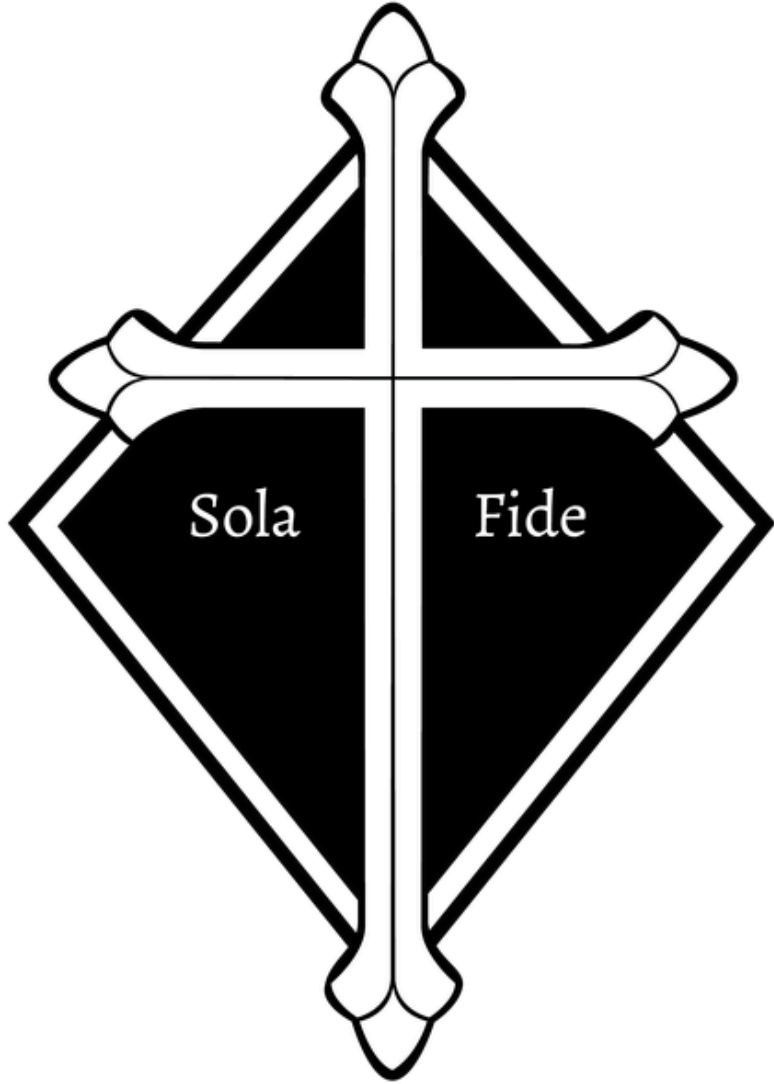


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*SERVICE TIMES: Sundays 8:15 & 11am; Mondays 7pm; Sunday School for all ages 9:45am*



**SOLA FIDE**  
QUINQUAGESIMA  
(50 Days before Easter)  
March 3, 2019

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

## YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

To participate in this service, just follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other. Parts marked **P** are spoken by the pastor, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung(♫) by the congregation.

## A GUIDE TO OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

The traditional Divine Service contains elements which are **Sacrificial** (what we do for God) and elements which are **Sacramental** (what God is doing for us). Though the Sacrificial aspects are important, the Sacramental aspects are where the true focus should be. When Jesus visited the home of friends (Luke 10:38-42), Martha was distracted with serving Jesus a meal, while Mary sat listening to Him. Martha requested that Mary help her, and our Savior replied: *"Martha, Martha... one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part."* This is where Bethany's motto comes from, and has application for our worship life: what Martha was doing for Christ (Sacrificial) was certainly appreciated by Him, but what Mary did by sitting at His feet (Sacramental) was a better part – the "one thing needful."

## THE LANGUAGE OF WORSHIP

Four languages are represented in liturgical songs in our service. **Hebrew** shows our connection to the Old Testament believers; **Greek** shows our roots in the New Testament apostolic church; **Latin** shows that we are part of the Western heritage of the church, and **English** shows that our worship is also present day and relevant for our time.

## CHRIST IN OUR WORSHIP

Note how the liturgy presents the life of Christ: His birth, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, etc. All Christian worship is centered in Him and performed through Him.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Steven Sparley
<b>Organist</b>	Mrs. Barb Mantey
<b>Ushers 8:15</b>	<u>Team 7</u> (Gaskins)
<b>Ushers 11</b>	<u>Team 12</u> (Lorette)
<b>Acolytes 8:15</b>	Ethan/Brendan Kemp; Callahan Gaskins
<b>Acolytes 11</b>	Audrey Amiling, Rory Alonzo, Ethan Sickler
<b>Greeters 8:15</b>	Marie Singleton
<b>Greeters 11</b>	Mike/Vikki Skinner
<b>Elder on duty this week</b>	Mike Overfield

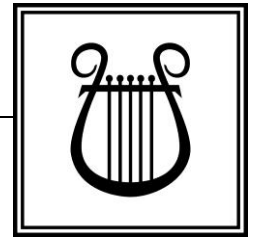
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE ELH Rite II

*(please stand)*



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Blessed Are the Sons of God | 391*

## THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

We come to confess the spiritual truth about ourselves, in the **Confession of Sins**, admitting that on our own we have nothing to offer. We bow before God in humility, confident of His great mercy to us in Christ. This is followed by the **Absolution**, where the pastor stands in the place of Christ to declare God's forgiveness. This declaration goes out freely without condition.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

*be seated*

### **THE INTROIT**

P: Be my Rock of refuge, a Fortress of defense to save me. For You are my Rock and my Fortress, therefore for Your name's sake lead me and guide me. In You, O Lord, I put my trust, Let me never be ashamed.

### **THE GLORIA PATRI**

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

### **THE KYRIE ELEISON**

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

Dr. Martin Luther once said about **The Gloria in Excelsis**: "This hymn was not grown on earth but came down from heaven." We are taken back to Christmas, and the angels who sang to the Shepherds. The earliest known date for this in a worship service is 126 AD.

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,  
we glorify You, we give thanks to You,  
for Your great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For You only are holy. You only are the Lord.**

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

The **Salutation** goes with the next prayer and represents the love between pastor and congregation. Some may think the **Collect** should mean taking the collection. It was a term, however, used to collect or gather the prayers of God's people based on the assigned readings.

## THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray:

P: O Lord, we beseech You, mercifully hear our prayers, and having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 35:3-7*

**S**trengthen the weak hands, and make the shaky knees steady.<sup>4</sup>Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, He will come and save you.<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.<sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland.<sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts of jackals once lay.

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

*I Corinthians 13:1-13*

**I**f I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. <sup>5</sup>It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a

record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup>but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup>Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

In order to teach the “whole counsel of God,” a series of readings unfolded by the 300’s AD to bring a calendar and unity to the worship life of Christians. (see *The Historic Lectionary*, pp. 202-3 in our *Hymnary*.) The **Gradual**, a “bridge,” was a Psalm which tied the readings together. The **Alleluia** is a Hebrew hymn of joy. It is omitted during the penitential season of Lent, and then sung again with renewed joy for Easter.

### THE GRADUAL

**P:** Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**C:** ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*please stand*

### THE APOSTLES CREED

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 shall 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.**

*be seated*

### THE SERMON HYMN

*If Thy Beloved Son, O God | 375*

*please stand*

P: The Holy Gospel for Quinquagesima Sunday is written in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> verse.

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

### THE GOSPEL LESSON & SERMON TEXT

*Luke 18:31-43*

**H**e took the Twelve aside and said to them, “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>Indeed, He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him, mistreat Him, spit on Him, <sup>33</sup>flog Him, and kill Him. On the third day, He will rise again.” <sup>34</sup>They did not understand any of these things. What He said was hidden from them, and they did not understand what was said. <sup>35</sup>As He approached Jericho, a blind man sat by the road, begging. <sup>36</sup>When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup>They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. <sup>38</sup>He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>Those who were at the front of the crowd rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to Him. When he came near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, I want to see again.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you.” <sup>43</sup>Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

### THE SERMON

*SOLA FIDE*

*please stand*

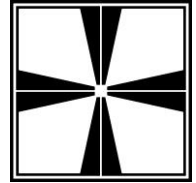
P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

### THE OFFERTORY

C: ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

*be seated*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND



### OFFERING

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Bethany Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support His saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

#### Giving your offering in the digital age

*If you find yourself using your checkbook less and less, consider these alternatives to your continued act of worship, service, trust, and sacrifice (i.e. "offering") to the Lord:*

1. Bethany has contracted with a service called "Faithstreet".
  - a) From their website you can make a one-time-gift or set up a regular (weekly, monthly, etc.) offering. Look for a button like the one to the right of this paragraph on our church's website or Facebook page ([www.bethanylutheranes.org](http://www.bethanylutheranes.org) or [www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap](http://www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap)).
  - b) Use *Faithstreet* to give by text: Save this # to "Bethany Offerings": **646-832-4848**. Send a text to that number with the amount you want to give as the content of the text. (i.e. "25", twenty-five dollars will be sent to Bethany.) You will receive a link asking for a quickcode. Enter "**bethany**" and finish this setup form. (You only have to do this once.) Next time simply text the amount to the number. Your gift will be processed immediately.
2. When you are doing your online banking, consider making your offering a part of your online bill pay (either by electronic transfer or by having your bank cut the check and send it to Bethany). This helps remedy the "forgetfulness factor."



*please stand*

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P:** Heavenly Father, in Your righteousness, deliver us. Open our eyes, which are often so blinded by earthly things, that we would never lose sight of the redemption You have provided through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Be gracious to us, that we would follow Christ, our rock and fortress, with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Ever-present Lord, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us, but to abide with us until the end of time. Be with all those who suffer loneliness. Comfort them with Your promise to always be with Your children, and let them find companionship and love within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



P: Almighty God, You establish earthly governments among us to create and sustain good order in our societies. Bless those whom You have placed in authority over us, that they would keep that good order among us for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with compassion upon all who are suffering at this time [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Assure them of Your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal God, here in Your holy house, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, which includes all those who have fallen asleep in Jesus and now rest in peace from their labors. Shine Your face upon us and keep us in Your steadfast love, that we might dwell with them in Christ's kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

*be seated*

**ANTHEM (8:15)  
HYMN (11AM)**

*May the Peace of God | BLS GR 1-8  
From Eternity, O God | 411*

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*My God, My Father, Make Me Strong* | **424**

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY 3/3 *Quinquagesima*

8:15am & 11:00am Worship

*(BLS Gr. 1-8 sing @ 8:15)*

9:45am Sunday School for all ages;

Catechism Review Session #2

### MONDAY, 3/4

11:00am Bethany 55s @ Airport Diner

7:00pm Worship

### TUESDAY, 3/5

7:00pm School Board

### WEDNESDAY, 3/6 *Ash Wednesday*

7:30am Family Donut Day

2:30 & 7:00pm Lenten Worship

3:30pm Jr. Confirmation

5:30-6:30pm Lent Fellowship Supper-  
Pizza Feed

6:30pm Church Choir practice

### SUNDAY, 3/10 *Lent I*

*(Daylight Savings Begins)*

8:15am & 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages;

Youth Group meeting;

Catechism Review Session #3

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

### 3/10:

#### Usher Teams:

1 [Seals] & 13 [Dahlke]

#### Greeters:

G/B Bergemann; J/K Gracia

#### Acolytes:

Overfield/Bowman/Elliott/Hoefer;

Burleson/Riedel

#### Communion Assistants:

C Denney; J Harless

## THE RECORD

### Flowers on the altar today are given

to the glory of God by Matt & Katie Hoefler in honor of their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Last Sunday 200 of God's people came to

worship and hear His holy Word. 137

received Holy Communion, and 67 attended

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class.

### Pastor Pittenger is at Parkland Lutheran

Church & School this morning, helping

their school celebrate its' 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Thanks to Pastor Sparley, from Parkland, for bringing God's word to us today.

### Baptized Last Saturday 2/23 at Bethany:

**Ivan Loboda, Jr**, infant son of Ivan & Elena

Loboda. May God bless and keep His little

lamb now and always.

### Today's Youth Group meeting has been

postponed to next Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Juanita's Bible Study resumes in two weeks,

on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. (The

March calendar incorrectly lists it for this

coming Wednesday).

### 2019 Member Family Church Directories

are in your church mailboxes .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 'Bethany 55s'** monthly no-host brunch coming up tomorrow, Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am at the Airport Diner. Gentlemen and ladies, come see your old friends or meet some new ones! Questions? Ask Dave Olsen (*PS: adults younger than 55 also welcome*)

### Time to Direct Thrivent Choice \$\$

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support our church, the school, the Early Learning Center, ELHS, Bethany Lutheran College---it's up to YOU! Don't let your Choice Dollars expire! Deadline is 3/31 to direct any of your remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Visit online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

### 2019 Annual Evergreen Auction Sat. 4/6

Enjoy *AN EVENING ON THE SHORE* with fun and good food while supporting quality, Christ-centered education for teens. Pre-sale tickets are \$20; donations of new items & gift certificates welcome through 3/15. Contact [auktion@elhs.org](mailto:auktion@elhs.org) or call 253-946-4488 for details.

- Chris Denney will be driving the Evergreen bus from Bethany to/from this event; park your car and join the fun! Sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.
- Bethany is sponsoring 4 group auction baskets: *games; cookbooks; wine; and children's books*. Additions welcome – or come up with a basket idea of your own!

### Midweek Lenten Services begin this

**Wednesday 3/6** at 2:30pm and 7:00pm.

**Lent also marks the return of our beloved Wednesday Fellowship Suppers.** Different Bethany groups host, with the menu of their choice (*non-hosted weeks are potluck-style*). Meal is served 5:30-6:30pm. We hope to see many of our Bethany family and friends for food and fellowship prior to worship.

### DATES      HOSTS/MENU

<b>3/6</b>	<b>Elders - Pizza Feed</b> <i>Pizza, salad, dessert and beverage provided—nothing for you to bring but your smiles, appetites and hearts ready to worship. Bethany's Elders will 'apron up' to serve you.</i>
<b>3/13</b>	<b>Youth Group - Soup Supper</b>
<b>3/20</b>	<b>No-host Potluck</b>
<b>3/27</b>	<b>Youth Group - Soup Supper</b>
<b>4/3</b>	<b>Faculty/School Board-Tacos</b>
<b>4/10</b>	<b>No-host Potluck</b>

## The Season of Lent

Wednesday Lenten Worship

2:30pm & 7:00pm

March 6\*, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10

*\*This week's Ash Wednesday services will include the imposition of ashes for those so desiring.*

*Handouts are available in the narthex if you'd like more details prior to worship.*

Lenten Fellowship Suppers

5:30-6:30pm

~Please Join Us~