



March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

[Online Worshiper Form \(Guests & Members\)](#)

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (L.Mason/G. Young)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

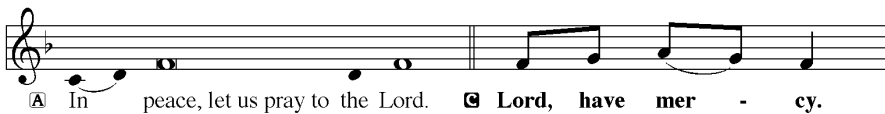
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

*THE GREETING

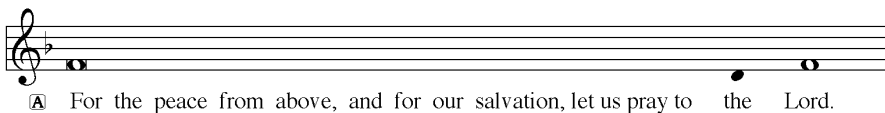
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



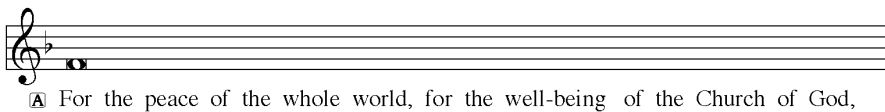
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



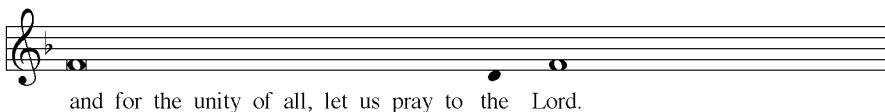
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



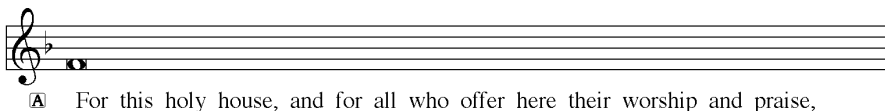
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



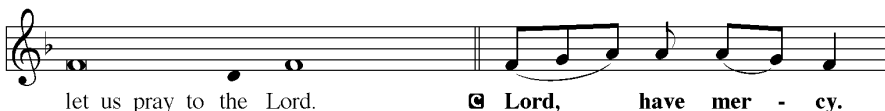
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



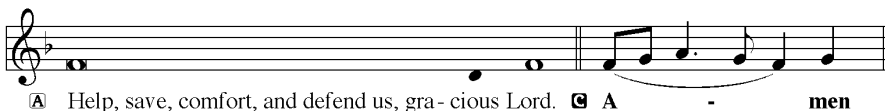
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



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



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al-so with you.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK

Jacque Fry - Kit Ministry

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a

jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Hannah Seitz & Olivia Sullivan

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL READING:

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

*HYMN: "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth "

ELW 727



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 to the dead. 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

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30) "God So Loved the World (K. Lee Scott)

Vocal Solo (11:00): "The Lord's Prayer (Albert Hay Malotte)

Holly Martin

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

***THE SANCTUS**



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



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW 803

1 When I sur - vey 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



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has 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- er. A - men

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: “Little Prelude in D Minor ” (J. S. Bach)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to names during Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by John & Mary Burke.

A NURSERY, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

LENT CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY, March 6 Services of worship will take place at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. through March 20. Unless otherwise designated, Lenten offerings will be shared equally with New Futures, Inc, of Huntsville and MLC's Kit Ministry.

THANK YOU to Jacquie Fry for giving today's Temple Talk on MLC's Kit Ministry team.

FREE ORGAN RECITAL AT MLC THIS THURSDAY, March 7 at Noon Josh Coble is the featured organist. The concert series is organized by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

A FINANCE COMMITTEE TOWN HALL IS NEXT SUNDAY, March 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On the agenda: A review of MLC's current financials and information about endowments.

SOUP MAKERS & KITCHEN LEADS needed for Lenten Soup Suppers. Sign up using the SignUp Genius QR code or at the Welcome Center. POC Kari Pitchko. At least 4-5 soups are needed each week. Volunteers also needed for desserts, set up, and cleanup.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE with Messiah youngsters as part of their March 24 Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt and Party. The verses will be stuffed inside the eggs along with the other treats and items. Visit the display in the Narthex for instructions and slips of paper to fill out.

MLC RUMMAGE SALE is Saturday, April 6, 2024. Now is a great time to start sorting through those closets and attics for gently used items to donate! POC Paulette McNamara.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) FOOD PANTRY - Peanut Butter & Jelly (No Glass)

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Winnie Williams (11:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Greeters</u>	Heidemans (8:30) (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lector</u>	Tim Pitchko (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Peter (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Bill Holbrook, Tom McNamara (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Cantor</u>	Mike Mabry (8:30) Adam Neely (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith (8:30)
			Gretchen Perry (11:00)
		<u>Sound/Stream Team</u>	Claire Strand (8:30)
			Claire Davis, Bob Davis (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor's Office Hours are M-TH

MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for

"sensitive matters." If in doubt call the church office.

Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Worship & Music Committee Meeting - Parish Hall
- 9:45 a.m. - Weekend Food Packing - Fellowship Hall (Women's Book Group)
- 9:45 a.m. - Instrumental Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Parish Hall)

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

Monday, March 4

- 4:45 p.m. - MLC Volunteers @ Owen's House

Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, March 6

- 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Service of Worship
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Soup Supper
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - *Lenten Service of Worship
- 7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, March 7

- 12:00 p.m. - AGO Organ Recital at MLC
- 1:00 p.m. - Thursday Prayer/Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, March 10

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *WOV Setting 5 (Bread of Life)* w/the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Outreach Craft project for all ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults, Town Hall (Finance Committee) Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *WOV Setting 5 (Bread of Life)* w/the Lord's Supper
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella

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LOOKING AHEAD

March 16 - Greeting Card Workshop

March 23 - Mulch Spreading, House of the Harvest Serving

March 24 - Passion/Palm Sunday

March 31 - Resurrection/Easter Sunday

April 6 - MLC Rummage Sale

Attendance:

February 18 - Online - 62 February 25 - 8:30 a.m. - 100, 11:00 a.m. - 58

Offerings Counted February 25, 2024

Church Ministries

Capital Investment Fund

Senior Youth National Gathering

Messiah Mugs

Lent

Lunches for Learning

Outreach

Online Giving



SignUp Genius

