### HOLY COMMUNION

God Has Done What the Law Could Not Do: Law and Gospel January 21, 2018 10:30 AM

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times."

(Martin Luther, Preface to Romans, 1522)

# INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, welcome to this special worship series on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, highlighting major themes of Martin Luther's theology found there. This second service focuses on law and gospel as revealed in Romans 3:19-26. Let the Scripture readings, sermon, hymns, and prayers in this service help you see, as Luther did, the Gospel message that Jesus did what was required of the Law by dying on the cross for us.

# SILENT PRAYER

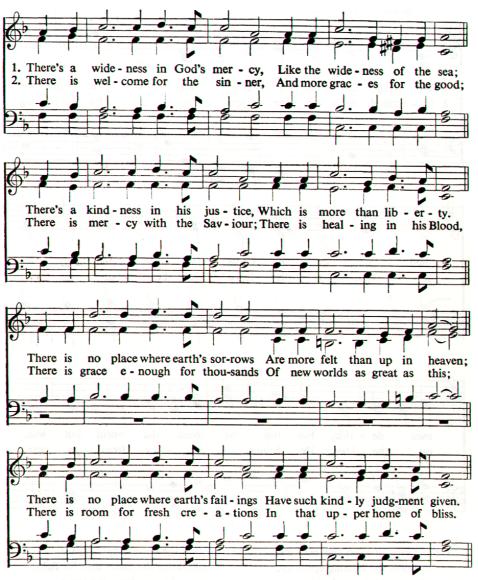
**PRELUDE:** Just as I Am Bish

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

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**HYMN:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
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- 3 For the love of God is broader
  Than the measures of man's mind,
  And the heart of the Eternal
  Is most wonderfully kind.
  There is plentiful redemption
  In the Blood that has been shed;
  There is joy for all the members
  In the sorrows of the Head.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
  It is something more than all;
  Greater good because of evil,
  Larger mercy through the fall.
  If our love were but more simple,
  We should take him at his word;
  And our lives would be all sunshine
  In the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber, 1814-63

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the 

  → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- P The Bible contains two main teachings. We call them the Law and the Gospel. The Law has many purposes, but it especially shows us our sin, as the Apostle Paul says in Romans 3:20: "Through the law comes knowledge of sin." The Gospel shows us God's grace, especially in Jesus Christ, whose blood shed on the cross justifies us through faith. The following Bible verses will assure us that God's grace always triumphs over the Law's accusations.
- **Q** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 3:23-24*)
- **P** For the wages of sin is death.
- **The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (*Romans* 6:23)
- P Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.
- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. (Galatians 3:10b, 13a)
- P You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked.
- **By** grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your doing; it is the gift of God. (*Ephesians 2: 1-2a; 8*)
- P Yes, the Gospel of God's grace triumphs over the Law's accusations.
- **C** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8:1*)
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So we confess our sins and ask for God's grace to forgive us:
- **☑** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

- P According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. (*Psalm 51:1*)
- **Q** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (*Psalm* 51:2-3)
- **Q** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
- P Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. (*Psalm 51:4a*, 9)
  - God's grace triumphs again! He has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Though the Law judges you guilty, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **Amen.** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (*Romans 8:1*)

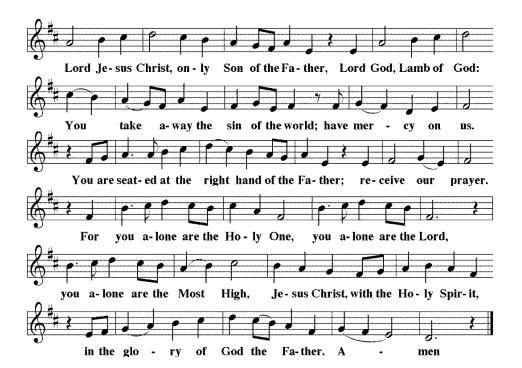
# **GREETING**

- P 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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Gracious Father, You have justified us through the blood shed by our Savior. We thank you for declaring us righteous in Your sight by this gift of grace. We ask that you give to us an ever growing and stronger faith that holds on to Jesus to silence the Law's accusations. Lead us to boast not in ourselves but only in the Gospel, the good news of Your rich blessings given to us because of Jesus. We pray this in Your holy Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for You live and reign as the one true God, now and forever.

# G Amen.

Sit

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

# FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**A** reading from Jeremiah.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**9** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 62:6-14** (*The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.*)

<sup>6</sup>For God alone my soul in | silence waits;

truly, my hope | is in him.

<sup>7</sup>He alone is my rock and | my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

<sup>8</sup>In God is my safety | and my honor;

God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath, even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

<sup>11</sup>On the scales they are lighter | than a breath, all of | them together.

<sup>12</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

<sup>13</sup>God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it, that power be- | longs to God.

<sup>14</sup>Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Romans 3:19-26

**A** reading from Romans.

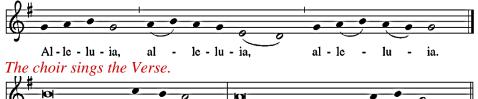
Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

# Stand

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



Jesus went throughout | Galilee,

teaching, proclaiming the good news, and curing ev | 'ry disease.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

GOSPEL John 1:14-18

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his

glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

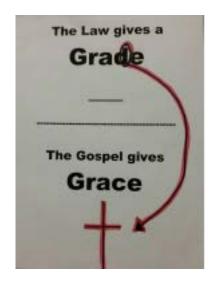
**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** 

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**SERMON**Sermon Image # 1

Pastor Weleck



# The Law gives a **Grade**

# The Gospel gives Grace

May I never forget that on my best day I still need Jesus as desperately as I did on my worst day.

(Seen on Facebook one day)

One is not righteous who does much, but the one who, without work, believes much in Christ. The law says, "Do this," and it is never done. Grace says, "Believe in this," and everything is already done.

(Martin Luther)

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

# APOSTLES CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **Q** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Lord, Your Law says that we are to have no other gods before you. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to fear, love, and trust You above all things. Great God of grace,
- **G** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are not to misuse Your name. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to call upon You in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Great God of grace,

- **Q** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- ⚠ Lord, Your Law says that we are to keep our days of worship holy. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to hold Your Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Great God of grace,
- **Q** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are to honor our parents and others in authority over us. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,
- **G** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are not to harm our neighbors but we are to look after them so that they may enjoy the life You have given them. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to support those who are in need this day. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,
- **G** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are to cherish marriage as the union of a man and a woman for their mutual help and joy, as the relationship for sexual faithfulness, and for the procreation and nurture of children. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to lead sexually pure and decent lives, and uphold marriage as the institution in which husband and wife love and cherish each other. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,
- **Q** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are not to take money or possessions that do not belong to us, obtaining them in some dishonest way. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to rejoice in and look after the earthly goods you have given us and our neighbors for the support of daily life. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,

- **©** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- A Lord, Your Law says that we are not to speak poorly, hurtfully, or falsely about our neighbors. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to build up others by defending them, speaking well about them, and explaining things in the kindest way. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,
- **©** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- ⚠ Lord, Your Law says that we are not to desire anything or anyone that is not meant to be ours. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us to live lives of contentment by giving thanks for all we have received from You and by generously giving of what we have for those in need. By the grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, help us honor them, serve and obey, love and cherish them. Great God of grace,
- **Q** Help us to keep seeking you in Jesus' name.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **G** Amen.

# **PEACE**

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

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**OFFERING** 

ANTHEM: My God Is a Rock Althouse

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### **OFFERTORY**

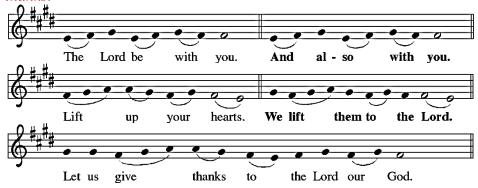


# OFFERING PRAYER

- **A** Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

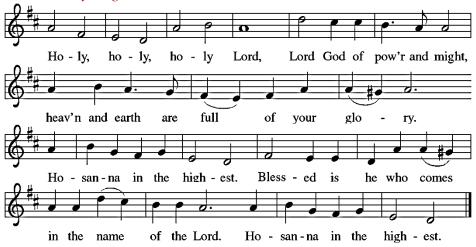




# The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



# The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

**P** 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:

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 cur is the next sevenent in my

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.

### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

# Sit

### **COMMUNION**

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

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing.

The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.

Music during Communion:



# HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN:** By Grace I'm Saved



Stand

# BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

### **SENDING**

# **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**☑** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing # 545

POSTLUDE: Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing Lasky



2018 Stewardship Campaign Update					
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount			
Total Possible	272	\$235,000			
Received as of 1/15/18	96	\$147,179			
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	176	\$87,821			

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, www.augustustrappe.org, under the "About Us" tab.

The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green,** symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.

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Acolyte: Ashley Tighe Crucifer: Dylan Firth

Lectors: 8:00 am: Sandy Trauger

10:30 am: Alan Shunk and Anita Luft Greeters: Members of the Sr. Youth Group

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Usher Team

10:30 am: Ed Funk, Joe Cooney, Jack Schatz, and Dick Allebach

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Robert Rodenberger

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Jim Lien and Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner

<u>The Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson and parents, Elmer and Wilmot Stonefelt.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Robert and Alice Rodenberger in honor of our children and grandchildren.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Shirley Latshaw in loving memory of Sister, Patricia Wilson, and brother Howard Ziegler.

<u>Christian Unity Service</u>: Augustus Lutheran Church will host the annual Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium Service for Christian Unity TODAY Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 pm. This year's service will also include a children's choir, and participants from Jerusalem Lutheran Church as well as our ministerium churches. Come, hear all the choirs and support our Ministerium Travelers Fund that helps our neighbors in need.

<u>Senior Youth Group Sock Donations:</u> Through mid-February, the SYG will be collecting socks for the homeless. There is a donation box in the breezeway. The socks will be handed out at the soup kitchen in February. Your donations are much appreciated.

Soup Sale Dates: This winter's Soup Sales will be TODAY, January 21, February 18, and March 18. Consider Sunday Lunch DONE on those days and support our Youth Group!

Adult Bible Study is held at 9:15 am in the Church Library each Sunday. ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact Janice Reiff at <a href="mailto:janicetreiff@gmail.com">janicetreiff@gmail.com</a>.

We love our children at Augustus! Our wonderful parents bring their children to Sunday school every week to hear about Jesus where many dedicated teachers make sure they know the great stories of faith from the Bible and the traditions of the Church. And every Lent we ask for help from those of you who are not teachers or currently parents of young children. Here's your chance to personally connect with some of our children by volunteering to be a prayer partner. You will be invited to meet the kids in a designated class on February 18<sup>th</sup>, pray for them throughout Lent, and then celebrate with them on Palm Sunday, March 25th. This is a great way to fulfil the vows you have made to our children at their baptisms to "support and pray for them in their new life in Christ." (ELW p. 228) Teams of couples are very welcome! If you are willing to be a prayer partner for one of our children's classes please let Sonya Sowards know at education@augustustrappe.org or (904) 476-4409. You will be blessed!

Soup Sales Are Back! We are trying something new this year – a "Suggestion Box"! Have a favorite? A soup from previous years you would like to see again? Maybe an idea we could pass along to our cooks? Look for the Suggestion Box on the table in the Welcome center and let us know! No guarantees, but we will try! P.S. – We are always looking for soup makers! Let us know if you would like to contribute a pot of your specialty!

<u>Church Book Club:</u> The next meeting of the Book Club will be January 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will be discussion Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. There's still plenty of time to read the book if you're interested in joining us! Refreshments always provided! Contact the church office at office@augustustrappe.org for more info.

Hats and Gloves Collection Extended! Please consider donating new hats and gloves through January 21<sup>st</sup>! Sizes child through adult – for boys, girls, young men, and young ladies. Donations will be given to the students at Silver Spring/Martin Luther School.

Notice from your Cemetery Committee: In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces will be \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! We will dedicate the new meeting space and Elevator on April 15, 2018. Details to come, but mark your calendar now to make sure you join us!

Pasta Buffet Dinner at Augustus on February 3<sup>rd</sup>: You, your family and friends are invited to a delicious meal of Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti, a variety of Soups, Salad, Fruit and home-made desserts in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations are not necessary and you may arrive at your convenience. There is no cost for the meal; however, you may make a donation towards the Augustus Soup Kitchen Outreach. There will also be information for anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering for the Soup Kitchen. Plan now to drop-in for dinner at Augustus on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and support this important outreach. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in." (Matthew 25:35)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	1/21	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
_		8:30 am	Soup Sale	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
		11:30 am	Soup Sale	
		2:30 pm	Service of Christian Unity	
Monday	1/22			
Tuesday	1/23	9:30 am	Quilting Group	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Committee Night	
Wednesday	1/24	6:00 pm	3-in-1 Confirmation Classes	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
		7:00 pm	Pinewood Derby Weigh-In	
Thursday	1/25	7:00 pm	Pinewood Derby Weigh-In	
Friday	1/26	7:00 pm	Pinewood Derby Set Up	
Saturday	1/27	10:00 am	Cubs Pinewood Derby	
Sunday	1/28	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
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