



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

1 PETER 3: 21

**Baptism . . .
now saves
you**

A Mighty Fortress

If you have a hymnal, I invite you to pick it up and read the hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. At the end of the third verse is the line, “One little word can fell/subdues him,” referring to Satan. As I was growing up that phrase never really bothered me too much. Then I got to college and my thinking years began (and thankfully ended when I realized I was bad at it). During that time, I wondered what that little word was. I did a lot of study at the time and was absolutely confounded by what this word that could fell the Devil was. Then I spoke with one of my theology professors. Professor Reek was his name. He was a straight shooter and a chain smoker. He looked me in the eye and said through that raspy smoker’s voice with all love, “Clint you fool! That word is baptism.” At first I thought he was wrong. I thought that the word “baptism” couldn’t possibly be the word. But, over the years since then, I realized that he wasn’t talking about the word “baptism” itself, so much as the Word in baptism. In baptism we receive this promise, seal and guarantee from God our Father through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, “Mine!” In baptism *you* are taken from the devil by God. That word uttered by Jesus through water and the Word “fells” Satan and all his schemes

“Mine!”

Here is a baptism rite that Luther wrote. After making the sign of the cross on the candidate, Luther says this:

So hearken now, thou miserable devil, adjured by the name of the eternal God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, and depart trembling and groaning, conquered together with thy hatred, so that thou shalt have nothing to do with the servant of God who now seeks that which is heavenly and renounces thee and thy world, and shall live in blessed immortality. Give



glory therefore now to the Holy Ghost who cometh and descendeth from the loftiest castle of heaven in order to destroy thy deceit and treachery, and having cleansed the heart with the divine fountain, to make it ready, a holy temple and dwelling of God, so that this servant of God, freed from all guilt of former sin, may always give thanks to the eternal God and praise his name forever and ever. Amen.

Then Luther would baptize the person into the Triune name. Notice Luther's trust in God's promise. With that promise on his tongue Luther, unashamedly, orders Satan around. He, unafraid, demands of the devil praise to the Almighty God for the entrance of another soul into God's Mighty Fortress. We too can rub salt in the wounds of the devil by relying on God's mighty fortress in which we are now sheltered. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul O. Johnson

Upcoming Events

Lenten Service Schedule

March 4 – 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Service - Rev. Richard Langness

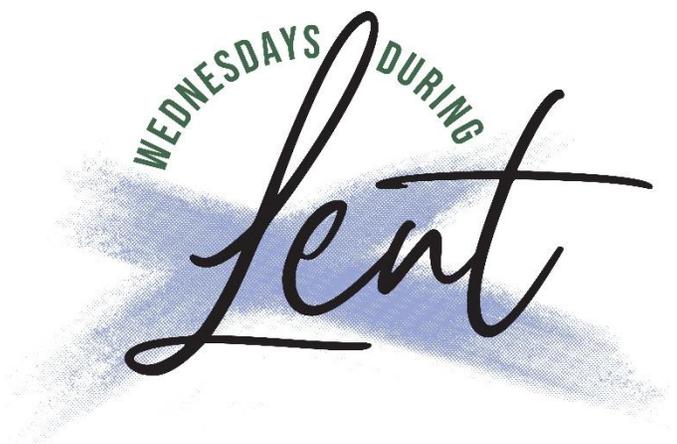
March 11 – 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Service – Rev. Rob Jarvis

March 18 – 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Service – Rev. Keith Besel

March 25 – 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Service – Rev. Dave Ahlman

March 29 – 9:00 Palm Sunday Service

If you would like to attend our evening Lenten services and need a ride, please contact the church office so we can make arrangements for you.

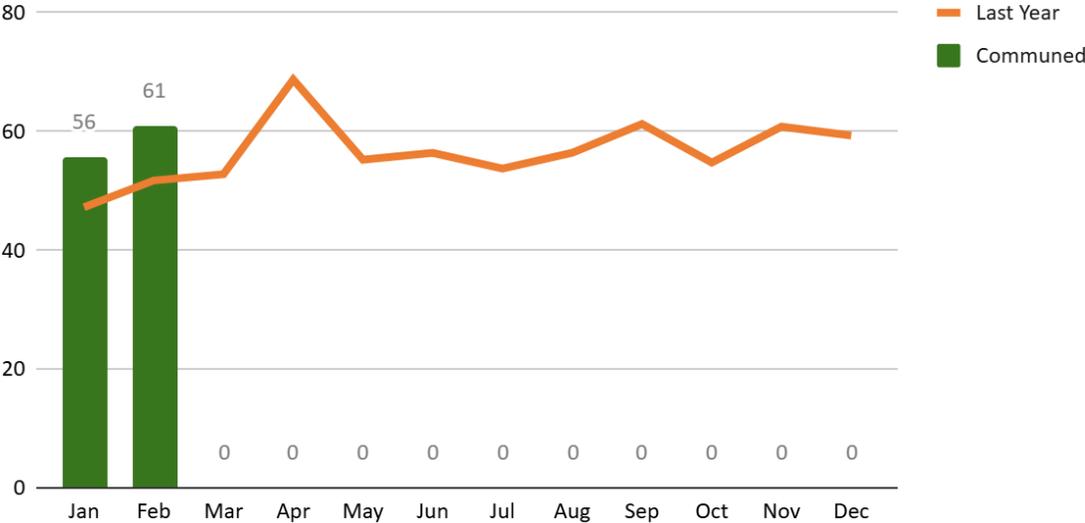


Attendance Graphs!

Members of Eternal Savior.

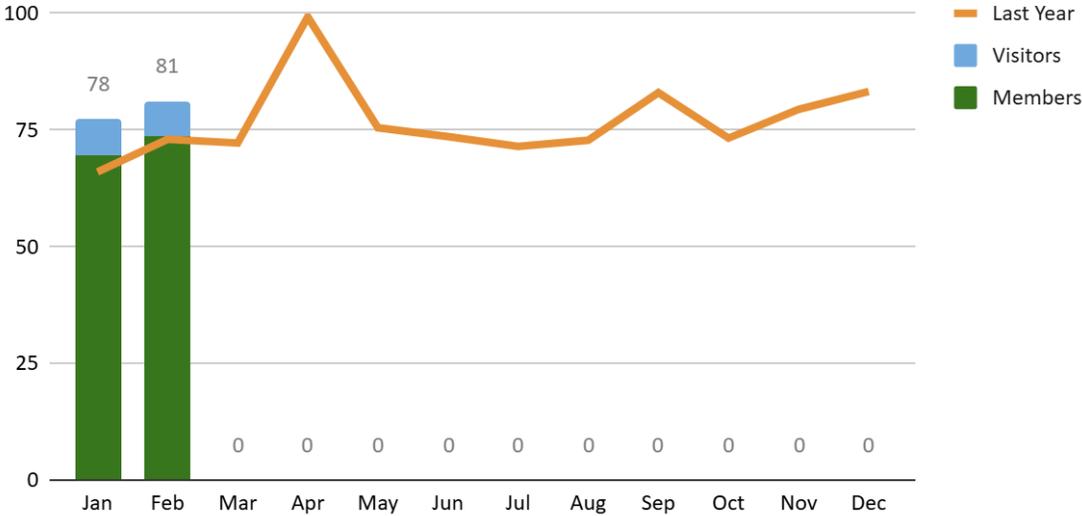
These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2026.

2026 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

2026 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of February were:

February 1	\$23,887
February 8	\$ 2,915
February 15	\$ 946
February 22	\$ 2,607
Online Offerings	\$ 5,044



This weekly average (\$8,850) compares to our 2026 weekly budget needs of **\$5,349**.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

March 1 Sam and Lynn Kelley
March 8 Sam and Lynn Kelley
March 15 Polly Cowley and Kristin Burkett
March 22 Katherine Moore and Ron Bredehoff
March 29 Katherine Moore and Ron Bredehoff

April 5 – Mark and Mary Bunge
April 12 – Mark and Mary Bunge
April 19 – Marc and Jan Ertle
April 26 – Marc and Jan Ertle



40 days OF LENT

Welcome our newest member – Donna



WinGS Valentine's Tea

Many of our ladies and girls came to a very special Valentine's Day Tea!





Game Night



Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

We thank God for the talents and abilities He gives us! Below we share news of recent events involving our members, as well as upcoming public events that the congregation is invited to join as your interest and calendar guides.

Recent Community Events



Congratulations to Dylan—selected as a member of the BVSD All-District Honor Band! 1/24/26.



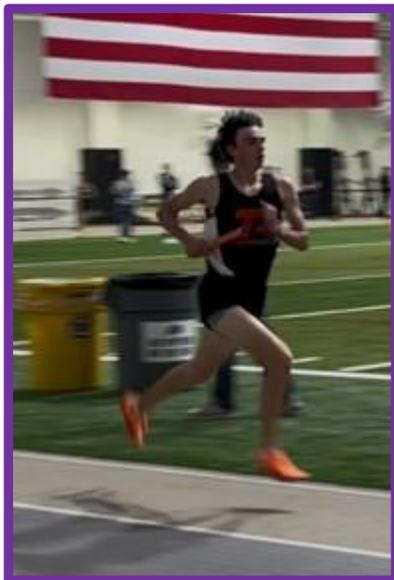
Eva joins other band mates at Soaring Heights on 1/29/26, sharing her bass guitar talents.



Kyle and Barkley enjoy the festivities at "Goldens in Golden" on National GR Day. 2/7/2026.



Kaya shares a nice smile after a fun morning of Youth Basketball at the Erie Community Center. 2/21/26.



Micah flies around the track as his EHS team competes in the Distance Medley Relay at the CU Collegiate Indoor Track Meet. 2/20/26.



Anna and the EHS Pep Band pump up the crowd on 2/5/26 in a close OT loss to Fairview in Boys' Basketball.

Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

(More!)



Kirk and his 49'ers bowling ball leave (almost) no pin standing at Coal Creek Sports Center. Note Kirk's pro form as the ball rockets down the alley for another strike! His recognition on the big board makes it clear he gets more than just a few strikes each game! 2/23/26.

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location	Participating Members
2/28 2:00PM	State Wrestling Tournament, 10U Division	Denver Coliseum, 4600 N Humboldt St, Denver	Aeson A.
3/8 2:30PM	Lutheran Chorale	Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E. Wesley, Aurora	Linda T.
3/8 6:30PM	Lutheran Chorale	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood	Linda T.
3/11 See Cheryl	EHS All-Bands Concert	Erie High School, 3180 Co Rd 5, Erie	Anna L.
3/13 1:30PM	Louisville Singing Seniors	Waneka Park Assisted Living, 225 Waneka Pkwy, Lafayette	Connie H. Robin W.
3/18 3:00PM	Louisville Singing Seniors	Sunrise Flatirons Assisted Living, 400 Summit Blvd, Broomfield	Connie H. Robin W.
3/25 2:30PM	Louisville Singing Seniors	The Peaks Assisted Living, 660 Old Laramie Trail E, Lafayette	Connie H. Robin W.
Monday's 6:30PM	Bowling	Coal Creek Bowling Center, 1455 Coal Creek Dr, Lafayette	Kirk A.

Have photos from a recent event, or have an upcoming event you'd like to share with others?

Send email with photos or event logistics to eslc.walther@gmail.com or text to Keith Cowley (720-480-3594)

- *Please obtain permission from participants (or parents) before sharing photos.
- *Please share only events/activities where the public is invited to attend.

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. 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!

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.

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 2026 flower calendar is 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.

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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. This Bible Study is covering the Book of Ezekiel.

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



Thursday Morning Bible Study - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. We will be studying the Book of John.

SERVING IN MARCH

Sunday, March 1

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Levi Hinrichs & Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas & Ron Bredehoft
Altar	Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth	Andersons
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Griffin

Wednesday, March 4 – Mid Week Lenten Service

Guest Pastor	Rev. Richard Langness
Organist /Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley

Sunday, March 8

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Acolyte	Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Tom Stahly (r), Eric Olson
Altar	Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly & Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Oehlkers

Wednesday, March 11 – Mid Week Lenten Service

Guest Pastor	Rev. Rob Jarvis
Organist /Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley

Sunday, March 15

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Kristen Burkett
Elder(s)	Bob Hartwig & Marc Ertle
Altar	Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth	Marc Ertle & Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Wednesday, March 18 – Mid Week Lenten Service

Guest Pastor	Rev. Keith Besel
Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley

Sunday, March 22

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Jeanie Fink
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Eric Olson
Altar	Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Wednesday, March 25 – Mid Week Lenten Service

Guest Pastor	Rev. Dave Ahlman
Organist /Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Ron Bredehoft
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Trinity Anderson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Ron Bredehoft & Bob Hartwig
Altar	Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth	Mayers
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
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!