

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. If you are in need of any additional information in regard to our church or Synod affiliation, please contact Pastor Bill at 1-715-617-6477. Thank you for joining us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

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Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Readings for January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday After Epiphany:

First Reading Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19: 1-14

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Holy Gospel Luke 4:16-30

Living "Words with Friends"

Playgrounds still resound with "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." But those words ring hollow. As adults, and as children, we know only too well the power of words to do harm. In contrast, the scriptures for today point us to the word that bears hope, promise, and life. Human words can hurt or fail, but now we hear this holy word of wisdom, challenge, instruction, and hope that really does form us in God's promise. Rather than words that tear down, we are invited by the prophets and Jesus into God's living words with and among friends. Jesus, in coming home and attending the synagogue, reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus announces good news to those struggling economically on the fringes of society, hope to those who are imprisoned, healing to those without sight, a lifting of the burden from those who are weighed down or oppressed, and even the in-breaking of a holy year of favor. Standing in a tradition of prophets and priests who speak, engage, and teach God's word, Jesus now offers one thing more—fulfillment. The words of those who dream and hope, who work for justice and mercy on behalf of God, are now true. Today as we look around and see people spending time speaking, reading, and even playing games with words, this is an opportunity to ground ourselves in the one full Word that bears life. This word counters sticks and stones and all that oppresses; Jesus address announces God's liberating actions. This Word sounds promise to all who hear; it is an invitation to see God at work among God's people.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

FINANCIAL NOTES: January 12, 2025 ATTENDANCE: 36

No Financial Report Today

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on "The Chosen".

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets *STEP TWO:*

You can provide flowers in two ways:

- 1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
- 2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, January 26th following the worship service. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.** The proposed 2025 budget will be presented for approval and new council members will be elected. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS

SERVICE HONORING FOUR CHAPLAINS

Held on February 2, 2025, this service honors the four US Army chaplains who died when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed in World War II. The day honors the selfless service of the four chaplains, who gave up their lives to save others. The chaplains are also known as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains".



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Chandler, John, Kim, Dick, Mary H., Evie

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Amy L., Sharon G., Bob B., Lynn C., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, Dylan and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Don Eliason

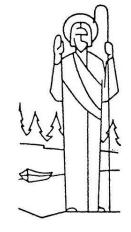
Please email Bill Wendorf at <u>pastor@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

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"Third Sunday After Epiphany Jan. 26th, 2025"

Welcome and Announcements



Invocation

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with the Holy Spirit in faith, hope, and love.

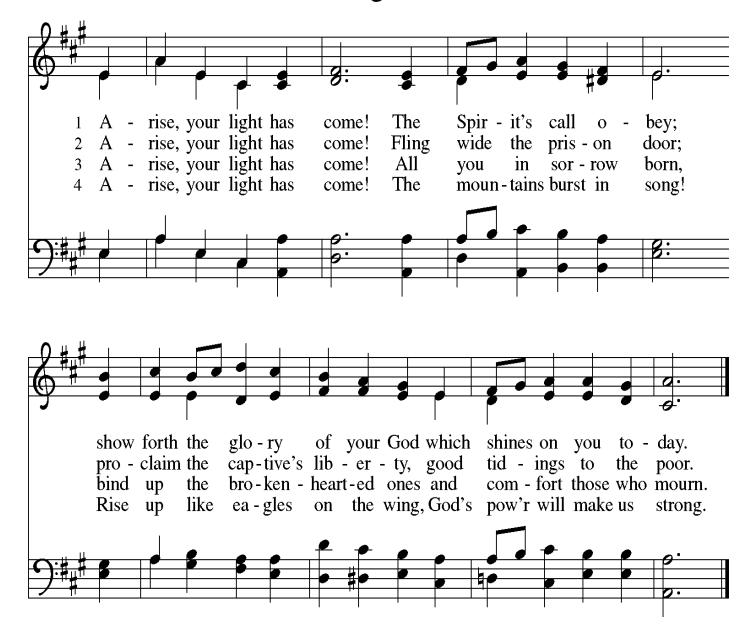
Amen

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Opening Dialogue

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

"When you pass through the waters..."

God will be with us.

"When you pass through the rivers..."

God will be with us.

"When you walk through the fire..."

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

You sent your Son to proclaim your Kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint with the power of your Spirit, that we too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-14

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

"Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to..... Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord,

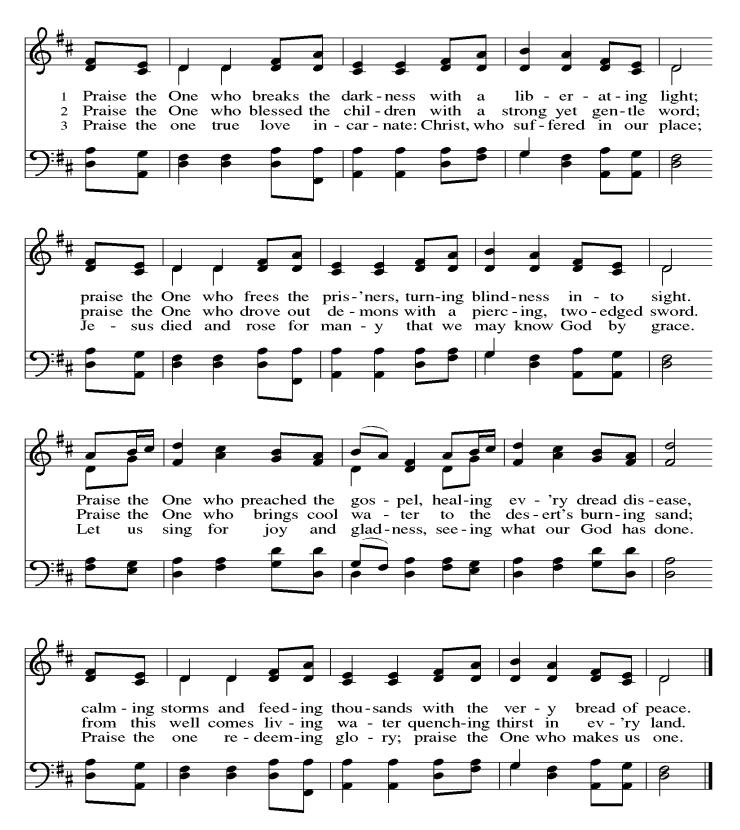
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

Hymn of the Day "Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness" ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

(Please Stand As you Are comfortable)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable, then be seated)

Offertory Hymn (Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented)



Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

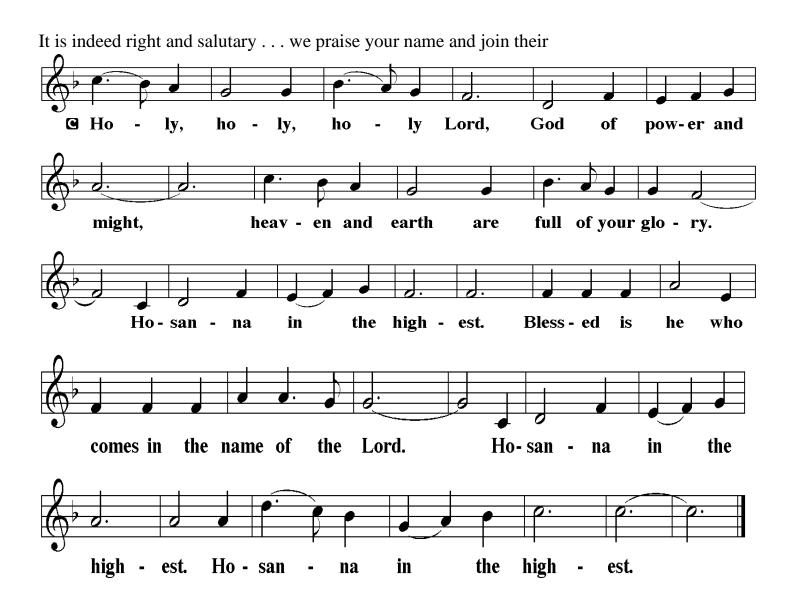
And also with you.

Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and Praise.



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

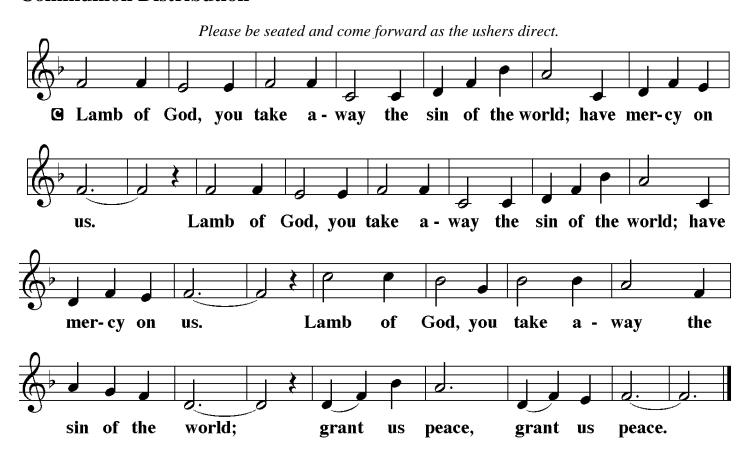
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Invitation

Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the crystal Chalise. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

Communion Distribution



Communion Songs "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

"What Feast Of Love" ELW 487

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this bread come down from king, 18 Christ the the heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the come down from sun heav - en. Christ the This, this heav - en. is king, the sweet - est wine of



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Communion Blessing (Please Stand As You Comfortable)

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

Amen.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God,

In this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \pm give you peace.

Amen

Closing Hymn

"Hark, The Glad Sound!" ELW 239

Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

DISMISSAL

Go in the love, light, and life of the newborn Christ, to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of January 27 to February 2, 2025

Tuesday	January 28, 2025	Bible Study "The Chosen"	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 29, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	January 30, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 2, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

February 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Service Honoring Four Chaplains on February 2, 2025

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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