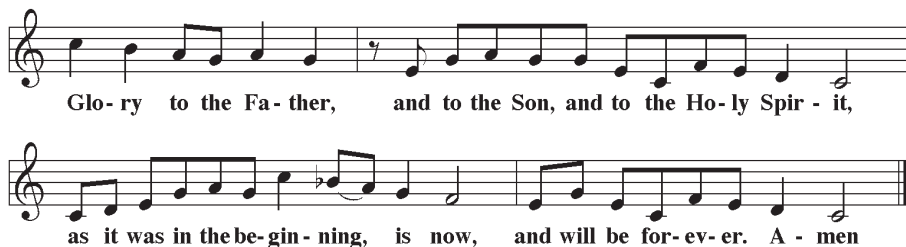


☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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



☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared 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.



Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Postlude: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky”

Kimball

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Benediction

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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.

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

Amen



*We extend our love and sympathy to Christine Maloney
on the death of her brother, William Schluter.*

Bill died February 13, 2025.

Please keep Christine and her family in prayer.

New Member's Class

As no one called the church office to sign up for the New Members classes in February or March, we will offer the class later in the year. If you are interested in joining St. Paul's, **please call the church office** so we may plan a class, and prepare the necessary handouts.

Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser Today

Andrew Baker is working on his **Eagle Scout project** at Union Lutheran. He is planning to build and install a free little library, and to clean up their playground. He is doing an all-you-can-eat spaghetti lunch at Union Lutheran Church as a fundraiser. **Members of St. Paul's are invited. The lunch is today following worship** in the Dutch Meeting Hall **at Union Lutheran Church**. Minor alternatives will be provided for any dietary concerns. All proceeds will go towards the Eagle Scout Project (Boy Scout Troop 315). A suggested donation of \$10 or any monetary amount of your choosing is greatly appreciated.

Clean Sweep Day for the Cemetery

St. Paul's Cemetery Committee will clean away **everything** from the cemetery on March 29th. This includes **all** flowers, ornaments, etc. If you have a flower in the cemetery that you wish to keep, you should remove it **before March 29th**, or it will be thrown away. You may return your flowers to the cemetery after the clean-up. Please spread the word.

March Youth & Family Game Day

The Youth & Family Committee are having a youth outing event March 22, 2025, at 12:30pm at **Stars & Strikes in Concord**. Youth and their families are encouraged to join us for bowling and games. Please use the following URL link or QR code to sign up for the event. Deadline is March 12, 2025.
<https://forms.office.com/r/Nt4WKRmUCx>



Recent Prayer Needs

- Glen Amos – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Edna Chapman – Bermuda Commons Nursing/Rehab
- Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Mitch Drew, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Patti Horinka – recovering from surgery
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Shiela Barringer – health concerns
- Zack Lemmon, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Kay Moody – recovering from surgery
- Wesley Page – health concerns
- Stan Parnell, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Rex Phelps – recovering from surgery
- Barbara Upright – Liberty Commons Rehab

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.



General Fund Offering (2/23)	\$15,104
Other Offering (2/23).....	\$3,804
Sunday School Attendance (2/23).....	72
Worship Attendance (2/23).....	207

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$156 Total so far: \$1,051
During the first quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Lutherans for Life.

Sunday, March 2

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am in the fellowship hall
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee meeting, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, March 3

- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, March 4

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake and sausage supper, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, after the worship service
- Youth Confirmation classes will not meet during Lent.

Thursday, March 6

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm

March 9

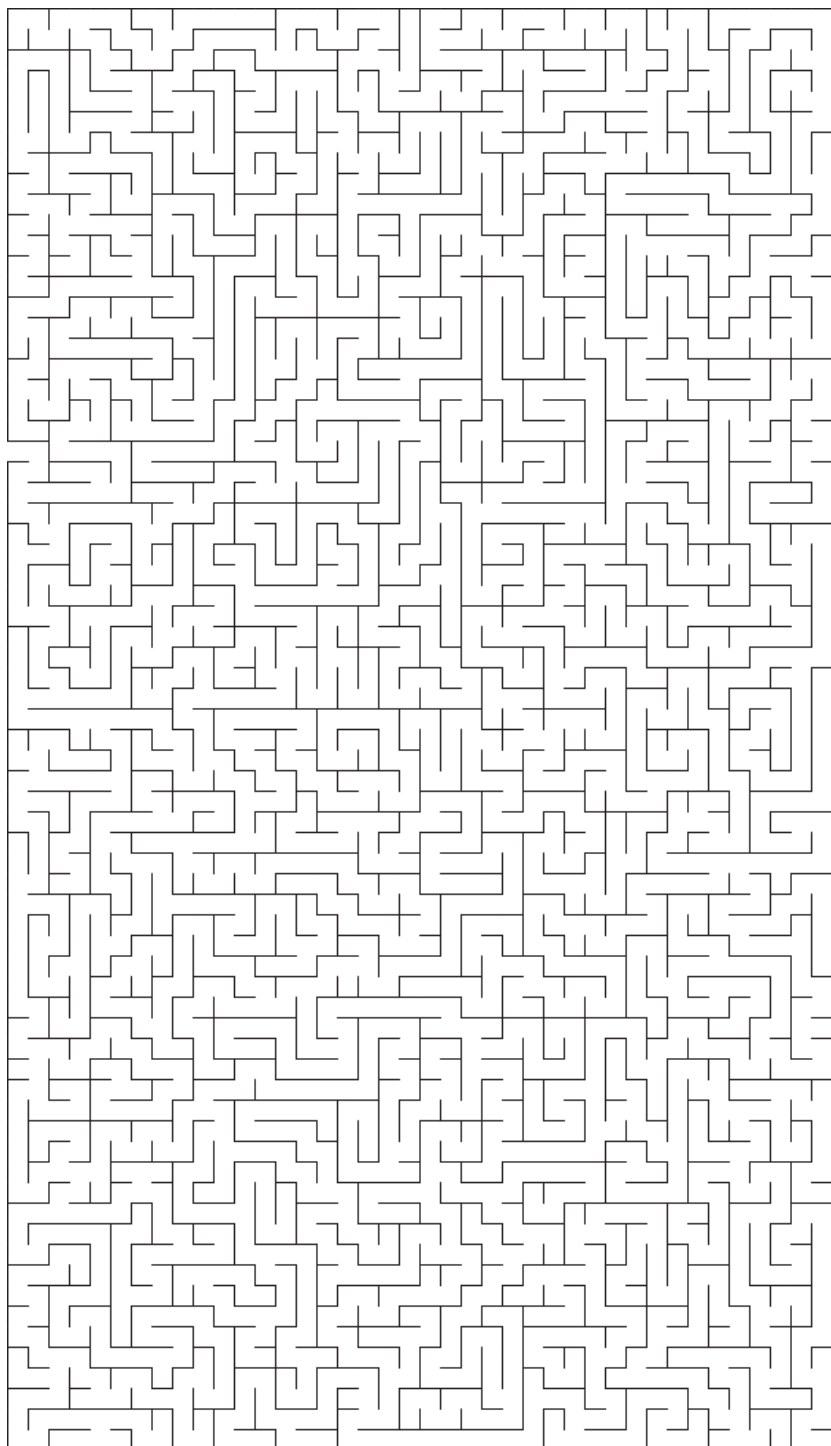
- Kristie and Danny Ward with Naomi's Heart Mission will be our guests during the 10:30 worship service.
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship and Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- College Ministry meeting with Pastor Lord, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

The Death of Moses

Find the 31 **bold** words from Deuteronomy 34:4–8.

S D S G R L I R T I D M G L B
E D I S A A C N X E A T I X T
S E U E V B A B S H U D V R L
O S N M D V U C A Q O O E K E
M I V O R R E R D E W O L L A
D M N E I N B H J N G B R N R
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And the LORD said to him, “This is the **land** which I **promised** to **Abraham**, to **Isaac**, and to **Jacob**, saying, ‘I will **give** it to your **descendants**.’ I have **allowed** you to **see** it with your eyes but you shall not go over there.” So **Moses** the **servant** of the **LORD** **died** there in the land of **Moab**, according to the word of the LORD. And he **buried** him in the **valley** in the land of Moab **opposite Beth-peor**. But to this day, no one knows his **burial place**. And Moses was 120 years old when he died. His **eye** was **not weak**, nor his **vigor abated**. And the people of **Israel** **wept** for Moses in the plains of Moab **thirty days**. Then the days of weeping and **mourning** for Moses were **ended**.



The Unfailing Love of the Lord

Find the 30 bold words from Psalm 103:6–14.

E T W T D R R A F S L O W T J
E V D L L E E B R O M E L U H
G X O X O H M U I L I A S T I
F P E L C T O N G Z E T S I N
C R H C S A V D H D I A Z D I
B B A T U F E A T C E P R E Q
E Y U M R T D N E A N I L S U
L O R D E A E T O S E T U N I
S I N S B A E S U R R I F E T
Q S E S O M N O S A D E I P I
D B S U B X I G N E L S C M E
U C R I S C H G E F I B R O S
S N E V A E H D S R H A E C F
T Y I R W E S T S N C C M E Z
S Z G N I L I A F N U L K R N

The **LORD** **executes righteousness** and **justice** for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to **Moses**, his acts to the children of **Israel**. The LORD is **merciful** and **gracious**, **slow** to anger, and **abundant** in **unfailing love**. He will not always **scold**, nor will he hold on to his **anger** forever. He has not **dealt** with us according to our **sins**, nor **recompensed** us according to our **iniquities**. For as high as the **heavens** are above the **earth**, so great is his unfailing love toward those who **fear** him. As far as the **east** is from the **west**, so far has he **removed our** transgressions from us. Like a **father** **pities** his **children**, so the LORD **pities** those who fear him. For he knows our **frame**; he remembers that we are **dust**.



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Next weeks lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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