

HOLY COMMUNION
Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 21, 2018

8:00 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*


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

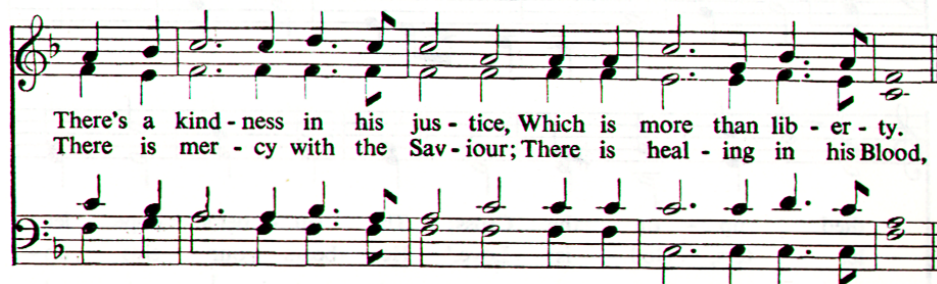
GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

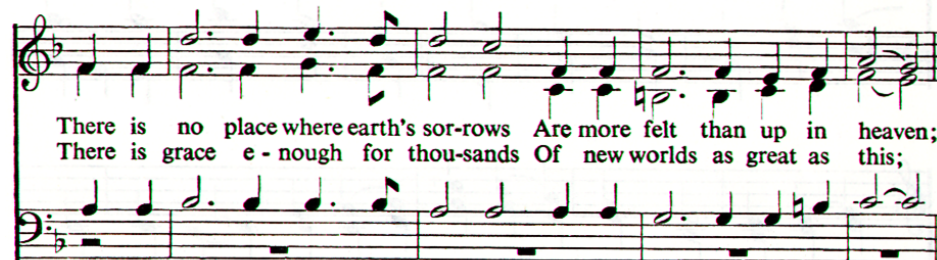
HYMN: *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*



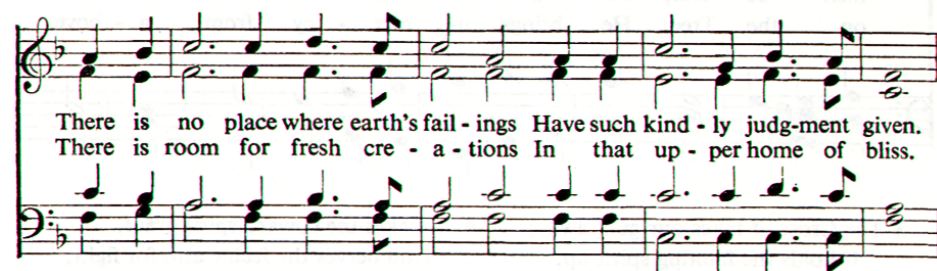
1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;



There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - iour; There is heal - ing in his Blood,



There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.

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.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

P 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

P 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A 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.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-26

A 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1:14-18

P The holy gospel according to John.

C 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.

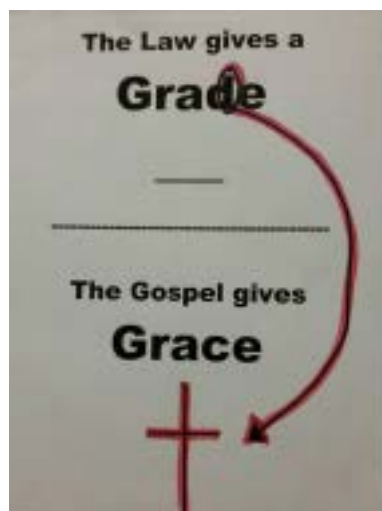
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Sermon Image #1



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)

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. 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.

C **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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A Insert the petition "On the Gospel Readings" from the Reclaim website here. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **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.*

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

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.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal staff (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment staff (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a repeat sign.

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:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 our thanks and praise.

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 continues with the SANCTUS:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

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.

C Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

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 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 come forward for a blessing.

Stand

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (NUNC DIMITTIS)



been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion
 which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple:
 a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your
 peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning,
 is now, and will be for-ev-cr. A-men.

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)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **✙** give you peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Unity Service: 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.

Senior Youth Group Sock Donations: 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 janicetreiff@gmail.com.

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!

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 18th, 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@augustrappe.org or (904) 476-4409. You will be blessed!

Church Book Club: 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@augustrappe.org for more info.

Hats and Gloves Collection Extended! Please consider donating new hats and gloves through January 21st! 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 3rd: 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 3rd 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 |
| | | 10:30 am | Holy Communion in the Upper Nave |

For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
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Show 8:30

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