



The Eternal Light

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**From the Intentional Interim Pastor
February 2023**

What is the significance of Lent?

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation. During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well.

By not using the alleluia — a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord" — until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Rom. 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

The Theme for this Lenten Season

The theme of this series is the seven words of Christ that He spoke from the cross as He offered up His life for the life of the world. Each word imparts a blessing and is a word of Gospel. The sermons and devotions in this series will expound on these words of Christ, linking them to Jesus' words and works recorded in the Gospel as well as the Old Testament prophecies that pointed to Him. Each word of Christ proclaims and delivers something about Him, the Word Incarnate, and delivers His saving death to us that we would trust Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. The penitential season of Lent is also a catechetical (teaching) season. Lenten catechesis may sometimes include a special focus on one or more of the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism, but it seeks a broader context. Lent is catechetical because it is pointing toward Baptism into the cross and resurrection of Christ.

Historically, Lent developed as a season of preparation for Holy Baptism; liturgically and theologically. Lent is the Church's refocus on the significance of Holy Baptism. The daily drowning of contrition and repentance, which characterizes the entire Christian life of discipleship, is deliberately intensified during Lent as a renewal of faith and life in Christ. This repentance is never the product of human wisdom, reason, strength, or effort. Rather, it is always the divine work of the Holy Spirit through the Law and the Gospel. The Law crucifies the old Adam, and the Gospel raises up the new man in us. Thus, a Lenten focus on the cross and Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not aimed at an emotional response, nor is it an appeal for greater effort or heroic self-sacrifice on the part of sinners. Rather, Lent is a pointed proclamation and confession of the Law and the Gospel, a preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Lent is properly penitential and most surely catechetical when it brings the cross to sinners and sinners to the cross of Christ as the fountain and source of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Here is the schedule for our Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday:	The Pardoning Word	Luke 23:34
Midweek 2:	The Promising Word	Luke 23:43
Midweek 3:	The Faithful Word	Matthew 27:46
Midweek 4:	The Compassionate Word	John 19:26–27
Midweek 5:	The Suffering Word	John 19:28
Midweek 6:	The Dying Word	Luke 23:46
Maundy Thursday:	The Remembering Word	1 Cor. 11:23–26
Good Friday:	The Fulfilled Word	John 19:30
Easter Sunday:	The Vindicated Word	Luke 24:1–12

Stewardship: Don't Replace "And" with "Or"

(This Article taken from LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship)

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. As we confess in the Small Catechism's explanation of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, God gives us everything we have and enjoy. First we confess that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses" (SC II). Then we confess that He gives us material things. The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word 'and' with the word 'or'. It is always written with the and, but when we read it, we read it with the or. Thus, this quite helpful trinity, which extols that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents and treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents or treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents AND treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents and treasure to our families, our society, our church and our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God.

Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents and treasure together.

Thank You!



To the wonderful members of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift that you gave to me. It was so thoughtful and generous! Again, Thank You!

Pastor Schultz

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of January were:

January 1	\$3,700
January 8	\$2,158
January 15	\$32,654
January 22	\$3,413
January 29	\$1,400

This weekly average (\$8,665) compares to our 2023 weekly budget needs of **\$4,369**.

We have received the 2023 envelopes and they are in member mailboxes.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

February 5 – Mark and Mary Bunge
February 12 - Mark and Mary Bunge
February 19 - Sam and Lynn Kelley
February 26 - Sam and Lynn Kelley

March 5 – Marc and Jan Ertle
March 12 – Marc and Jan Ertle
March 19 – Polly Cowley and Katherine Crane
March 26 – Polly Cowley and Katherine Crane

April 2 – Mark and Mary Bunge
April 9 – Mark and Mary Bunge
April 16 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
April 23 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
April 30 – Marc and Jan Erle

Notice: Service on February 12 will be in the lower level in the Fellowship Hall due to the reredos project in the sanctuary.

Pastor Dave Ahlman, Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, in Arvada, Colorado, for 25 years, and Proclaimer of the Word for almost 40 years (LCMS), has started a new audio and video podcast ministry called Daily Truths with Dave Ahlman. This is a five minute daily devotional that walks people through the New Testament a verse or two at a time, found on various platforms (Spotify, Podcast, YouTube, etc...). If you would like to learn more about DailyTruths With Dave Ahlman and become a subscriber to their daily ministry, go to mydailytruths.com. There you will find ample information to learn more about this fledgling new ministry.

Rev. Dave Ahlman
daveahlman77@gmail.com

Member Picture Board Updated



Take a look at our new updated member picture board. If you would like to have a new picture taken, please contact Pam Mayer to set up a time.

ESLC Members,

In the interest of open communications and transparency I want to give you a summary of our 2022 End-of-Year financial report. Throughout this year we have been able to pay all bills and payroll in full, and on time. In both September and November, we had to delay our internal commitments to the Future Pastor and Equipment Replacement Funds. In addition to not making these transfers we needed to borrow funds from both our Payroll and Rainy-Day savings funds totaling \$5000.



Increased contributions in October and December have allowed us to catch-up with our annual commitments to our internal funds. December contributions also gave us the ability to return all the funds borrowed from our savings accounts.

We did have a few occasions where high bills were received. We (the council and boards) took action to ensure that our costs are kept as low as possible, and we have lowered costs wherever possible. However, like all of us we are being stretched and challenged by our current inflation situation.

The bottom line shows that we spent 96% of our 2022 budget. While in past years we have ended the year with a surplus, it appears that will not be the case this year.

Even though our total contributions from 2022 were much lower than years past we can be thankful that we ended with a solid financial status. Historically our congregation starts each year with substantial donations to our General Fund and we can be comforted in the fact that this is taking place again in 2023.

We are hoping to have our contribution envelopes soon. If you have any questions about giving options (check, standard envelope, electronic, etc.) get in contact with Mary and she will be happy to help.

Please keep the ongoing financial status of our congregation in your thoughts and prayers and give thanks and praise to God for our stable 2022 EOY status.

Mark Bunge,

Treasurer

Getting to Know You!

In this section is a small bio of one of our members of the congregation. This is a way to get know some old and new members. If you receive an email asking for you to answer some questions for biographical information, please complete and return with a recent picture (we also have access to recent pictures taken for the picture board). Thank you in advance!



Jaspers – Ron (Red) and Vee Ann were both born and raised in Mitchell, South Dakota. They were high school sweethearts. Right after high school graduation in 1956, Ron went into the army. When he came home on leave for Christmas they were married at Rock Springs, Iowa on December 26th, 1956. They recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Red worked construction after the service in both SD and Colorado retiring from Rocky Flats in 2002. Vee Ann worked different jobs in the medical profession, bookkeeping, Curves and also at Rocky Flats for 10 years.

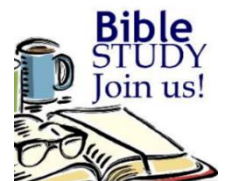
After retirement, Red loved working at Anderson Farms, driving the tractor during the Fall season. They loved traveling in their motor home, fishing, camping and doing cruises. Vee Ann is a Red Hatter, enjoys bunco, doing a bible class weekly and having lunches with friends.

They raised three children, Scott who lives in Lafayette. Mike (wife Sheila) who live in Lafayette, and their daughter, Rinda, who passed away in 1982 at age 17 in a car accident. They also have two grandchildren, Shane (Acadia), one great granddaughter, Adalee who live in Tennessee and Melisa (Nick) who live in Oregon.

The Jasper family is a charter member of ESLC. Vee Ann has been a Missouri Lutheran all her life being baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran in Mitchell, SD. While her children were growing up she taught Sunday School, Bible School and confirmation classes. She also belonged to LWML.

Sunday Morning Bible Study! – Grab a cup of coffee and please join us each Sunday at 10:40AM in the Fellowship Hall!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study! – Please join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Class – we will study the pericopes (*readings*) for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.



Wednesday Night Bible Study - The Wednesday night Bible study hears from Prof. Joel Biermann (Concordia Theological Seminary) cover and unpack the Book of Philippians, and there will be time for brief discussion after his presentation. Who knows, there might even be light refreshments. Please consider joining us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Fireside Room, and a Zoom link will be available to anyone who would prefer to attend remotely (please email Jeff Reuer, jeff.reuer@gmail.com, or call 720-600-5997).

Sunday School! We are studying the "Enduring Faith" curriculum, Unit 8. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

Reredos Committee – The artist will begin working on the mural on the Reredos wall February 6. We are looking for help on **Sunday, February 5** after service to help move furniture of the chancel and help cover areas to enable the artist to begin work. If you are available please help, the more hands we have the easier the work will be.

We are getting very excited for the changes to our reredos wall. If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the reredos committee.

Intentional Interim Taskforce Team

Members of the team include: Laura Raben, Tom Stahly, Bob Vieyra, Melisa Anderson, Roger Landowski, Jan Ertle, Marc Ertle, Linda Thompson, Diane Oehlkers, Robin Warnken, Keith Cowley and Mary Bunge. Pastor Schultz is guiding us through this process.

- Pastor led an opening devotion about Matthew 7:24-27 and Psalm 40:1-5 which focused on a solid rock foundation.
- Each of the committees gave a status report of the work they have accomplished since the last meeting:



- Team 1 - Cosmetic Issues - Have completed the majority of their tasks including the update of the picture board. A few small projects will be completed (i.e. member mail boxes) after the roster updates are finalized in February.
- Team 2 - Mission & Vision - Shared a document with our congregation's mission and vision on it from 1990. Many of the components are timeless and will still work for the congregation today. This group is working through updating congregational goals for evangelism, membership, etc.. They have reviewed the faith statement in the congregational brochure and have added notations to which scripture passages are being referenced.
- Group 3 - Constitutional Review - Is working through our

Constitution and will share its recommendations in the future. The section of our Constitution that pertains to the call process isn't changing, so there is no need to submit it to the Rocky Mountain District for approval before the call process can begin. They are currently working through portions that pertain to the Board of Deacons and LWML.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion about potential timelines to call a pastor to Eternal Savior. The IIT team hopes to have a new pastor installed at Eternal Savior this summer. We also want to be helpful to Pastor Schultz by providing a firm end date so he and Marlys can make arrangements with their apartment lease and best prepare for their next chapter.

We will soon be looking for members of the congregation to serve on the call committee. There will be another congregational survey conducted about what qualities we will be looking for in our future pastor.

Lastly, the IIT Team, Elders, and Officers will be meeting with the Rocky Mountain District President, Rev. James Maxwell on January 31 to discuss our call process.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the taskforce team and their tasks please contact any member of the team.

REMINDERS

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

We ask that all members of the congregation please be conscious of protecting their valuables while at church. Many times, the doors are left unlocked, and people are downstairs. This gives easy access to someone who may not be a member. We will try to remember to lock the doors after service.

Sign Up to Receive Text Messages - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e. Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura Raben if you need help signing up.

The **2023 Flower Chart** is now available on the bulletin board. Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email the secretary at secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5

Organist /Pianist	Pam Mayer
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Larissa and Jeff Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Keith Cowley
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, February 12 (in Fellowship Hall)

Organist /Pianist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Dave Sherrets
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Dave Sherrets
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, February 19

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Keith Cowley
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

Organist/Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Elder(s)	Jeff Reuer, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow	Ryan Lambrecht

Sunday, February 26

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Mark Bunge
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME NIGHT – The Deacons are planning another game night for Saturday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. This time we are asking everyone to bring a snack or appetizer to be shared with all (no dinner will be served). Drinks will be provided. A great time was had by everyone last time, so please join us for the fun! We will be setting up in the narthex and Fireside room, as the lower level will be set up for worship service on the next morning, due to the reredos project.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER – We are also planning for a congregational dinner on April 15th at 5:30pm. More information and a sign-up sheet will be coming as we get closer to the date. Please mark your calendars for this evening of fellowship.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

34 gifts from the Angel Tree were delivered to LFS in mid-December. Most of the gift tags were fulfilled by our members and the Board of Deacons picked up the rest. Thanks to all who gave of your treasures to support those in need. As always LFS is very appreciative of all we share with them.

FOOD PANTRY: SISTER CARMEN

We hope to deliver around the 15th of every month. For the month of February suggested donations are boxed, uncooked macaroni and cheese, any uncooked pasta product and canned pasta sauces. Anything else would be greatly appreciated. We will try and put monthly needs in the bulletin. Thanks for supporting this community center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

So far this Sunday School year the children have collected a total of \$81 for Mercy House in Lima, Peru.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL (ULC)

ULC Meal – We provided a meal at ULC on January 29th. Thank you to all who provided food for the meal. Larissa will be signing us up for another meal in March. It is so helpful when members sign up to assist with bringing food items for these meals. You can be reimbursed for your purchases by submitting your receipt to Mark Bunge and mark it ULC dinner. If you have one of these Sunday evenings free, please come to the ULC to help serve and clean up. Sharing a meal and fellowship with this group is heartwarming and enlightening to hear them share their hopes for their Chapel congregation. Contact Larissa Reuer if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer one evening. www.universitylutheranchapel.com/meals.

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

We continue to support EFAA with our monthly donations. Supplies were delivered to EFAA at the end of December. We donated \$119 of items they needed.

Deacon's Fund Status \$1,988.78

Please keep the Deacon's Fund in your hearts and give as you are able through your offering envelopes and box in the narthex.

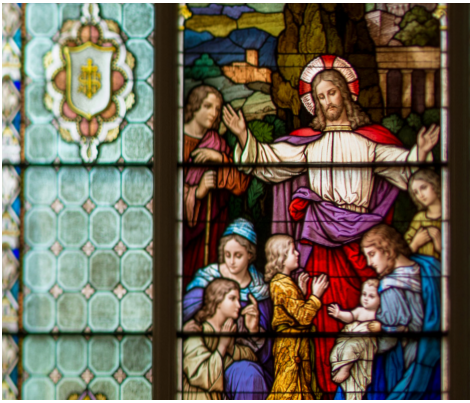
NEXT MEETING February 12, 2023

God has given us two hands – one to receive with and one to give with

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:40 Church Council 1:00 Prep Church for Painting 12:30-3:45 Girl Scouts 5:00 Confirmation	6 2-8 Reredos Painting	7 2-8 Reredos Painting 7:00 Elders	8 10-5 Reredos Painting 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	9 9:00-11:30 Quilters 10-5 Reredos Painting 6:30 Interim Task Force Meeting	10 10-5 Reredos Painting	11 6:00 Game Night
12 9:00 Worship and Communion (in Fellowship Hall) 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 10:40 Voter's Meeting 11:40 Deacons 5:00 Confirmation	13	14 6:00 Bell Practice	15 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	16 9:00-11:30 Quilters 6:30 Trustees	17	18
19 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Bible Class/Sunday School 5:00 Confirmation	20	21 9:00 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Bell Practice	22 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	23 9:00-11:30 Quilters	24	25
26 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Bible Class 5:00 Confirmation	27	28 6:00 Bell Practice				

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — FEBRUARY 1-29

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God’s precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Remember God’s love and will for children and families as you pray:

1. *for all Christians*, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the helpless and oppressed.
2. The purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord: *for mothers*, that they might rejoice in their vocation and raise their children in the Lord.
3. *for adoption and foster-care agency workers*, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to

meet the needs of the children they serve.

4. *for all children*, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and taught God’s Word.
5. Jacob (Israel), Patriarch, thank God for Jacob, through whom came the promise of the Messiah and the 12 tribes of Israel: *for fathers*, that they might raise their children in the Word.
6. *for men as they grow up*, that they may be godly in their youth and their adult years.
7. *for orphanages around the world*, that they might receive

proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers so that they can provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them.

8. *for orphanage workers*, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and be good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to those in their charge.
9. *for all orphans*, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.
10. Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul, thank God for Silas, lesser known, but essential to the work of the Kingdom: *for all church workers*, that all might work as God calls them to serve Him.
11. *for all foster children*, that they might find peace among the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.

12. *for all who suffer from domestic violence*, that the Lord would deliver them from danger and comfort them with His peace and forgiveness.

13. Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, thank God for these examples of earnest learning and meditation in the Word of God.

14. Valentine, Martyr, pray that the love of Christ might be the love celebrated above all loves.

15. Philemon and Onesimus: *for all Christian workers and those in authority*, that all might serve God in their vocations.

16. Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor: thank God for the Augsburg Confession and the other writings of Melanchthon that proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

17. *for all caregivers*, that they might raise children in the truth faith.

FEBRUARY *Pray For Us Calendar*

18. Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor: thank God for Luther's proclamation of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake.

19. *for children and parents who are deaf*, that they might know Jesus's voice and be filled with His peace.

20. *for widows*, that they might know Christ as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live their lives in prayer and purity.

21. *for the homeless*, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their head, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in the love of Christ.

22. *for the unemployed*, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages and encouraging support.

23. Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr: thank God for those who continued the teachings of Jesus and gave their lives for the Gospel.

24. St. Matthias, Apostle: thank God for his quiet witness and those who gave their lives for the Gospel without any recognition.

25. *for the poor*, that they might find true riches in the Word of God and be blessed by the generosity of others.

26. *for children who are missing*, that the Lord would keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them His peace and protection.

27. *for peace among siblings*, that the Lord would help them love and support each other throughout their lives, instead of being divided by bickering and jealousy.

28. *for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of God.

29. *for families*, that they might attend worship to hear the Word and receive the Sacraments.



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