



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**



**We are Called to Reflect the Light of Jesus' Love,  
Even to Our Enemies**



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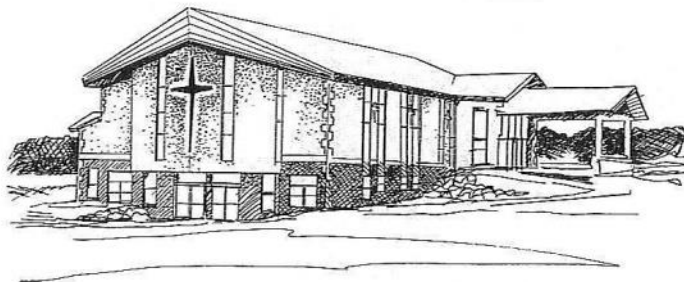
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 20, 2022

## THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 238)

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let  
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor  
3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; He  
5 His won - drous works and ways He



all with - in me join And aid my tongue to  
let his mer - cies lie For - got - ten in un -  
he re - lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my  
gives the suf - f'ers rest; The Lord has judg - ments  
made by Mo - ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.  
sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.  
for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.  
truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - - men.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

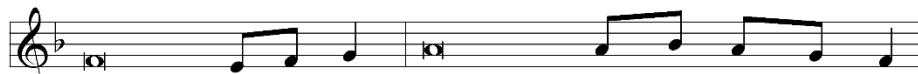


C: A - - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



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

**M:** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. <sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me, please.”

They came closer. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For two years now the famine has been in the land, and

*there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry, go up to my father and tell him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: “God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the land of Goshen, where you will be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will take care of you here, for there are still five years of famine. Otherwise you will come to ruin, you, and your household, and all that you have.’” <sup>12</sup> Pay attention. Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You shall tell my father all about my position of honor in Egypt and about everything that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”*

*<sup>14</sup> He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. <sup>15</sup> He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.*

## **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 12:14-21

*<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. <sup>16</sup> Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.*

*<sup>17</sup> Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. For it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)

**STAND**

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

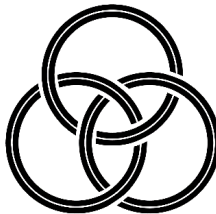
**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**







1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior,  
 2 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us,  
 3 Bind us all as one to - geth - er  
 4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers,



Source of life and truth and grace, Word made  
 King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the  
 In your Church's sa - cred fold, Weak and  
 So may we for oth - ers live. Free - ly



flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors  
 storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its  
 health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and  
 have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly



all our hu - man race, You our head,  
 cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa -  
 joy - ful, young and old. Is there want  
 may your scr - vants give. Yours the gold



who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will  
 tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent  
 or pain or sor - row? Make us all the  
 and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of



ev - er plead; Fill us with your love and  
 hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered thirst for  
 bur - den share. Are there spir - its crushed and  
 land and sea; We but stew - ards of your



pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.  
 plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.  
 bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.  
 boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

<sup>27</sup> *“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup> Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back.*

<sup>31</sup> *“Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

<sup>37</sup> *“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”*

### **Merciful Children...because We Have a Merciful Father**



STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: 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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING PLATE BROUGHT FORWARD & OFFERING PRAYER

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Gracious Father, in Christ Jesus and through faith in him, we approach you with freedom and confidence.

**C:** **Mercifully hear our prayer.**

**M:** As you caused your light to shine that first Epiphany, shine in the darkness of our hearts. Drive from us all our fears and doubts.

**C:** **Give us a new confidence each day to live as children of light.**

**M:** Bless the work of your church here and throughout the world. By your Holy Spirit, make known far and wide the mystery of Christ Jesus.

**C:** **Give strength to all workers in your gospel ministry, and bless the Word they proclaim. Bring those living in darkness into the light of life.**

**M:** Remember missionaries and mission workers who bring the light of Christ to distant lands. Provide for their families and all their needs. Bless their work and continue to gather for yourself people from the four corners of the world to live as children of the light.

**C: Renew our joy and give us new opportunities to make known the light of Christ.**

**M:** Give guidance and wisdom and strength and health to our government officials. Direct their rule for our good as it is pleasing to you.

**C: Give us hearts and lips that honor and respect those you have placed in authority over us.**

**M:** Remember those who are ailing in body or mind. [Especially bless...] Guide all who attend to their needs.

**C: Comfort your children and all those who love them. Assure them of your presence and your promise to be with them in all circumstances of life.**

**M:** These and all our needs are known to you, gracious Father. Mercifully hear our prayer. Guide us by the light of your Word until that day comes when you bring us home to yourself to join your people from every nation, tribe, people, and language, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. In his holy name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.  
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



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

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."


**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*




C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## DISTRIBUTION

*In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW CWS 738)

In Hopelessness and Near Despair



1 In hope - less - ness and near de - spair, I  
 2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My  
 3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -  
 4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant



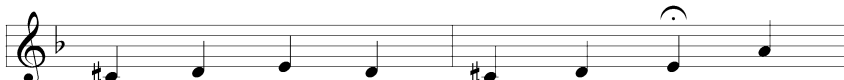
cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than  
 heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the  
 pec - ting re - tri - bu - tion, Yet hear no curse or  
 me some time to ren - der A gift to glo - ri -



I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You  
 things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now  
 re - pri - mand, But grace and ab - so - lu - tion: With  
 fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This



know me as I real - ly am: How  
 prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see. O  
 you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You  
 world must know what I have learned, That



much is truth, how much is sham; Why  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who  
 speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And  
 you be - stow what none has earned: The



should you heed my plead - ing?  
 else but you can help me?  
 I am sure you love me!  
 joy of full for - give - ness!

*This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You."*

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 Tune: NEWHOPE (87 87 887) G. A. Hennig, b. 1966 © 2006 G. A. Hennig. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 303)

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A  
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With  
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor  
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can  
 5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, With



trem - bling sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your  
 deep and con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ  
 dare up - lift them to the skies, But  
 for a sin - gle sin a - lone. To  
 all the ran - somed souls I dwell, My



par - d'ning grace is rich and free— O  
 and his cross my on - ly plea— O  
 you can all my an - guish see— O  
 Cal - va - ry a - lone I flee— O  
 joy - ous song shall ev - er be: God



God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 has been mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791–1873, alt.  
 Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

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STAND

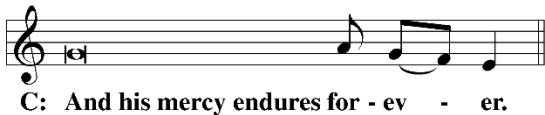
## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN (CWS 760)**

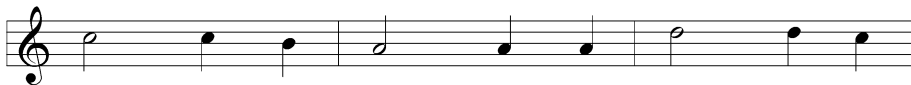
**When Peace Like a River**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



*Refrain* It is well with my  
 It is well with my soul.



It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Following the 8:00 service, all are invited to remain in (or return to) the sanctuary for the beginning of Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Study. Children may remain with their parents. All will begin together in the sanctuary at 9:15.*

*The 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be meeting upstairs in the new addition.*

*The Teen group will join the adult Bible study in the sanctuary today.*

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## **Personal Prayers for Worship**

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Sunday February 20: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School**

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold, Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00 am) Andy Huebner (10:30 am)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

**Sunday February 27: Transfiguration of our Lord**

**Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School**

- Pastor Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Matt Heath and Chad Heath
- Counters: Lynn Biwer and Mitch Myhre
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to William Crary (2/20), Aaron Oughton (2/20), Pete Leege (2/22) and Jose Mendez (2/25) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Stuart & Terri Nale (2/20) who celebrate their anniversary today.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marilyn Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).



## March 2

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm

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### Elevator and Building Addition Dedication: Sunday March 13

One service at 9:00 am

**10:15 am:** Ribbon cutting, dedication, refreshments and time to tour the new addition.

*Mark your calendars.*



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#### Offerings February 6 - 12, 2022:

- General Fund: \$6,376
- Building Expansion Fund: \$235

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

MTD shortage/surplus (1/30/22 – 2/12/22): - \$4,943

YTD shortage/surplus as of Jan. 31: - \$25,145 (*Budget year July 2021 – June 2022*)



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*(February 6 - 12, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$1,723 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$25 to the building expansion fund.)*

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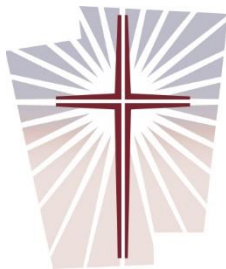
## Join us for Adult Bible Study

**Sunday:** 9:15 am between services (Following *The Family Altar* devotion.)  
Meet in the sanctuary

**Tuesday:** 9:00 am  
Meet upstairs. Topic: *Mark*

**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm  
Currently meeting upstairs. Topic: *1 Corinthians*

**Friday:** 6:00 am Breakfast/Bible study  
The DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)  
Breakfast at 6:00 am.  
Bible study starts approximately 6:50 am.  
Topic: *Romans*



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