

## 2nd Sunday In Lent



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**March 5, 2023**

St. Peter's Lutheran, York  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, March 5 – 8:45 AM

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## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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**Prepare now to give thanks to God:**

Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *OR* use the QR code *or* download the Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Please meditate on the Psalm during the prelude.*

### Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup>to the hills; from where is my <sup>1</sup>help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>1</sup>from the LORD, the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup>en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your <sup>1</sup>foot be moved and he who watches over you will not <sup>1</sup>fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps watch <sup>1</sup>over Israel shall neither slum- <sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD himself watches <sup>1</sup>over you; the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup>your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>**so that the sun shall not strike <sup>1</sup>you by day, nor the <sup>1</sup>moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you <sup>1</sup>from all evil; it is he who shall <sup>1</sup>keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup>coming in,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup>evermore.**

## Confession & Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

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.

*Silence for self examination*

Most merciful God,

**C: 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  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Opening  
Hymn**  
#194  
Green

**All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly

va - tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'

new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re - demp - tion they will stand a -  
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by

mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

## Apostolic Greeting

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

## Kyrie

Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **C: Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **C: And Also with you.**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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### First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4a*

*A reading from Genesis*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a

blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

*A reading from Romans*

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

<sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not

come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the

father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who | gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**The Son of Man must be lifted up,\* that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**  
[John 3:14,15]

**Holy Gospel** *John 3:1-17*

The holy gospel according to St. John

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the

Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

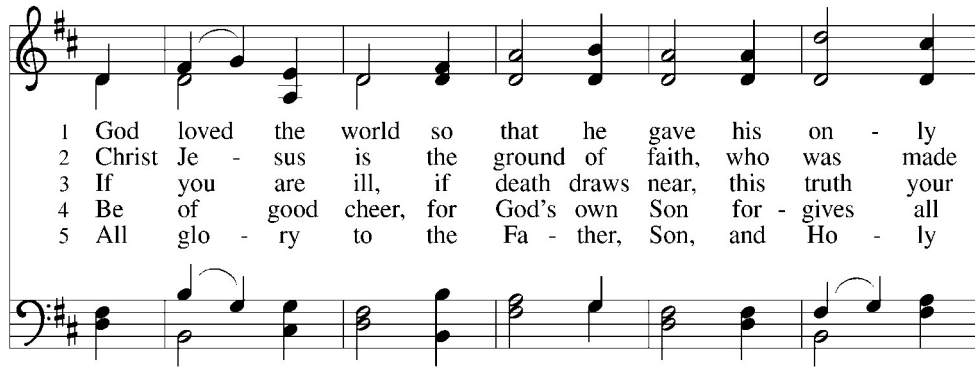
### **The Message**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

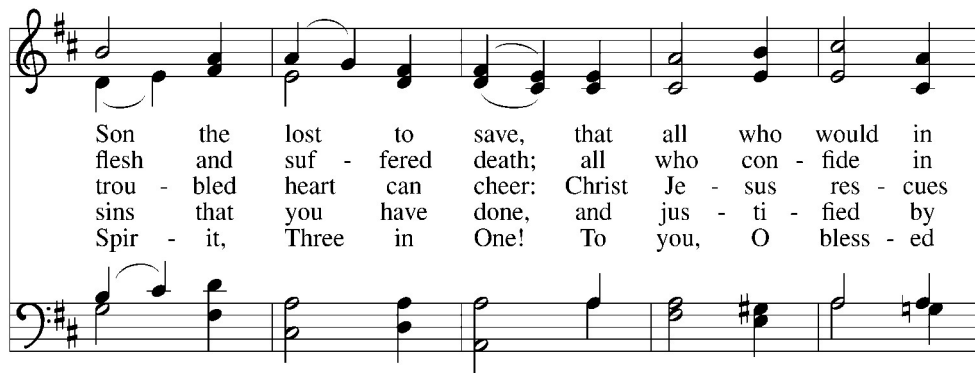
*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Hymn  
of the  
Day  
#323  
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## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## The Prayer of the Church

O God, raise up leaders for your church who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they faithfully form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and inspire us to care for the natural world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress, especially those we name before you now..... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Bless the children in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Use us all to form them for faithful discipleship. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Sustain us by the faithfulness of the saints as we await the day of Christ's glorious coming. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**



## Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

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

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

## OFFERING – WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY

 Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website [www.stpeterslutheranyork.com](http://www.stpeterslutheranyork.com) Also  be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

*Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.*

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## The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet.

Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.


## Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **C: Amen.**


## Dialogue



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

## Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

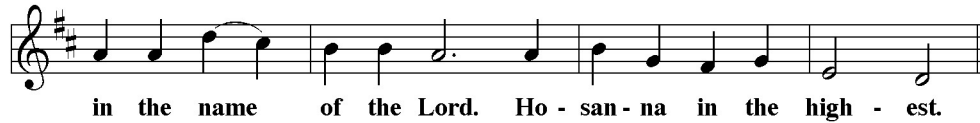


Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes





### Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You created us in your image; and in the mystery of your great love for us you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary by the power of the Spirit. Led by that Spirit he was tempted as we are tempted; He proclaimed your forgiveness to sinners; he loved even his enemies. Despised and rejected, he bore the alienation of the world as he stretched out his arms on the cross; and by this all-sufficient sacrifice he has drawn all people to himself, giving his life as a ransom for many.

As we gather in his name and celebrate his testament, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the very body and blood of your Son, Christ Jesus, redeemer of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By your Son's life-giving passion and death, and by His resurrection and ascension into glory, our Lord Jesus continually intercedes for us and for all he has claimed as his own. As we now share together this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, unite us with all your faithful people in the forgiveness of sins, and bring us, at length, to that eternal celebration of life at the Lamb's high feast.

**C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

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### Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ;  
when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Agnus Dei** *Please join in singing during the distribution of the sacrament.*



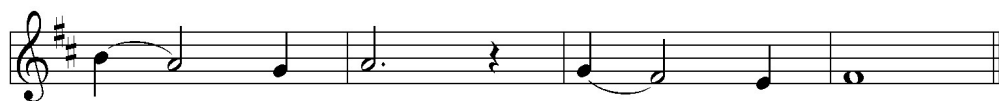
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



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



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



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### Distribution

*The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond...*

**C: Amen.**

### Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Benediction

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## Sending Song

#660  
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## Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

### The Rose was given to the glory of God

In loving memory of *my precious sister, Joleen Brown*, who went home with our dear Lord 20 years ago, March 2, 2003, by Johnna, Chuck & family.

### Tribute Gifts to the HVAC Project were given to the glory of God

In memory of *Robert 'Bob' Zeigler, Jr.*, by Dale & Nedra Boyer.

### York Conferences of Lutheran Tutoring Program

#### Snacks Needed!

St. Peter's has been assigned to donate pre-packaged drinks and snacks [20 students] for March 20-21 & April 24-25. We ask for a few volunteers to donate the snacks. If you are interested, contact Pr Schlegel for more information.

Portions of this service are from sundaysandseasons.com.

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## REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart—John Lehr—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper

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## February 26, 2023

### OFFERING

General \$ 991.00	Lent — \$ 70.00
HVAC Project \$ 230.00	Memorial Fund \$ 25.00
Masonry \$ 5.00	

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## “New Testament Writings of Paul”

### **Midweek Lent Vespers Services**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 PM – March 8–15–22–29**

at St. Paul’s Lutheran 25 W. Springettsbury Ave. York

**6:00 PM – Soup & Bread Supper**, Christ Hall

**6:30 PM – Lenten Choir**, Music Room

**7:00 PM – Vespers with Preaching**, Church Nave

Live Stream: YouTube: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church—South George St. York

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzk.Jo\\_Xvbdkx2IYlg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzk.Jo_Xvbdkx2IYlg)

#### **MARCH 8: “The Promise to Those Who Share Abraham’s Faith”**

Preacher: Christopher Waddail Text Romans: 4:1-5, 13-17 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

#### **MARCH 15: “Reconciled to God By Christ’s Death”**

Preacher: Tristian Ericson Text: Romans 5:1-11 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

#### **MARCH 22: “Awake From Sleep, Live As Children of Light”**

Preacher: Rev. Stan Reep Text: Eph. 5:8-14 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

#### **MARCH 29: “Life In the Spirit”**

Preacher: Nancy Bennett Text Romans 8:6-11 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

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8:45 AM—Worship Service



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#### **Next Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday & Thursday  
**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Friday  
**OFFICE CLOSED**