

# Jesus Is Manifest by Loving His Enemies

February 23,  
2025



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** As love has been shone on us from the Lord's anointed, so we reflect that love to all, even to our enemies.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** 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. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN:

#79

HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

**\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\***



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and  
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.  
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom  
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
 And you at length—O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, abr., adapt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.



C: A - men.

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

**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.

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

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### 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**

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

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.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**FIRST LESSON:**

**GENESIS 45: 3 – 8, 15**

*How quick we are to withhold love when we have been wronged, clinging to anger in a pathetic attempt to make the offender suffer from our displeasure. Praise be to God such treatment is not ours in Christ. Consider Joseph: sold by his brothers, imprisoned, forgotten. Yet he reflected the love of the Lord – revealing himself to his brothers, bringing them to repentance, and providing for their needs.*

**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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.**

**He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 103**



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



*Refrain*

Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;  
he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

*Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*Refrain*

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



for he knows how we are formed,\*  
 he remembers that we are dust.  
 Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
 the wind blows over it and it is gone.  
 But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
 from everlasting to everlasting.  
**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.**

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**ROMANS 12: 14 – 21**

*The believer is compelled to show goodness to all as goodness has been shown to us. Evil will thus continue to be overcome with good, just as all evil has been overcome by the perfect goodness of the Christ.*

***Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. 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. 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. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.***

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

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

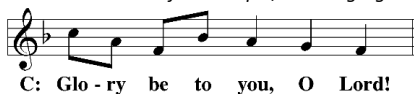


C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

After preaching of blessings and woes to the human heart, Jesus continues by contrasting human love and action with his own selfless love. The Christ-imitating Golden Rule finds no greater, no more challenging application than this: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

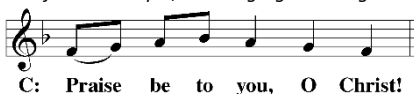


***“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you, and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

***“Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. 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. 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. 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. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.***

***“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 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.”***

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



### 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.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**#95**

**HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE**



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like  
 to be - hold; Where Mo - ses and E - li -  
 things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -  
 king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -  
 not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
 Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

**SERMON TEXT:**

**LUKE 9: 28 – 36**

**SERMON THEME:**

**WE COME INTO JESUS' GLORY**

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

**CREATE IN ME**



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.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

*OFFERING –In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.*

*\*\*Please Stand\*\**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH’S MISSION

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, and for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have.

**Move us to support missionaries at home and overseas with our sincere prayers and generous offerings. Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ in our own neighborhoods.**

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

#### SILENT PRAYERS

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**#97**

**DOWN FROM THE MOUNT OF GLORY**



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus  
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant  
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the  
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that  
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,  
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,  
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,  
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed  
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will  
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from  
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -  
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he  
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er  
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my  
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer  
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly  
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.  
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.  
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.  
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.  
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er— yours and mine.

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 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

### THE SACRAMENT

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



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

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 host in 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:



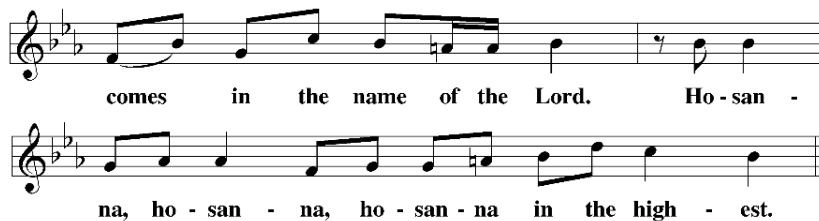
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



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

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."

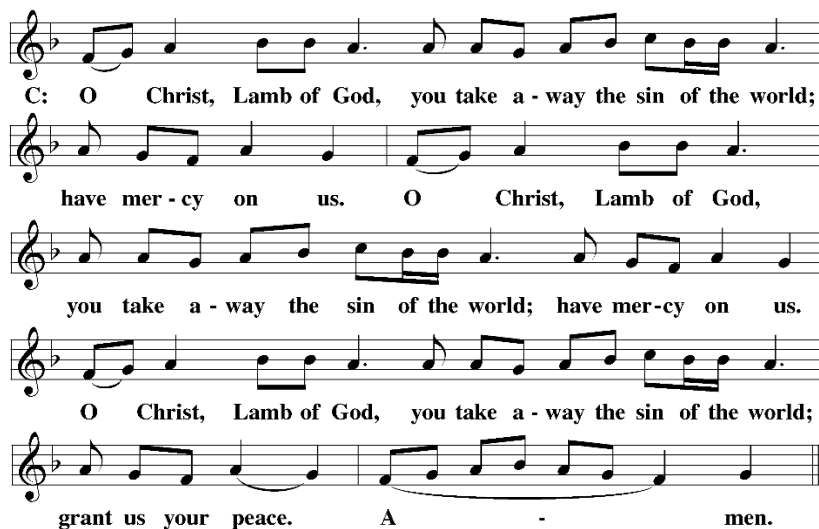


C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### 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.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

### DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION** – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

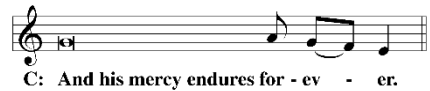
**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## 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.



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

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

## CLOSING PRAYER


We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BLESSING

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.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**CLOSING HYMN:**

#85

**THOUGH I MAY SPEAK WITH BRAVEST FIRE**



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of  
 2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the  
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of  
 4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's  
 po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from  
 pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and  
 name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.  
 age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;  
 now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
 praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once  
 Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the  
 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the  
 Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in  
 an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your  
 let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.  
 splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.  
 King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.  
 throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) *Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch*, Stuttgart, 1744.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Bible Study:** Join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we explore the book of Luke. Feel free to bring your questions; reading is always optional, and you're welcome to come and go as you please. We start at 9 a.m.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Have you ever wondered why we believe what we believe and how it differs from other churches? This will be the last week for our midweek Bible Study until after Lent, as we conclude the Augsburg Confession. You can also join us from the comfort of your home on Zoom. Feel free to request an invitation if you're not familiar with Zoom, or join us at:

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Council Position:** In May, our council president, Mitch Brayton, will have completed two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve another term. Please consider taking on this role. The requirements are as follows: You must be one of the primary signatories on all legal documents for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and collaborate with council members to oversee the congregation's administrative tasks.

**Lent Services:** March 5 is Ash Wednesday, and we will hold our services at 5:30 pm. Please note that the Lent services will be on Tuesday evenings except Ash Wednesday. The theme of our Lenten services will be "Reflections on Repentance."

**Pastor's Conference:** Pastor Emmons will be in Medford on Thursday, February 27, for the local pastors' conference, assuming the roads are clear.

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