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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

As the prelude begins, please observe a period of silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.

PRELUDE on Beautiful Savior - arr. Manz

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able. Congregational responses are in **bold**.

WELCOME

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 - Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

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



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



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.



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



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



Glory to God





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***SALUTATION** P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

- ² The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.
- ³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

- ⁴ O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and
- fall down before God's footstool;
 - God is the Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you 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.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

(please stand)



* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
- C: Glory to you O Lord.

*GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud

came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY How Good, Lord, to Be Here ELW #315

SERMON

***CREED**

Pastor Ken Johnson

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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to nature and wildlife. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (*especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings. There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

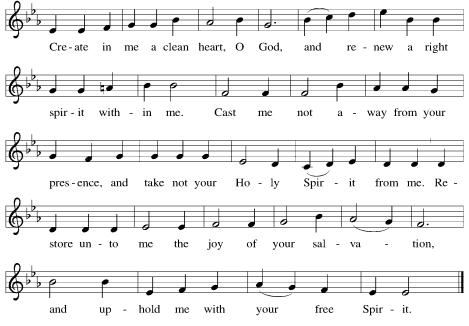
- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.



• If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

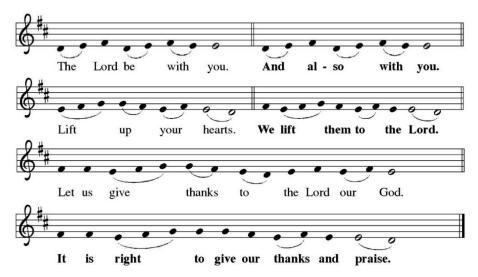
> Please stand as we begin singing the "Create in Me" and the elements are brought forward



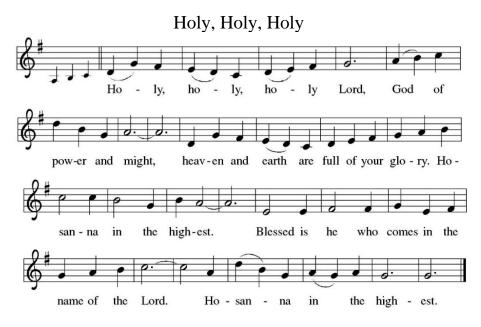
Create in Me a Clean Heart

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

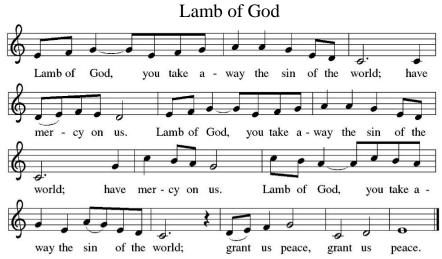


***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

(Please be seated)

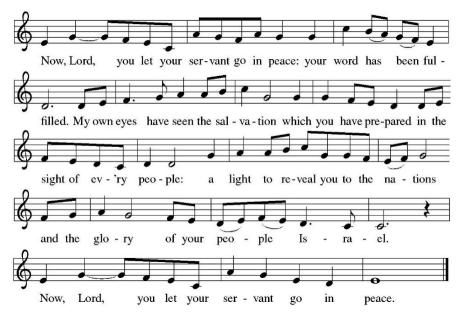


HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.

11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail after communing are invited to do so.

(please stand) ***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



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

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN** Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW #318

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

*DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Intrada Festiva - Paul Fey

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

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Rev. Ken Johnson		Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman		Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson		Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh		Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson		Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt		Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson		Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes		Custodian
Dr. William Musselman		Organist/Director Emeritus
ALTAR GUILD:	Teri I	Koretsky, Holly Wohlfert
WELCOME TEAM:	8:30	Jen & Tim Gatz
	11:00	Karen Jachym, Sheree Sorensen
LECTORS:	8:30	Carol Knoch
	11:00	Connie Ruch
ACOLYTES:	8:30	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	11:00	Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann

Organist Today: William Musselman

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, Kendall.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Sharon and Evan Kokales in loving memory of Vicky Kokales Phillips.

Weekly Announcements

Pancake Breakfast! To celebrate the final Sunday before the beginning of Lent, the Youth will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast for the congregation TODAY, March 2 between services! This has become a great annual event for our church and it will also be a fundraiser to benefit the youth fund for all of our activities!

<u>March 5 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent.</u> Starting March 5 and through the season of Lent, Wednesday Evening worship services will be in-person at 6:30pm every Wednesday. For those unable to join in person, the service will be live-streamed and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

Lenten devotional materials will be available in the Fellowship Hall as we approach the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. Please help yourself!

Please sign up to help with Lenten Soup/Salad Suppers starting March 12.

Lenten Wednesday Evening Services start on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm. Every following Wednesday in Lent, a Soup/Salad Supper will begin at 5:45 before the Lenten Service. We ask for our congregants to sign up to help provide food for these suppers by signing up on the list posted on the Youth Board opposite the kitchen in the downstairs hallway!

Scripture and Sandwiches Online Bible study is Back! Pr. Jake is bringing back Scripture and Sandwiches for an eight week walk through the Sermon on the Mount! We'll meet each Thursday from 12-12:30 through March 13 for a bit of bible study and conversation over lunch. The meetings happen via Zoom so you can join in from wherever you are! Use the Zoom info below or follow the link provided in the weekly emails to join! Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

Bike repair workshop for El Sol Elementary School! - *Rescheduled for March 8!* Trinity is once again repairing bicycles to be donated to students and families at El Sol Elementary School! We have an abundance of donated bikes and we're partnering with Open Roads to make sure that the bikes are in top notch condition before passing them on to the students. The repair day at Open Roads will be March 8th from 11-3ish and we're looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing do the repairs. No experience is necessary as the staff of Open Roads will be there to teach and guide us along the way! Space is limited, so sign up in the Fellowship Hall by March 2nd to be a part of the crew!

Euchre Tournament, Saturday March 8! We will gather at 6pm with card play to start at 6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$10/person at registration (split 50/50 between Good Samaritan Fund and prizes) and \$1.00/person for each time if "Euchred" during play (given to last person winning w/a "lone hand"). For the Euchre tournament, you don't need a partner but bring your choice of beverage and a snack to share! If you have any requests for other games to be offered, let Holly Wohlfert know via text 269-808-3889. Put a "save-the-date" on your calendar and watch for more updates in the upcoming weeks.

Green Team Meeting with Special Guest! You are invited to join the Green Team on Tuesday March 11th from 2-3pm as we welcome special guest Molly Mechtenberg! Molly is the Executive director of Hope for Creation, a faithbased organization focused on environmental stewardship and sustainability. She will share about the efforts that are happening in our community and how we as a team at Trinity can continue our work to care for the good world God made! **Please sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to provide flowers or host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. (*And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!*) *Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance. **Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.**

Basket Weaving at Trinity! A basket weaving class is being offered on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 19</u> just in time for Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship hall if you're interested. The interest in the type of basket and time will be used to determine the final details of the class. Questions? Contact Jennifer Gougeon-Catarino <u>gougeonjs@gmail.com</u>

Bring Your Ugly Mug to Church! Okay, it doesn't have to be ugly, but bring your mug to church! In an effort to produce less waste and give a little more of a personal touch the coffee we sip on Sunday mornings we've added a "Mug Wall" to the fellowship hall. There are detailed instructions next to the wall, but the basic idea is you bring in a mug from home, you use the mug when you're here, we wash the mug during the week! Simple, right!? So we'll say it again, Bring your ugly (or not ugly) mug to church!

Christ Clothes Closet: The Closet needs donations of men's and women's socks and winter coats for all as they continue to give away cold weather gear throughout this season; and they are in need of personal hygiene products such as toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, lotion and feminine hygiene.

Good Samaritan Fund Need Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website www.tlckzoo.com.

If you have access to Thrivent Grants, please consider using one to help purchase needed items and supplies for church outreach and events! Contact the church office if you are looking to find out more.

Wartburg Singers and Orchestra to Visit Kalamazoo Our friends at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church are hosting a concert by the Wartburg College Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher Chamber Orchestra <u>on Tuesday</u>, March 4, at 7:30 <u>PM</u>. Musical selections will range from classical to contemporary and will surely make for an enjoyable evening! Wartburg College is an ELCA affiliated school located in Waverly, Iowa and freewill donations will be accepted to help fund scholarships and provide for future tours.

Greece & Turkey Trip – "Walk in the Footstep of Paul and John" - Summer

2027 Trinity is exploring the option of taking a Youth and Congregational trip to Greece and Turkey the summer of 2027. If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or the Youth Board, or fill out the interest form online in our weekly emails. We will have an informational meeting sometime in the spring, so look for more details soon! If you are in middle school, a parent/guardian would have to attend the trip. If you are in high school, Heidi Albertson would act as your guardian if a parent/guardian is not going on the trip.

Refugee Families in Need! Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. We currently have 7 families that have a list of practical needs and as a congregation we would like to be able to fulfill those needs! Some of those basic needs include:

- Towels (kitchen and bath)
- Blankets
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry baskets and detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Personal Hygiene products (soap, lotion, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene, deodorant)



If you are interested in helping with this project you can drop items off to church labeled "Refugees" any time the church is open; or if you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald (bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com) or the church office.

Ladies Lunch will be March 12 at 11:30am at Alibi (153 W. Center Ave.,

Portage) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall; hope to see you there!

We are once again hosting American Red Cross blood drives at Trinity in 2025.

The next dates are Wednesday April 16, 2025, Wednesday June 25, 2025, Wednesday August 27, 2025. We are asking for volunteers to become part of the team to help with registrations/hospitality, some set-up and closing the church at end of the drive. If you are interested/able to do this, please contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 or the church office.

Hold the date for Sunday, April 27, 2025 - the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is back! New this year: Trinity Lutheran will be the starting and ending point for the walk! We are also working on an alternative activity during the walk for non-walkers. CROP Hunger Walks raise money for <u>Church World</u> <u>Service</u> hunger/ poverty reduction projects locally (~25%) and internationally (~75%). This year our local funds will go to Loaves & Fishes food pantry. If you are interested in walking, donating to our Trinity team, or just would like more information, please contact Karn Erlandson

(<u>karnerlandson@yahoo.com</u>; <u>269-579-0619</u>). Our team web page is available for online donations at:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutherankalamazoo

		Calendar of Upcoming Events
Sun	Mar 2	
		Choir 9:25
		Pancake Breakfast 9:30 – 10:30
		Sunday School 9:45
		VASA 2-5
Mon	Mar 3	Prayer Shawl 10-12
Wed	Mar 5	Men's Bible Study 7AM
		Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM
Thu	Mar 6	Scripture and Sandwiches 12-12:30
Sat	Mar 8	Open Roads Bike Workshop 11-2PM
		Violin Choir 4-6PM
		Euchre Tournament 6PM
		Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sun	Mar 9	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11AM
		Choir 9:25
		All Sunday School classes 9:45
		Parent small group 10
		Church Council 12:15
		High School Youth Service project 12:15
		Sons of Norway 2-5
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