

THE SEVENTH 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 Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (LSB 660)

INVOCATION

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

HOLY BAPTISMS OF CHESNEY JEAN OKROI and 11:00 (LSB 268)
SAWYER ANDREW LEE COMER

EXHORTATION

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.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

\dagger **WORD** \dagger

INTROIT

Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 37:7a, b

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

C **Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!**

P For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

C **Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.**

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 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 unity 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 worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain
C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that aby Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 *Genesis 45:3–15* (Joseph explains to his brothers that God is really in control of all things, including their selling him into slavery.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (J. Rosamond Johnson 1905)

Tiger Duinkherjav, oboe

Andrew Wulf, flute

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42 (“What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27–38 (Jesus preaches about loving our enemies, beggars we meet, and others.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" (LSB 851)

SERMON "God's Complex Good" (Gen. 45:3-15)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND 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.

O Lord, Your servant Joseph endured hardship and struggle, yet he believed it would come to good. Give us such tested faith and bring all things to completion according to Your purposes in Christ, the new Adam, who has brought hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

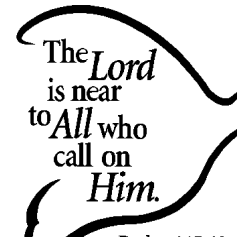
P Preserve and unite Your Church, O Lord. Bring an end to her earthly divisions, which grieve You. Give her the true unity of doctrine and faith in Your Word. Bless and sustain our leaders in our Synod, district, circuit and this congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your Son, our Lord, commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who persecute us. We implore You, by Your gracious visitation, lead our enemies to true repentance and to have the same love, be of one accord, and share one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, give us guidance amid the changes and chances of this mortal life. Deliver us from the pangs of doubt and the paralysis of fear. Let us know our Lord,



Jesus Christ, and the power of His resurrection with joy, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Righteous Lord, uphold civil authority and those responsible for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them steadfastly to pursue the cause of justice and protect life from beginning to natural end. Guard all first responders and protect those who defend us here or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, according to Your will grant healing to the sick and infirm [*especially* _____]. Grant them patience to endure their time of suffering and crown their days with Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks for the gift of this blessed Sacrament, O Lord. Give us a right heart as we prepare to eat and drink Christ's true body and blood, that by it we would be equipped to love You above all and our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 8:30 am service continues on page 11 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 pastors**, 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** ✠
11:00 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

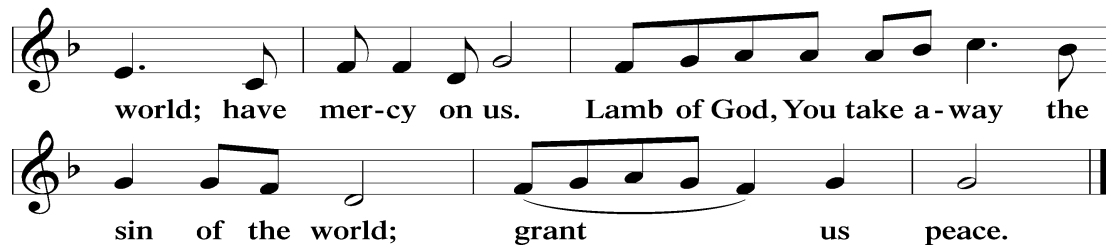
PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 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 mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

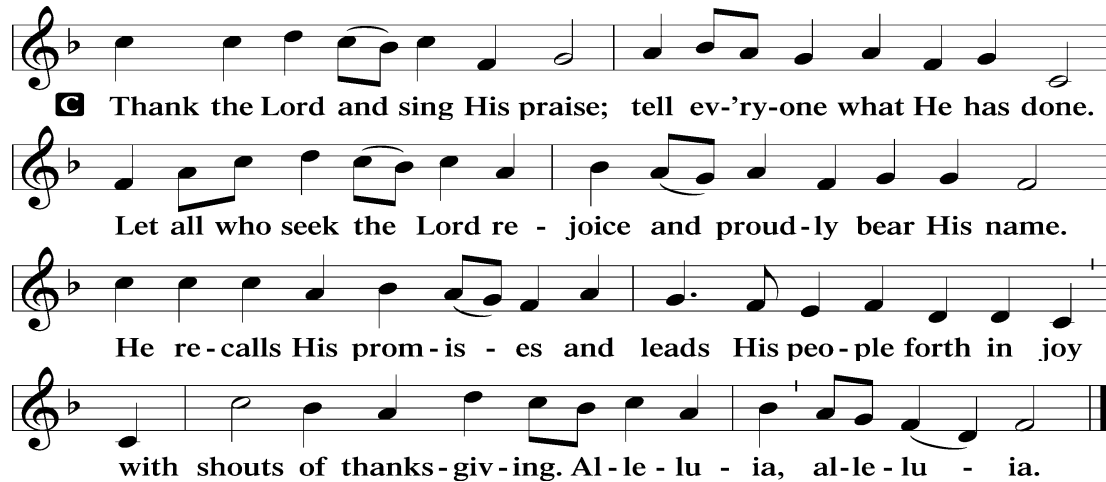
"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" (LSB 848)

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul" (LSB 814)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

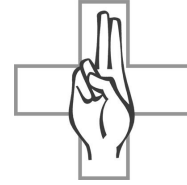
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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

C Amen.

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.



CLOSING HYMN "Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven" (LSB 793)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER Today's Old Testament Reading is the account of Joseph forgiving his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years earlier. Is it possible for us to forgive as he did? Joseph learned to trust in God and how He would arrange things. God has arranged everything for us too! The resurrection of Jesus is beyond our understanding but not beyond our comprehension. So Paul tries to explain about heavenly beings. We don't know much about them, but we can forgive because our Lord went a lot farther than we are called to follow, into death, for God to forgive us. Today Word and Sacrament

strengthen us to follow His example in daily living.

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Seventh 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. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.



Holy Baptisms This morning with ordinary water and God's extraordinary Word, Chesney Jean Okroi and Sawyer Andrew Lee Comer become children of God.

Chesney is the daughter of Liz and Steven Okroi. Sponsors for Chesney are Shawn and Marissa Schulz.

Sawyer is the son of Emily Comer. Sponsors for Sawyer are Liz and Steven Okroi. May God continue to bless these children and their families.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Feb. 12, Att. 70; Offering \$495.00; **Sun., Feb. 16, Att. 187;** General Fund \$11,999.42; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$490.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$350.00.

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!

Key Fobs are ready for Elders, Board Chairs, and Organists. Pick them up in the office. They will be on Helen's desk today. Each is labeled with your name.

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank the members of the Men’s Club for hosting our breakfast fundraiser. They provide us with a delicious meal and the opportunity to meet new people and get better acquainted with ones we already know. The Men’s Club is also helping us to better decorate the area outside the offices to make our church a more welcome and inviting place. Lastly, thanks to everyone who comes and eats pancakes with us!

Also, sometimes your pastor forgets people who help with these events. My list of people who helped with the Weber funeral was not complete. I apologize to, and we collectively thank: Susan Stoneback, Janice Deal, Helen Kiepkke, Kristy Deal, and Gloria Welk for making the luncheon a time of fellowship and refreshment. Thanks to everyone who helped with that time.



Family Movie Night The Board of Parish Fellowship will be hosting a movie night **TONIGHT** at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. They will be showing the movie “Hop”. Following the movie there will be pizza in the fellowship hall/gym. There is a sign-up in the Narthex so we can make sure there is enough pizza for everyone.

Forever Young Ash Wednesday Chicken Lunch Coming Wednesday, March 5, we will have our Forever Young Chicken Feed after our 11:00 am Ash Wednesday worship service. Please bring a side dish to share.



Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal Sunday, March 16, 2025 It is back again this year! The Kenefick-Aschoff family is organizing the Corned Beef ‘N’ Cabbage meal as we have done in the past. Noon meal following the late service. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward the Mexico Mission Trip.

Menu:

Corned Beef ‘N’ Cabbage
Red Potatoes
Macaroni and Cheese
Dark Rye Bread
Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

This meal will be once again served family style. Take-out or eat in. **Please sign up in the Narthex so that we prepare enough to fill as many orders as possible.**

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve.

Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.



Building Healthy Families: Wives, want to have a closer relationship with your husband, even during times of stress or conflict? Check your tone, your attitude, and your words. Research supports what Scripture already tells us: During an argument, 83% of husbands feel disrespected. “Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Ephesians 5:33) Respect your husband always, even when you’re not happy with him. It’s not just a good idea; it’s a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it works! **Lutheran Family Service** 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 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, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Richest Man in the World” - A gardener reminds a town what’s most important in life.

10:30 AM - Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church & School in Rapid City, SD presents a message titled “Who Else Teaches That?” The sermon is based on Luke 6:27-38. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*
– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2025 Bible Bowl. We will be studying the gospel of John, Psalm 22, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar from Luther's Small Catechism.

The competition features pool play in the morning, an individual exam just before lunch, and placing rounds in the afternoon.

Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 29, 2025.** Registration can be done via mail or email. If by email, please send a digital copy of the form or type out the information in an email to revmring@gmail.com.



LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. "Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 23

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Men's Club Bkfst. Fundraiser
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
2-5 pm Softball
5:30 pm Family Movie & Pizza Night

Tues: Feb. 25

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
5-7 pm SC Youth BB
6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Feb. 26

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study
6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study in homes
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 27

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6-9 pm Softball
6:30 pm Church Council

Sat: Mar. 1

10am-12pm Banuat Baby Shower

Sun: Mar. 2

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
2-5 pm Softball
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

