

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**OPENING HYMN**      "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"      (LSB 868)

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

$\dagger$  **WORD**  $\dagger$

### INTROIT

*Ps. 13:3-5; (antiphon: Ps. 13:6)*

**P** I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**C** Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

**P** lest my enemies say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**C** But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### KYRIE



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

  
*Kyrie Eleis*

## LSB 946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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### **SALUTATION** *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 40:21–31* (He brings us out and calls us by name.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

"On Eagle's Wings" (Michael Joncas, arr. Hayes)  
*Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist*

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 9:16–27* (I do it all for the sake of the Gospel.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:29–39* (Everyone was looking for Jesus.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

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

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

**SERMON HYMN**

"Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578)  
Verse 1 All  
Verses 2 & 4 Men & Boys  
Verses 3 & 5 Women & Girls

**SERMON**

Verse 6 All (We Rise)

"Where Is Your Pulpit?"

(1 Corinthians 9:16)

Pastor Brad Urbach

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8:30

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11:00

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Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

**OFFERTORY**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

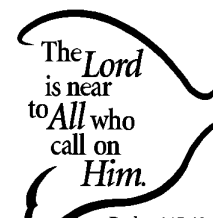
**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**P** We give thanks to You, dear Father, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh to preach the Gospel and cast out the works of Satan and



the corruption of sin, which we could not overcome. By Your Word, rescue us from every evil of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of the Church, give joy to Your servants on whom You have laid the necessity to preach the Gospel, that many would be saved in every nation and that together we may share in the blessings of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, give to all Christian homes the endurance that comes from Your Holy Spirit, that husbands and wives, parents and children may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, Creator of the world and its foundations, You hold sway over the powers of nature and the rulers of the earth. Graciously preserve our land, its produce and industry, and our leaders together with our people. Do not disregard us for our sins, but renew us, that our lives may be peaceful and our country governed according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, Your Son is the Great Physician of body and soul, at whose hand demon, disease and every ill must turn away. We bring before You those in any need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy Father, where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. Bring us in faith to Your Holy Sacrament, that the blood of Christ, which atoned for our sins, may make us whole, strengthen us against every spiritual attack of the devil, turn us in love toward our neighbor, and preserve us in body and soul to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠  
**8:30 am Service**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

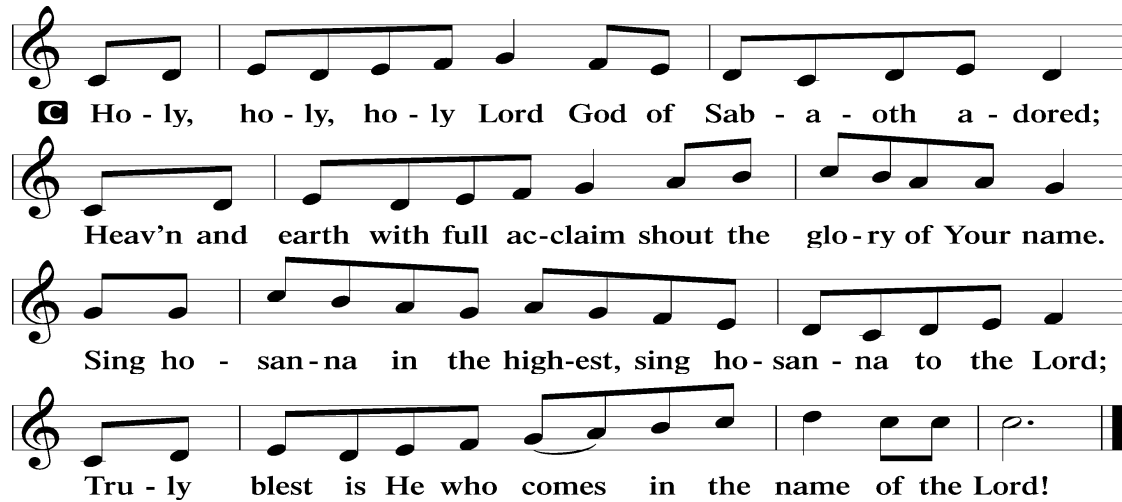
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might

not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*



## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)

"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655)

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" (LSB 580)



*(Please stand)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

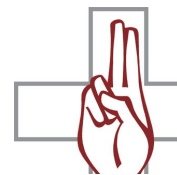
### BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.





**CLOSING HYMN** "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" (LSB 577)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



**AS WE GATHER** Living at a time when it seems the Church is under attack, we might long for a time when everyone was looking for Jesus. Whether they know or realize it, the world is looking for Jesus, that is, for an answer to sin, fear, loneliness, pain, and death. Jesus is that answer. For this reason, our Lord had to continue to preach at the next town and the next. For this reason, we continue to proclaim the unchanging Gospel year in and year out, for it is the only Gospel by which any can be saved.

May the Lord grant us zeal for His house and His kingdom!

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany!**

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching** this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Jan. 24, Att. 89, Offering \$30.00; Sun., Jan. 28, Att. 287;** General Fund \$7,735.73; Sunday School \$7.00; Building Fund \$447.53; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Extra Missions \$856.29; Education \$393.41; Mexico Mission \$40.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) \$140.00, (Blessings) \$100.00, (Generations) \$154.13.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



**Mexico Mission** The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2024 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.

Also, there will be a Mexico mission trip fundraiser rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to contribute rummage, please have your items at the church by Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Offering Envelopes** Our 2024 offering envelopes are on the table beneath the confirmation pictures. They are numerically and semi-alphabetically arranged on the tables. **Please pick yours up today**. If you do not find yours let Helen know and she will make sure you get them. Even if you give automatically or by your cell phone there are

special envelopes you can use throughout the year, **please take them home.**

**Portals of Prayer** The Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2024 are on the table with the offering envelopes. There are both regular and large print. Please pick yours up today.

**Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Forms are on the information table in the Narthex.**



**Men's Club** will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast **TODAY** between services. This fundraiser is free-will offering and the proceeds will go to help with the cost of providing The Lutheran Witness to all families of our congregation.

**Men's Club** will meet each Monday evening to practice for the Dartball tournament coming up the first weekend in March (March 2) in Sioux Falls (more details as the date gets closer). We will meet in Jon's Place upstairs above the Preschool room at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested please feel free to join us. High school youth and women are welcome.



**LWML District Executive board meeting** will be held at Faith on February 9 & 10. They will be in the St. Matthew Room on Friday afternoon and in the gym on Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

**Friendship Sunday** is Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal after the late service. The Board of Missions will provide Soup, Hotdogs, and Desserts. Please bring a Friend to Church!! We will also be sponsoring prizes. Prizes will be a drawing for those who wear jerseys and for those who win trivia questions.

**Forever Young Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner** We will have our Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner Wednesday, February 14 at **noon** following our 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship. This is a potluck meal with the chicken supplied by Pizza Ranch. Bring a dish to share. Chicken and beverage provided. Come for worship and stay for lunch! Great food and great fellowship!





**Building Healthy Families:** Who's your favorite NFL team and coach? (...bonus points if you answered Andy Reid and the Chiefs!) Researcher George Barna rightly notes that great parents are much like great coaches as they demonstrate these four qualities when relating to their "winning team": 1) the impact of a great coach (parent) on his player (child) is proportional to the depth of the relationship fostered with them; 2) great coaches (parents) whole-heartedly embrace the outcomes they are pushing their team (children) to achieve; 3) great coaches (parents) are great communicators; and 4) great coaches (parents) have a comprehensive plan for building a winning team (family). So, coach, how are you and your team doing?? **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**Main Street Living** "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - "Which Way Grows the Vine"** - A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Scott Lemmermann**, pastor from Zion Lutheran Church in Canistota, SD presents a message titled "Strength in Weakness" and is based on Mark 1. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "Please rejoice in knowing prayer works and keep praying for the states who still haven't banned abortions and for those states trying to ward off those who want to bring it back. We are not done praying and never will be. God is on our side, and He has a plan. We need to stand firm and with faith never give up praying. God controls the power of prayer, and He is amazing." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

Faith Lutheran Youth 

## **Higher Things Retreat**

**Theme:** Eyes to See - learn to distinguish between God's truth and the devil's lies.

**When: February 18-19;** 5pm Sunday to 3pm Monday

**Who:** high school and college age young adults

**How much:** Just come!

**What:** food, activities, learning, snacks.

Bring your Bible, notebook, sleeping bag, and pillow, and get ready to learn and have some fun!

**Bible Bowl 2024** We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH!** Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookings invites youth from throughout South Dakota to join their youth June 2-7, 2024, for a very special trip. They will be traveling to the Ark Encounter....Join us June 2-7, 2024 for a Youth Trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky (staying 2 nights at nearby Potter's Ranch), with additional overnight stops at Concordia University Wisconsin, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The trip is intended for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & their chaperones. The cost is \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals). The trip will leave/return from Sioux Falls. More information can be found online at <https://www.mountcalvary1.org/kentuckytrip>.



## ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

### **Today: Feb. 4**

8:30 am Communion  
 9:30 am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study  
 11:00 am Worship  
 2-5:30 pm Softball  
 5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship  
 5:30-7:15 pm Soccer  
 6:00 pm Board of Elders

### **Mon: Feb. 5**

7:00 pm Men's Club Dartball  
 7-10 pm Pickleball

### **Tues: Feb. 6**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 9:30 am *Truth Project*  
 9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference  
 10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 5:30-6:45 pm Soccer  
 6:15 pm Board of Property Management  
 7-9:30 pm Softball

### **Wed: Feb. 7**

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism  
 6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study  
 6:00 pm *Connected to Christ* Study

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)  
 7:00 pm Chapel/Communion  
 8:00 pm LYF

### **Thurs: Feb. 8**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 11:30 am Ministerium  
 5-8 pm MOPS  
 6:00 pm Psalms Study  
 7:00 pm Faith Circle

### **Fri: Feb. 9**

PM LWML District Executive board meeting

### **Sat: Feb. 10**

8 am-4 pm LWML District Executive board meeting

### **Sun: Feb. 11**

8:30 am Worship  
 9:30-11:00 am Swanson Family in gym  
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study  
 9:45 am Board of Missions  
 11:00 am Communion  
 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.  
 2-5:30 pm Softball



Showing at the State Theater:    **The CHOSEN – Season Four**

Episodes 1-3.....Showing **Feb. 1-7**

Episodes 4-6.....Showing **Feb. 15-21**

Episodes 7-8.....Showing **Feb. 29-Mar. 6**

Call 605-224-5858 for Show Times

More information at: [www.thechosenriseup.com](http://www.thechosenriseup.com)