



*February 2026*

# Good News

**Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran**

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**2-1 S.S. 10:00a.m.**  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
*Online Option*

**2-4 Soup Kitchen @**  
**Noon**

**2-6 SINGING AT THE**  
**OAKS @ 10:30A.M.**

**2-08 S.S. 10:00a.m.**  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
*Online Option*  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**@ 8:45A.M.**

**2-15 S.S. 10:00a.m.**  
Worship 11 :00a.m.  
*Online Option*  
**Family Day Meal**  
**Newsletter Deadline**

**2-17 Fat Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper 6:00p.m.**  
**with Palm Burning**

**2-18 Lutheran Ladies'**  
**Lunch @ Old Mexico @**  
**11:30a.m.**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Service 6:00p.m.**

**2-22 Lent 1 Morning**  
S.S. 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
**Online Option**  
**LENTON SERVICE**  
**with supper @ 6:00p.m.**

Dear Beloved Community of Mt. Zion–St. Luke,

As we move through the month of February, we find ourselves once again drawn into the holy rhythm of the Church year and toward the season of Lent—a season shaped not by fear or obligation, but by God’s gracious invitation to return, to be renewed, and to be formed again as Christ’s disciples.

In the words appointed for Ash Wednesday, God speaks through the prophet Joel:

*“Return to me with all your heart... for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love”* (Joel 2:12–13).

This is the heartbeat of our Lenten journey: not a demand we must fulfill, but a promise we are invited to trust. Lent reminds us that we belong to God—not because of our striving, but because of Christ’s mercy.

Throughout this month, we are given many opportunities to actively live out our baptismal calling together. We will gather around tables in fellowship at our Third Sunday Family Meal. We will prepare our hearts through the Burning of the Palms on Fat Tuesday. We will kneel together on Ash Wednesday to receive the mark of the cross, remembering that we are dust—and that we are claimed, loved, and redeemed children of God. We will grow in faith through study and conversation as we journey with Jesus through *The Chosen* in our Lenten Sunday School gatherings.

Each of these moments reflects who we are as a church: a community gathered by grace, nourished by the Word and Sacrament, and sent out for the sake of the world. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, “Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). God is at work among us here and now—shaping us into people of compassion, justice, and hope.

May this season be a time when God deepens our faith, strengthens our relationships, and renews our witness in Oglethorpe and beyond.

Grace and peace,  
**Minister Audra**



## *Preparing for* LENT

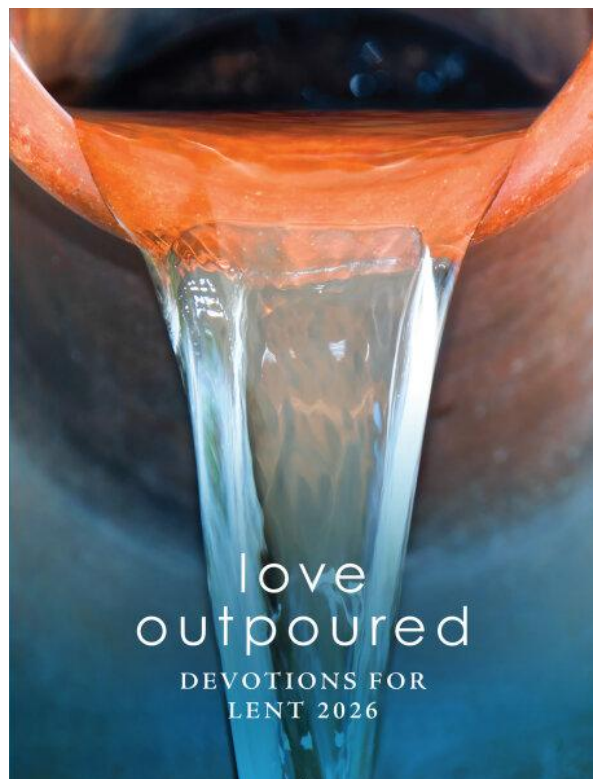
It's hard to believe that Lent is around the corner. Lent is to Easter what Advent is for Christmas and is the 40 days prior to His Easter Resurrection. Traditionally, it is a time of self-examination, charity, self-sacrifice, and profound gratitude. While we go through the coldest, darkest part of the year, we look ahead to light, warmth and new life that our Savior brings.

Many of us give "up things" for Lent like coffee or sweets, but trying to lay aside grumpiness, stinginess, apathy, discontent, or using our resources to help those in need, might mean more.

I will be posting again the Lent a Day Devotion on our Facebook page. I hope it will be a blessing to draw us all closer to Him. Karen Hatten <

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**Love Outpoured: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2026** invites us to walk together from Ash Wednesday through Easter with daily scripture, reflections and prayers rooted in Paul's letter to the Romans. These devotions offer meaningful insights for daily faith and life in Christian community. May God's love be poured into us and overflow through us to our neighbors and the world. Please let Minister Audra or Terri know that you are interested in a copy for Lent.



### **Sunday School for Lent: *The Chosen***

Join us for a special Lenten Sunday School series featuring episodes from *The Chosen*, a powerful portrayal of Jesus and those who encountered him. Beginning **Sunday, February 15 at 9:45 a.m.**, we will gather every other week to view an episode followed by open, guided discussion.

*Please note the earlier start time.*

Questions? Contact **Wendi Martin** at [wmartin@tsgaonline.com](mailto:wmartin@tsgaonline.com)

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### **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper & Burning of the Palms**

Join us on **Tuesday, February 17, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Lingle Room** for a festive **Fat Tuesday pancake supper** as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey ahead.

Following dinner, we will gather for the **Burning of the Palms** outside by the Cross.

*In case of rain, we will meet under the outside overhang near the Lingle Room.*

All are welcome—bring a friend and come share in this meaningful evening of fellowship and worship.

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### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Join us for **Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**, including the **Imposition of Ashes** as we begin the holy season of Lent with prayer, repentance, and reflection.

All are welcome.

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### **Third Sunday Family Day Meal**

Sunday, February 15 | Following Worship

Join us for our Third Sunday Family Day Meal with a shared fellowship dinner immediately after worship.

Please bring a dish to share and invite your friends to join us!

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### **Ladies Lunch at Old Mexico**

All ladies are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun at **Old Mexico Restaurant** on **Wednesday, February 18 at 11:30 a.m.** A table has been reserved, so just come and enjoy! Bring a friend and share the joy of time together.

## Singing at The Oaks

Join us as we share music, joy, and fellowship with our neighbors at **The Oaks**, beginning at **10:30 a.m.** This is a meaningful ministry of presence—bringing light through familiar hymns, warm smiles, and caring hearts.

No special musical skill is required—just bring your voice, your smile, and your willingness to bless others through song.

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## Noisy Offering – Third Sunday of the Month

During worship on the Third Sunday, we will collect a **Noisy Offering** to support our community's **Teachers' Supply Closet**. Please remember to bring your **change and dollar bills** to help provide much-needed resources so our educators and students can have a successful school year.

Every coin makes a joyful noise—and a meaningful difference!

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### Foundation Fund Oct-Dec 2025

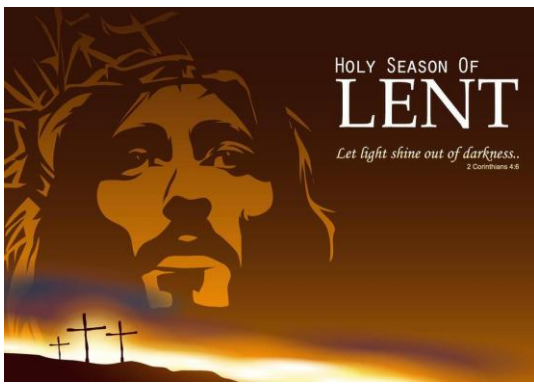
Reported by Max Wood,  
Assistant Treasurer

<b>Total for the quarter:</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Ending</b>	<b>Gain (Loss)</b>
Beginning balance	391,005	400,019	9,014

<b>Details:</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Ending</b>	<b>Gain (Loss)</b>
MorganStanley Edward Jones investments	67,950	69,663	1,713
Edward Jones cash	256,885	261,478	4,593
PNC cash	20,984	21,191	207
Truist CD	16,983	19,484	2,501
	28,203	28,203	0
	<b>391,005</b>	<b>400,019</b>	<b>9,014</b>

Donations included in PNC Purchased acknowledgements		2,500	0
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	<b>104,722</b>	<b>106,169</b>	<b>1,447</b>



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR LENT THROUGH EASTER

Tuesday, February 17 - 6:00p.m. Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper with Palm Burning

Wednesday, February 18 – 6:00p.m. ASH Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 22 – 6:00p.m. Lenton Service with Supper

Sunday, March 1 - 6:00p.m. Lenton Service with Supper

Sunday, March 8 - 6:00p.m. Lenton Service with Supper

Sunday, March 15 - 6:00p.m. Lenton Service with Supper

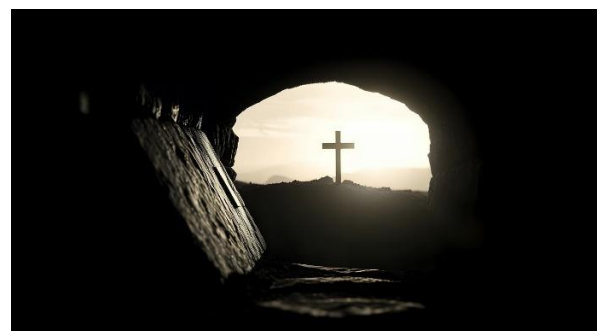
Sunday, March 22 - 6:00p.m. Lenton Service with Supper

Sunday, March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

Thursday, April 2 - Maunday Thursday Service

Friday, April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 5 - EASTER - Sunrise Service at Oglethorpe Cemetery @  
Breakfast will be hosted by one of the churches  
Easter morning service 11:00a.m. No S.S.



## Servers of Our Lord

**Acolyte**

Ava Felker

**Alter Guild**

Julia Snipes & Bobby Martin

**Communion Assistant**

Tommy Coogle

**Kyrie/Hymn of Praise**

Jon Coogle

**Lectors**

Katie Felker & Max Wood

**Ushers**

Tommy Martin & John Simmons

### **Family Day Dinner:**

Renee Collier, Billy & Ginny Martin, Julia Sniped, Joy McNutt, Marina Pilling

### **Coffee Hour:**

February 1 Mary Haigler

February 15 **NO Coffee Hour**

February 8 Sharon & Bobby Martin

February 22 Arthur Jackson

**Soup Kitchen:** February 6<sup>th</sup> - hosted by Karen Hatten

### **Flowers:**

February 1 – Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner

February 8 - Diane Cagle in honor of her mother, Myrtle Joiner and in loving  
Memory of her father, Ralph Joiner and her husband, Charles Cagle

February 15- Karen Hatten to the Glory of God and in memory of Rick Hatten

February 22 – Max Wood to the Glory of God.

### **Sunday School Teachers**

**K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Renee Collier

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Katie Felker, Susan Martin, Renee Collier

**Adult Class - Lingle Room** – Jon Coogle

**Adult Class - Conference Room** – Wendi Martin

### February Birthday and Anniversaries

February 4 Grady English

February 11 Bobby Martin

February 8 Wendi Martin

February 26 Glenn Brannan



Mary Haigler and Tommy Martin along with Diane Cagle, Jimmy Watson, Louann and Max Wood and Minister Audra Gehler helped to remove the Wreaths this morning from Andersonville National Park graves.



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**Please help keep *this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update***

***Pray for Members:*** Franchelle Arnold, Jenny Brannan, The Choppla Family-Gulshan Prem, Rick Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., Frank Freshwater, Dale Godfrey, Myrtle Joiner, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, John & Celeste Trilla Simmons, George & Helen Smith, Donna Webb, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

***For Friends and Family:*** Maritza Rivera Caunt, Randy Carlson, Pam Cole, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, Tosha Downey, Carl Ethridge, Shelly Fields, Elizabeth Gauthier, Jorene Gordon, Kelvin Hasch, Andy Harvill, Dan Harvill, Jr., Adam Hobbs, Michael Hortman family, Daniel Jankowski, Lauren Jankowski, Randy Keene, Ann Lacey, Ben Leathers, David Levie, Bob Melvin, Terry Oglesby, Don Oliver, Greg & Cathy Law Patterson, Hazel Perry, Mark Poole, Evelyn J. Sellers, Diane Spradley Smith, Ariel Torres, Daniel Watson, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.