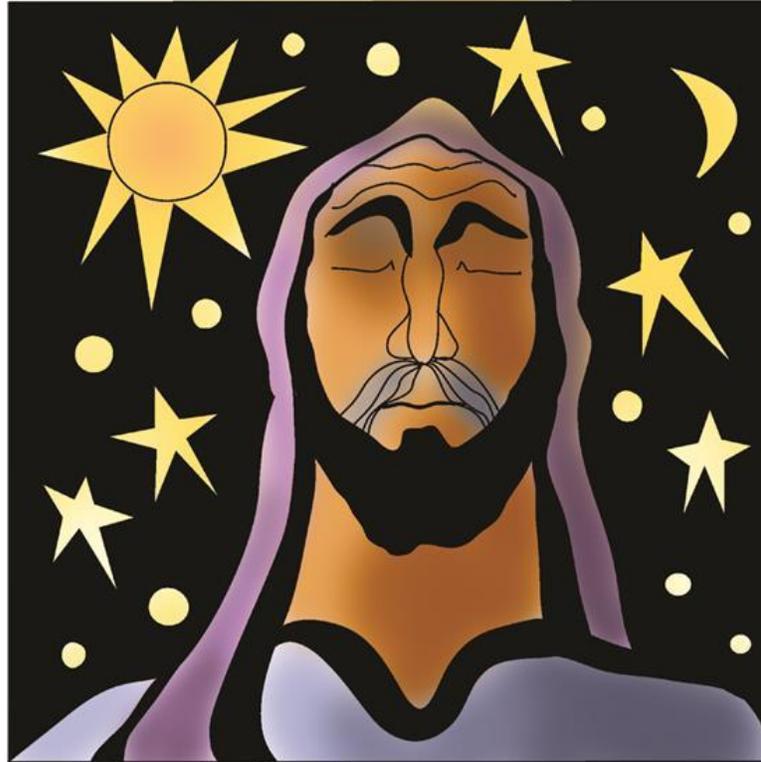


# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026 - 9:00am



Burke Lutheran Church

**Reconnect.**

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***“Preach. Teach. Reach.”***

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Please rise.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

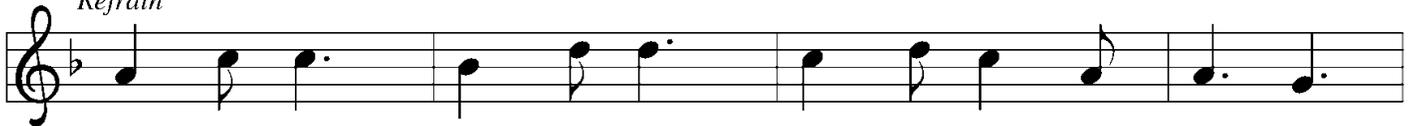


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

#### *Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

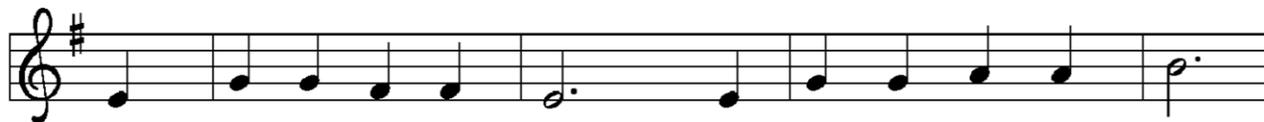
### GREETING

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C 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. Amen.**

FIRST READING

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

R <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.

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalms 121*

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

**C <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

R <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

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

**C <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**C <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God’s promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

R <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 presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

GOSPEL VERSE



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

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

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

P <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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Pastor Bryan Lagerstam*

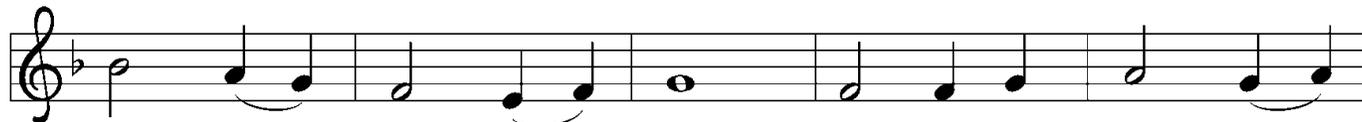
*Please rise.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

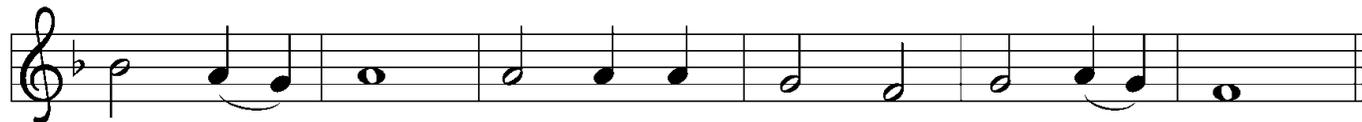
# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



## THE CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world  
and its needs.**

*A brief silence.*

**R Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of  
church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to  
praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.**

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare  
your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who  
labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.**

**C Your mercy is great.**

- R Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- R Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, especially Lisa, Mark, Tim, Bill, Paul, Shannon, Tom, Cindy, and all those we name upon our lips and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
- C **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)
- Please rise.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 God thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty, . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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 in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

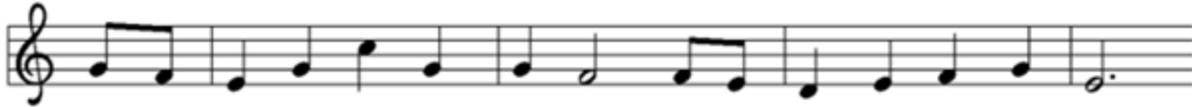
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Please be seated.*



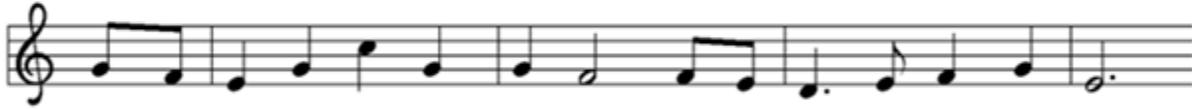
## We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker  
Text and music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

*Please rise.*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG

### Lift High the Cross



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!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956  
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY:** Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card  
and place it in the offering plate if  
you are communing today.*

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## OUR STAFF

### **Pastor**

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### **Administrative Secretary**

Laura Steig

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### **Maintenance Engineer**

Burke is in need of an individual to help clean the church! This includes vacuuming, dusting, mopping floors, washing windows and doors, cleaning restrooms, making sure restrooms have needed supplies, replace light bulbs as needed, add salt to water softener, remove trash and take to curb, etc. They may also be asked to set up tables and chairs for various events. Job is approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you are interested or know someone that might be interested please contact the church office or let a Council member know.

Until someone is hired we may need some volunteers to help. Let the church office know if you are willing to help out to do one or more tasks.

## PRAYERS & CARES

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**A Nursery (Youth Room)** for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for four weeks.

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Bill Schmidt

Paul Fritz

Shannon Schlimgen

Tom Hughes

Cindy Sommer

## Congregational Opportunities

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**QUILTING:** Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

**OWLs:** On hiatus during Lent.

**JAM at NGMLC:** On hiatus during Lent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

## CALL TO ACTION

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**March Food Pantry Focus:** “Toiletries,” such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hair brushes/combs, disposable baby diapers, feminine products (pads/tampons), Depends, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

**Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.**

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

## **Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles**

If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays**

**LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 25th of the month**

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## **CALLING ALL MEN; MARCH 20-22, 2026**

One Year to Live (OYTL) Men's Event at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center  
1834 Illinois Route 2 in Oregon, Illinois (about a 1 1/2 hour drive)

Check out this 2 minute video on YouTube by Pastor Matt Pooch from St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville.

<https://youtu.be/xVosynJX2xU>

Registration forms are available on the table by the front door.

Please contact Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744 with questions.

## THIS WEEK AT BURKE

<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	Quilting, 9:00am	Lenten Service, 12:00pm Lenten Service, 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, March 8</b>	Daylight Saving, 2:00am (Spring forward) Worship, 9:00am	Confirmation at Burke, 5:30pm

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>March 1 - 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 8 - 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Dave Wisner Jean Schnick	Dave Wisner Gloria Lundquist
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Julie Clark	Sharon Hughes
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sharon Hughes	Tim Wachs
<b>Usher Team</b>	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Steve & Donna Frederick
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donuts	Miscellaneous
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>
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