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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.

Please remember to wear your nametag.

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.



We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.

We strive for racial equity.

We welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour and sexual orientation.

We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationship.

Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.



All are truly welcome.



ReconcilingWorks
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**Dear Little Saints-
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will
need to prepare*

*Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups
want you there*

*Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing
You could be bright new markers trying
or putting stickers in your book*

*Or even ..take a little look
Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true
There's juice or sweets or cookies too*

*When you've been good as gold for ever
and still the talking lasts forever
just dig inside and have a treat
Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!!
(and also is a take home treat!)*

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

***Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until
the Gathering Song is sung.***

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 1, 2026.

Prelude — Glockengelaute, Edward Greig
At the Name of Jesus, arr. Malcolm

(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The congregation may sit or kneel.
Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,
we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,
we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,
we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,
we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,
we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,
we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,
we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,
we confess to you, O God.

Please stand

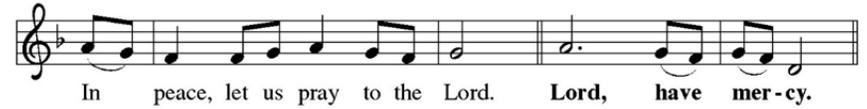
According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

**Gathering Song — God Loved the World
323 (Red)**

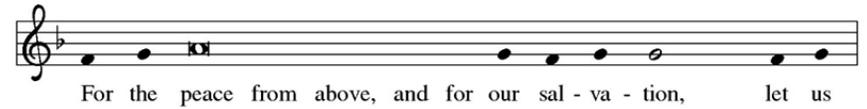
Greeting

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

Kyrie



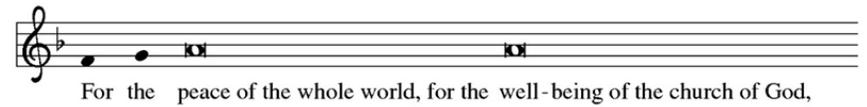
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



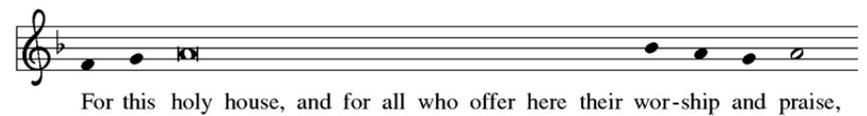
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, who stored in the hearts of your people a fragrant memory of your servant David, grant us wisdom in the care of your Church and zeal in the proclamation of your gospel, that we may show forth your abiding love in a dark and anxious world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Choir Anthem

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.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: **Psalm 121** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

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(bold print = ambo side)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸ **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.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."
⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ 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.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel — *John 3:1-17*

The holy gospel of our Lord according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² 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 unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴ 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ 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.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “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. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

16 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. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Homily

Hymn of the Day — Christ is the Life (Tune: Kingsfold)



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,
 2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.
 who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark - ness of the womb.
 whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin - dling for the pyre.
 cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,
 Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,
 Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,
 Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Prayers

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of renewal, breathe your Spirit upon the Church. Grant that all who follow Christ may be born anew in faith and love, bearing witness to your grace and truth. Strengthen all bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and all your faithful people in their Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you so love this world and everything in it. Teach us to cherish the earth as your gift, to protect its beauty, and to live as caretakers rather than consumers. Renew the face of the earth with your healing breath. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, guide the rulers of the nations with the light of your truth. Where there is confusion, bring clarity; where there is conflict, bring peace. Praying especially for Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, inspire those in authority to act with justice and compassion, that everyone may dwell in safety and dignity. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, lift up those in need of your mercy; those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit. May our visits show them Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit give them new strength and hope. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Sue and Earlby, Chris and Joan, Penny and Bill, Marilyn and Sigi, for Grace and Cole and their mother Jennifer, Kathryn, Kelly, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, bless our community of faith at All Saints. May we grow together in trust, generosity, and service. Help us to share your love with one another and with all who seek new life in Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, we give you thanks for Saint David and for all who have lived faithfully in your Spirit. May their witness inspire us to walk humbly, speak truthfully, and love deeply. Bring us, with them, to the fullness of your holy realm. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.



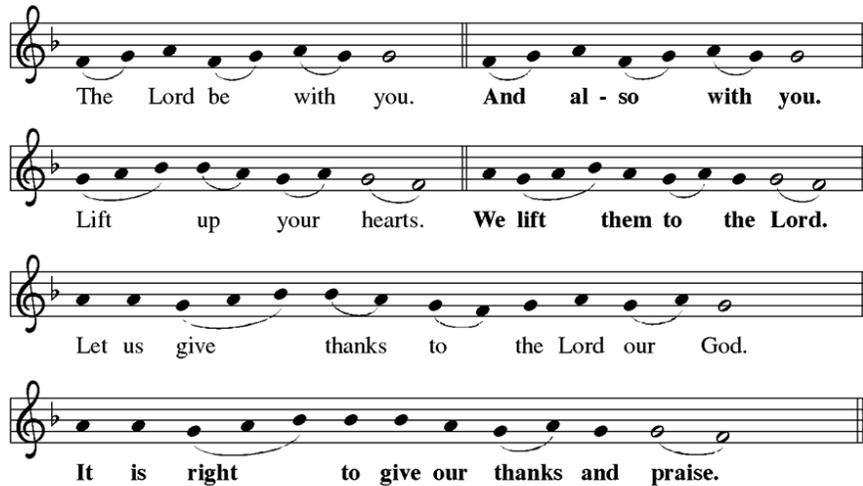
Offertory— **Seed That in Earth Is Dying**
330 (Red)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

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

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

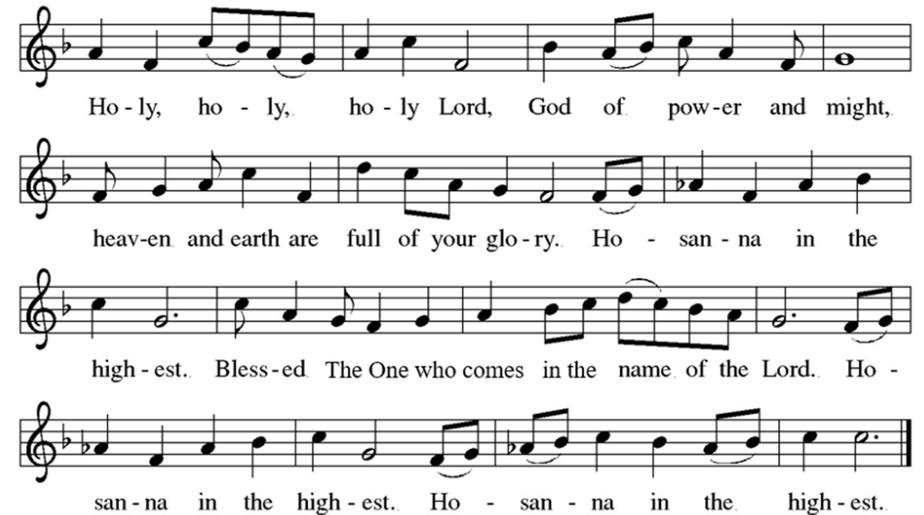
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided
them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our
rock and our water, who joined us in our desert, pouring
out his life for the world.

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

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

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**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

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness!
Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns

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.

Now is the Time of Grace

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va-tion.
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up # 543 (Blue)

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ # 557 (Blue)

Table Blessing

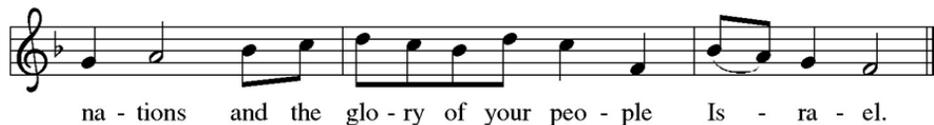
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle



Announcements

Benediction

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen**

The blessing of the God of life be ours.

The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,

To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

Sending Song — Christ, the Life of All the Living # 339 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, arr. Rosalie Bonighton

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura B Mann	Michelle Normandin
Servers	Kishan Gunawardene Michelle Normandin	Christine Morrison John Szymanski
Reader	Judy Rogers	Deborah Szymanski- Potts
Greeters	Marisela McDougal	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Chris & Riza Heaney	Chris & Riza Heaney
AV booth	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud
Counters	Chris Heaney Richard/Linda Zytner	Chris Heaney Richard/Linda Zytner
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Lenten Lunch	Lenten Lunch

We pray for:

ACC: The bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod.

MOR: The people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office.
Thank you.



Lenten Lunches are back! Join us for soup, bread and conversation after worship on Sundays in Lent. The theme of our lunches this year will be ***“Intentional Listening to God and to One Another.”*** There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for soup heroes! We are hoping for a variety including some vegan options each week.



Lenten Self Denial: Women of Faith invite you to support their Lenten self denial collection. There are information pamphlets and envelopes for your offerings in the Narthex. This year the collection will go to Hope House. *Thank you*

St. Patrick’s Day Dessert and Card Party: Wear your green and join us for desserts and cards on **Saturday March 14, 2026, between 1:00–4:00 p.m.**



Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below – for March we need **pasta sauce, school snacks and cooking oil (1L).**



We do not need any plastic bread tabs. We are taking reuseable grocery bags again. Thank you.

Free to Read: The Guelph Tool Library is running the Free to Read Book Sale to celebrate **World Book Day on Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10 am until 3 pm in the main concourse of the Old Quebec Street Shoppes.** The goal is to sell those books that are frequently donated, such as best sellers and detective stories, and use the proceeds to purchase the technical books needed to support literacy and language programs in correctional facilities.



We are collecting books until **Sunday April 19, 2026.** This is a great opportunity to consider what books in your home are ready for their next ‘forever home’! (Please – no encyclopedias!) *Thank you.*

Memorial Service for Jeff Bleach: We all mourn with Marilyn Bleach Schranz and her family at the sudden passing of her son Jeff just after Christmas in British Columbia. A memorial service for Jeff will be held at St. George’s Anglican Church, Guelph, on **Saturday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m.**



LOOKING AHEAD: March 2 –8

Monday 2	10:00 a.m.	Futures Group Pastor’s Office
Wednesday 4	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Thursday 5	9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 8	8:30 a.m.	Lent 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Lent 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 a.m.	Lenten Lunch Rose Head Hall

Sermon Notes:



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings time starts again — move your clocks *ahead* one hour.

March 8, 2026

Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours
Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.