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**Sunday, June 17, 2023**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

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Service Theme

**THE HOLY MINISTRY DEMONSTRATES COMPASSION FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

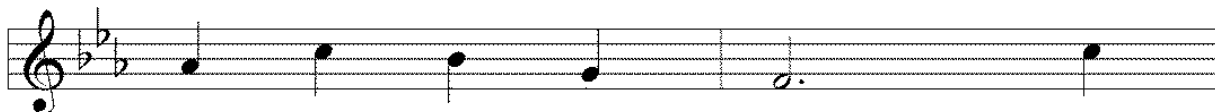
“When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them” (Matthew 9:36). The Greek word translated as “compassion” refers to a type of love that almost overwhelms one’s emotions. Imagine a father looking at his little girl lying in a hospital bed near death. The father’s heart aches. That father would allow the surgeon to cut any organ out of him, without anesthesia, and transplant it into his daughter if that’s what it took to save his little girl’s life. That’s the idea behind the Greek word for “compassion.” Jesus looks at the people and is willing to do anything for them—to make any sacrifice, even the ultimate one at the cross. In that same compassion, the Lord of the Church raises up ministers. As those ministers share his grace and mercy, Christ saves eternal lives. More, he fills those ministers with his Spirit, so that they also feel compassion for God’s people.

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To  
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The  
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On  
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -  
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
 roads they'd nev - er trod To  
 mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



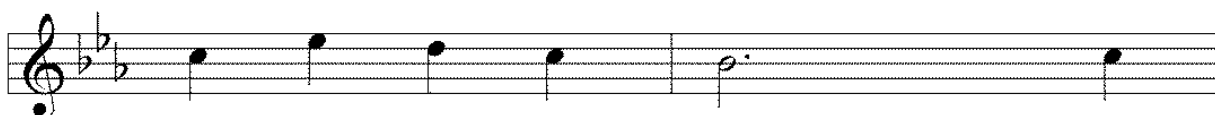
sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For  
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The  
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The  
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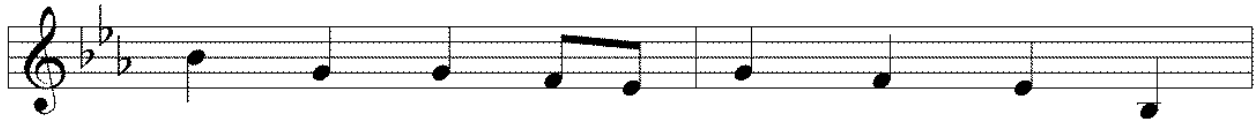
ven - tures bold and new: Grant  
 ways of God re - vealed: In -  
 near - er reign of God: Send  
 whom the saints be - long: Though



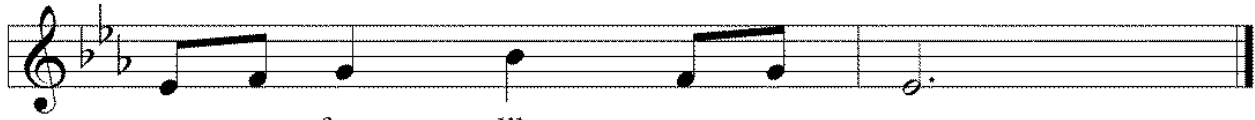
us to hear your call To  
 struct us now, we pray, By  
 us on ways where faith Tran -  
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,  
 your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
 trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our



per - fect lib - er - ty.  
light, their life, their Lord.  
life and min - is - try.  
lives an of - fer - ing.

## **DIVINE SERVICE II - Adapted**

*(Please stand)*

### **INVOCATION**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**



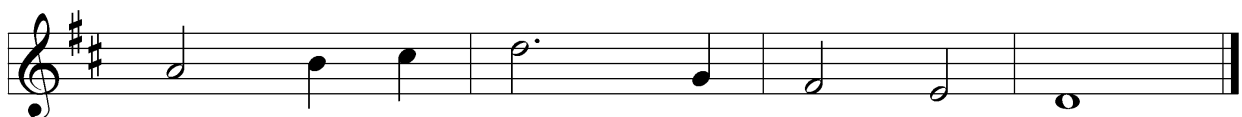
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON – Numbers 27:15–23 (EHV)**

*Moses' life and ministry were coming to an end. God in compassion for his people had Moses appoint Joshua to take his place.*

<sup>15</sup>Moses spoke to the LORD, <sup>16</sup>“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, <sup>17</sup>who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

<sup>18</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. <sup>19</sup>Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup>You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. <sup>21</sup>He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

<sup>22</sup>Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. <sup>23</sup>He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

**PSALM – 100 (p. 104)**



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*  
Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.\*  
Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;\*  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.

**Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;\*

give thanks to him and praise his  
name.

For the LORD is good and his love  
endures forever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 4:1–7 (EHV)**

*The congregation in Corinth was troubled and divided. Paul wrote them, not out of anger, but out of compassion—not to shame them, but to warn them.*

This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup>In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. <sup>4</sup>I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.

<sup>6</sup>Brothers, I turned these things into a lesson using myself and Apollos as examples. I did this for your benefit, so that you may learn from us not to go beyond what is written. Then you will not be arrogant, favoring one person over the other. <sup>7</sup>For who makes you so special? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.  
Alleluia. (Matthew 9:38)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL – Matthew 9:35—10:8 (EHV)

**M:** The Gospel according to Matthew 9:35—10:8

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

*Jesus had compassion on the people, and he appointed the twelve to demonstrate compassion through their holy ministry.*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come A teach - er sent from  
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i -  
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest days are  
 4 The ser - vants you have called And to your Church are  
 5 Bring those in - to your fold Who still to you are



heav - en And by both word and deed God's  
 a - tion, That shows the way to God And  
 keep - ing; And since the fields are ripe And  
 giv - ing Pre - serve in doc - trine pure And  
 stran - gers; Guard those who are with - in A -



truth to us have giv - en. You wise - ly have or -  
 brings to us sal - va - tion! Lord, by your gos - pel  
 hands are few for reap - ing, Send work - ers forth, O  
 ho - li - ness of liv - ing. Your Spir - it fill their  
 gainst of - fense and dan - gers. Press on - ward with your



dained The ho - ly min - is - try That we, your  
 pure, You bless and keep your fold; You call, en -  
 Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in That not a  
 hearts And charge their words with pow'r; What they should  
 Word Till pas - tor and his fold Through faith in



flock, may know The truth that sets us free.  
 light - en, keep; You com - fort and up - hold.  
 soul be lost Which you have come to win.  
 bold - ly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!  
 you, O Christ, Your glo - ry shall be - hold.

### SERMON TEXT & THEME

**Matthew 9:35-10:8 ... Jesus' compassion for the crowds**

- 1) Invites us to pray for ministers of the Gospel.
- 2) Moves Him to send ministers of the Gospel.



## **APOSTLES' CREED –**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

Tune: MUNICH



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

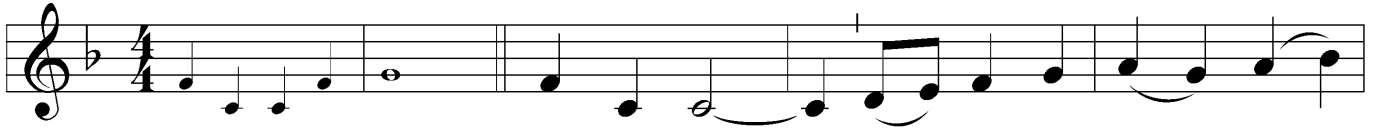
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

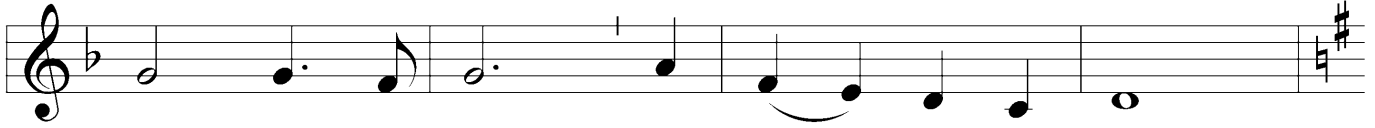
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

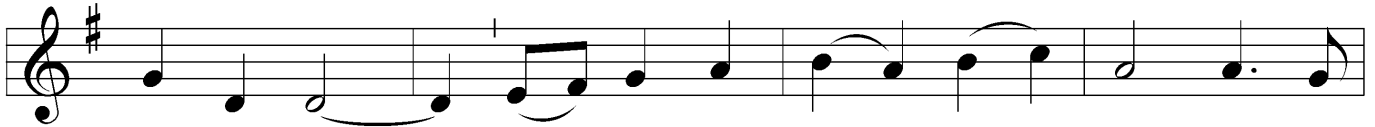
**C: Amen.**



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sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



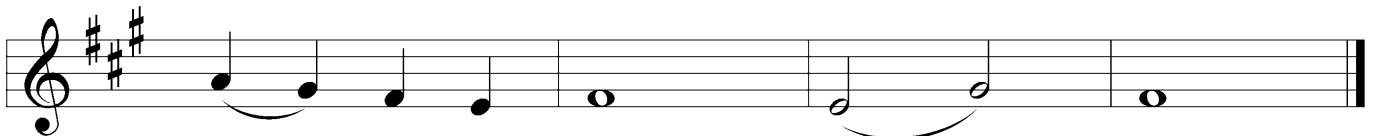
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

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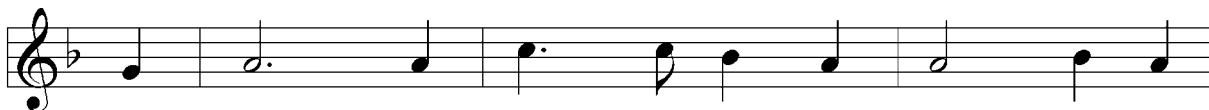
# SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## THANKSGIVING

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's  
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,  
In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

### Announcements

#### *Farewell for Pastor Goetzinger*

A special service will be held at St. Paul's Today June 18th at 2:30 P.M.

#### *Church Cleaners:*

June 25 - James // July 2 - Barnabas

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

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| <b>Su (18)</b> | <b>9:30 am</b><br>10:45 am<br><b>2:30 pm</b> | <b>Worship with Communion</b><br>Coffee & Bible Class<br><b>Farewell Service for Pastor Goetzinger</b> |
| Tu (20)        | 7:00 pm                                      | Elders Meeting   |
| Th (22)        | 6:30 pm                                      | Confirmation (W)   |
| Fr (23)        | 10:30 am<br>4:30 pm                          | Bible Information Class<br>Confirmation (D)  |
| <b>Su (25)</b> | <b>9:30 am</b><br>10:45 am                   | <b>Worship with Communion</b><br>Voters Meeting & Evangelism Seminar                                   |
| Fr (29)        | 10:30 am<br>4:30 pm                          | Bible Information Class<br>Confirmation (D)  |
| <b>Su (2)</b>  | <b>9:30 am</b><br>10:45 am<br><b>3:00 pm</b> | <b>Worship with Communion</b><br>Coffee & Bible Class<br><b>Worship with Communion in Poltimore</b>    |



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