



Feb. 8, 2026

## The 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### Worship Notes

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

*A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.*

*Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email ([christpipersville@gmail.com](mailto:christpipersville@gmail.com)) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Worship and prayer announcements, followed by a time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.*

Blessed be the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God whose light shines with welcoming grace and who calls, gathers and enlightens us. **Amen.**

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**WE SING THE GATHERING SONG: ELW #532, GATHER US IN (ON NEXT PAGE)**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. *Silence* Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

*Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading.*

**THE FIRST READING** is from Isaiah, the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter.

(Isaiah 58:1-9)

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 112** is read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD

and have great delight in God’s commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**

**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,

and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**

**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending

and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken;**

**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink,**

**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry;**

**they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**

**the desires of the wicked will perish. Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING** is from 1 Corinthians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. (1 Corinthians 2:1-12)

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

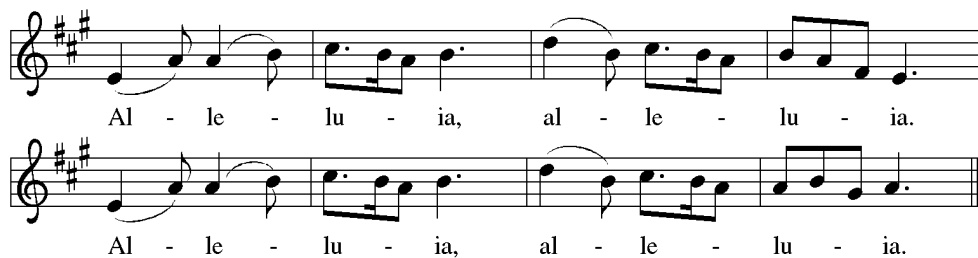
<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Matthew 5:13-20)

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The Gospel of our Lord!

#### **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Gospel Acclamation repeats.*

*The children are dismissed to learning time.*

*Please join Pastor in silent prayer as we prepare for:*

#### **TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)**

**WE SING THE HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #815, I WANT TO WALK (ON NEXT PAGE)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the  
 day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
 cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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*Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

Let us confess our faith.

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*We pray for the world, our community, and our church*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words with a wave, placing a hand over our hearts, even a little bow in whatever touchless way you choose. Following the peace, please be seated.*

### **OFFERTORY/ANTHEM**

*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. The ushers will be gathering the offering, and in-house or joining us online, tithes and offerings may also be gathered and given online at [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org), using the QR code, or mailed.*

*At Pastor's invitation we stand and sing the Offertory.*



### **THE OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME**



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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Let us pray. God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Table is prepared as we pray and prepare our hearts.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.     **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, it is our duty and our great joy to praise You, O God, for Jesus the Word made flesh... *The prayer concludes:*

...Hear us as we join our voices in obedience and hope to pray:

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Come to the table of the Lord, for all is ready.

**We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen**

## THE COMMUNION

*Those online are communed followed by the musicians. Then the congregation comes forward by the center aisle, the organ side first, and then the pulpit side. Receive the Host (bread) from Pastor, with the words, 'The body of Christ, given for you' The assistant offers the chalice of wine for intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine) with the words: 'The blood of Christ, shed for you'. The communicant may say: Amen. Please return to your pew by the side aisle. Anyone, child or adult, who does not wish to take communion is invited to come forward, hands folded, to receive a blessing, or remain seated and commune by prayer.*

*The communion canticle, #487, What Feast of Love is sung while the Table is cleared, followed by silence for prayer and reflection.*

*Please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *-Silence-* We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.*

## BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds through faith in Christ Jesus;  
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## WE SING THE SENDING HYMN, ELW #843, PRAISE THE ONE



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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**DISMISSAL** Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP** can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to our website ([www.christpipersville.org](http://www.christpipersville.org)).

**THE FEBRUARY WEB SITE** is sponsored by the Campbell Family in loving memory of Karen Beebe.

**THE FEBRUARY BULLETINS** are sponsored by Connie Kallenbach in memory and honor of those who have inspired and led us along the way. May God Bless America!

**WE WELCOME** Debra Bacak as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

**LECTOR:** Kim Campbell

**FELLOWSHIP:** The Hopf's

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Bob Jura (H,R) and the family and friends of Dr. Don Mulhatten as they mourn his death. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**THIS MORNING** we install the members of our 2026 Congregational Council and are grateful for their leadership. They are Diane Allison, Kim Campbell, Ava Cron, Sandra Cron, Jean Graham, Brian Maddux, Kim Szymanowski and Delana Woodward.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes meet today and are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month through May. Teachers are still needed throughout the year. See the sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Lessons are provided in advance and you can sign up for one or more Sundays. Share your faith with our youth!

**SUPER BOWL 50/50** to benefit Blessings by the Box will be split 50/50 split between the winner and Blessings by the Box. Cost is \$10 a square (100 squares total in 10 x 10 grid). The winner will be determined later today by the last digit of the final score of each Super Bowl team. Any unsold squares belong to Blessings by the Box. See Rick Hopf with any questions or to purchase a square(s).

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** The nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring to help provide food for the hungry across the country is being held today. Canned goods and/or monetary donations may be placed in the soup pots or basket located in the entrance hallway. Our donations support our local Lord's Pantry.

**LENT BEGINS** on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Worship services will be held at noon and 7 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP PERIOD** hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**IRON PIGS GAME** – The Upper Bucks Conference Lutheran Day at the Iron Pigs will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and include admission and an all-you-can-eat buffet and unlimited soft drinks. See the flyer and sign-up sheet for tickets on the bulletin board or for more information. Ticket orders are requested by the end of the day on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks can be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church and dropped off at the church office.

**LECTORS:** Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** with updated addresses and phone numbers (no photos) is to be published in March. Your help by verifying your address and phone number with the church office would be appreciated or see Cindy after worship.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board...see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

**DID YOU KNOW...**Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and \$61.00 to date in 2026.

**GIANT GIFT CARDS** can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. *(Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.)* Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,600 in 2025 and \$400 to date in 2026.

**THE LORD'S PANTRY** has a continuing need for donations. During the month of February we are collecting canned meats and baby formula, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (cereal, peanut butter, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

### **The Week of February 8<sup>th</sup> at a Glance**

Sun. 02/08 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School  
Installation of 2026 Council  
10:30AM Fellowship Period  
Happy Birthday, Denise Bender!

Tues. 02/10 7:00PM Council  
Happy Birthday, Ryan Beebe!

Wed. 02/11 11:00AM Ensemble  
Happy Birthday, Dennis Fretz!

Thur. 02/12 8:30AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study

Fri. 02/13 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Sat. 02/14 Happy Birthday, David Swope!  
Happy Anniversary, Chad & Diane Kallenbach!

Sun. 02/15 The Transfiguration of Our Lord, The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Fellowship Period