

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Lowell Mason
Performed by Yeats Wolfsberger

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *There is a Balm in Gilead*

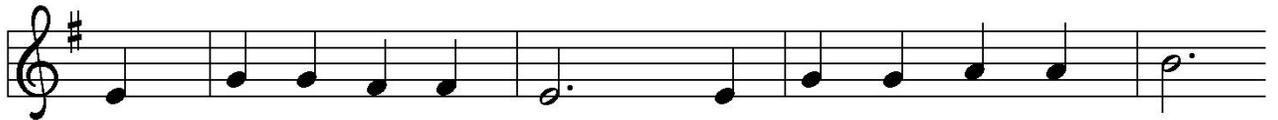
HYMN# 614

GREETING:

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us Pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM: PSALM 95

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹ The Lord [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.**

³ You restore my [|] soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name’s sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light, which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

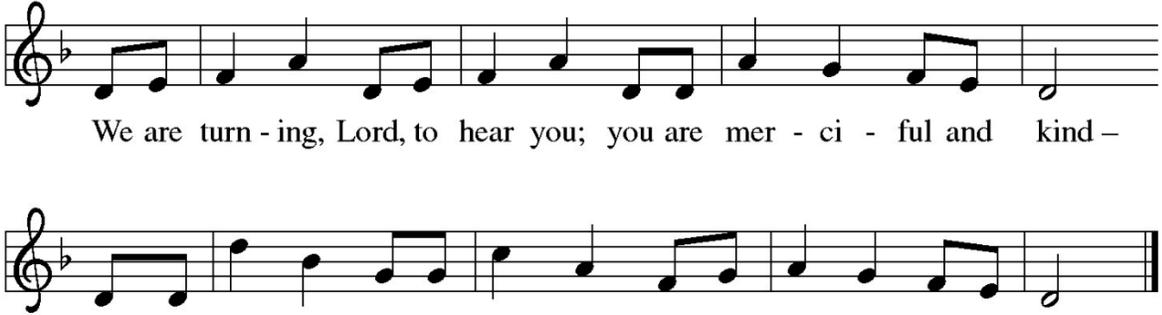
⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

LENTEN VERSE



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But

they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

HYMN# 779

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

C: 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 into hell. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

(A brief silence.)

AM: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lamb of God

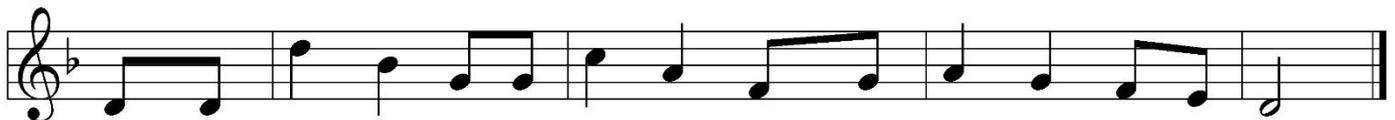
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By the Babylonian Rivers

By the Babylonian Rivers



1 By the Bab - y - lo - nian riv - ers we sat down in grief and wept;
2 There our cap - tors in de - ri - sion did re - quire of us a song;
3 How shall we sing the . . Lord's song in a strange and bit - ter land?
4 Let the cross be ben - e - dic - tion for those bound in tyr - an - ny;



hung our harps up - on a wil - low, mourned for Zi - on when we slept.
so we sat with star - ing vi - sion, and the days were hard and long.
Can our voic - es veil the sor - row? Lord God, hold your ho - ly band.
by the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion loose them from cap - tiv - i - ty.

Text: Ewald Bash, 1924–1994

Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune

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When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
Go Down, Moses



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er,
let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

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

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

HYMN# 452

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land (Go Down, Moses)*

Arr. John Leavitt

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(No flowers during Lent.)

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ALTAR GUILD	Olson - Fulton	
DONUT DRIVER	Wolfsberger Family	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	<i>needed</i>	
CAMERA	Gary Borkowski	
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Neil Gustafson:** comfort and peace
Kate Hartz: courage and trust
Barb Johnson: healing and strength
Fred Lenhart: comfort and peace
Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace
Marilyn McGuire: healing from cancer
Dell Roth: healing and strength
Sharon Salerno: healing and strength
Aria Thomé: for her ongoing health challenges



Request for:	On Behalf of:
Lisa M. (healing); Pam M (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
My Aunt Onie (strength) as she navigates breast cancer diagnosis	<i>Natalie Traylor Fontana</i>
Sister-in-law, Chris Austin (healing)	<i>Suzanne Hirth</i>
Tyla (healing), Tina, Melissa (employment); Parents; Bridgette (healing after surgery)	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Uncle John, as he undergoes cancer treatment	<i>Penny Family</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Cambodia and Venezuela; Pat Fulton (healing, strength); Ginny Olson (strength and healing); Sister Marie Orf; Jojo (encouragement); those who do not feel safe in their communities; all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>

LIVING YOUR FAITH

GIVE

Little Free Pantry Items needed include **cereal** and **canned vegetables**. We are also collecting small condiment packages and/or utensil packs. Clean out your drawers!

The March Big Ask for Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's is shampoo, razors and shaving cream. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

Easter Flowers Order Form: Help us decorate the altar for Easter by sponsoring spring flowers! Each flowering plant is \$20. (Available options are a selection of begonia, kalanchoe, Gerber daisies, or tulips. We cannot guarantee which flowering plant you will receive.) All forms, paper or online, must be complete by Palm Sunday, March 29.

ACT

Volunteer! The Social Action Team is organizing a **Food Drive** for the Little Free Pantry at Schnucks on Hampton and Chippewa on **Saturday, March 21**. Help is needed to ask shoppers for donations as they enter the store, or to periodically shuttle collected groceries back to church in your vehicle. Sign up in the eNews, the website or contact Leah Morrell.

Did you know? Our janitorial contract does NOT include cleaning the sanctuary each week, which is why we gather together twice each year (spring and fall) to do a deep cleaning of the sanctuary and other odd jobs. **Spring Church Clean-up Day!** Coming up **Sat, March 28**, 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendars. Many hands make light work.

Donate socks! We are collecting socks to care for our neighbors' feet. Socks will be presented and blessed during worship on **Maundy Thursday**, instead of foot-washing. We will continue collecting through April. Socks will be distributed through our blessing bag ministry.

Spread kindness! Blessing bags are in the Narthex - take and share with those in need.

Share your voice! Send April newsletter items to Gretchen by March 24.

JOIN

Communion Instruction happens this time of year for 2nd graders, older children who haven't participated in the past, and even younger but eager 1st graders. This prepares youth to join in communion on Palm Sunday. If interested, contact Pastor Cheryl ASAP so preparations and personalized banners can be started.

The **Social Action Team** will meet **TODAY**, March 15, between services in the Conference room to discuss the upcoming food drive and other initiatives. Please join us!

There will be a **light supper** between Worship and Choir Practice (6-6:30 pm) this Wednesday, March 18. If you would like to host an upcoming Wednesday, please contact the office! There is no time for clean-up, so bring your own "mess kit" or wash your own dishes.

The next GLC **Women's Luncheon** will be held, Monday, March 23 at 11:30 am at the Three Kings Public House in Ronnie's Plaza. RSVP on the website or contact Angie Fulton.

Sign-ups for **Vacation Bible School** are on Gethsemane's website and in the weekly eNews! We need volunteers and campers! July 6-10, 9 am-5 pm or 9 am-12:30 pm.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
March 15 – 22, 2026

3/15/26 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am Noonish	Worship: In-Person and Livestream Fellowship hour and Social Action Committee Mtg. Sunday School / Confirmation Worship: In-Person Worship and Music Committee meeting in Conf. Rm.
3/16/26 Monday	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
3/17/26 Tuesday	All Day 10 am	St. Patrick's Day! Bible Study
3/18/26 Wed.	1:30–3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Office Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Midweek Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer Light supper in the fellowship hall – Bring your own “mess kit” or do your own dishes Choir Rehearsal
3/21/26 Saturday	10 am – 6 pm	Schnucks Food Drive for Little Free Food Pantry
3/22/26 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship: In-Person and Livestream Fellowship hour Sunday School / Confirmation Worship: In-Person

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	5:30 – 6 pm 6-6:30 pm 6:30 – 8 pm	Lent Midweek Worship, Holden Evening Prayer Simple supper and fellowship (if host available) Choir Rehearsal
Mon, Mar 23	11:30 am	Women's Luncheon at Three Kings Public House
Tues, Mar 24	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sat, Mar 28	9 am-2 pm	Spring Church Clean Up Day, All hands needed!
Th, April 2	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship. Bring socks!
Fri, April 3	7 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sun, April 5	8:30 and 11 am	Easter Sunday, Easter Breakfast and Children's activities between services

Blood Pressure (BP): First Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall.
Women's Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries, and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

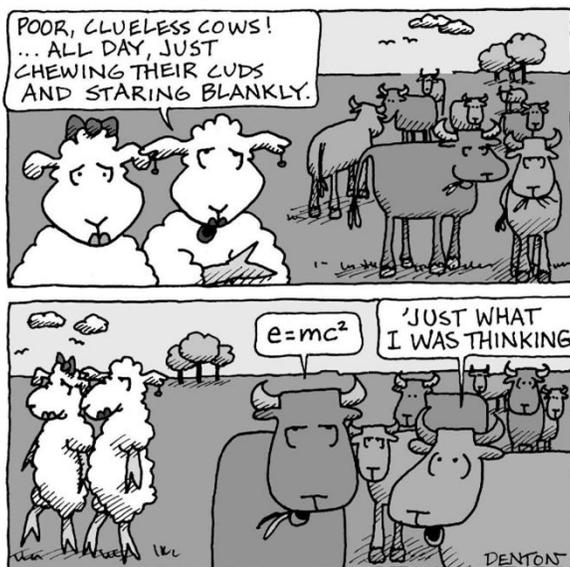
People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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