

Sunday, March 9, 2025
The First Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

Jesus' parables, even the most familiar ones, are designed to make us think. Through the image of a Samaritan, someone who was hated, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Through this image, Jesus proclaims that God's grace comes to us when we are at our worst. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus.



Welcome to Worship!

***As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records it's worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Rejoice, My Soul, with Gladness” Johannes Brahms
Will Simpson, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect
you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Compassionate God,
**you easily love those who seem unlovable to us and readily welcome all into
your home. Turn our hearts toward those who are considered outcast,
shunned and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or
apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin
and death forever, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 360.

Pastor Lara

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 10:25-42

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

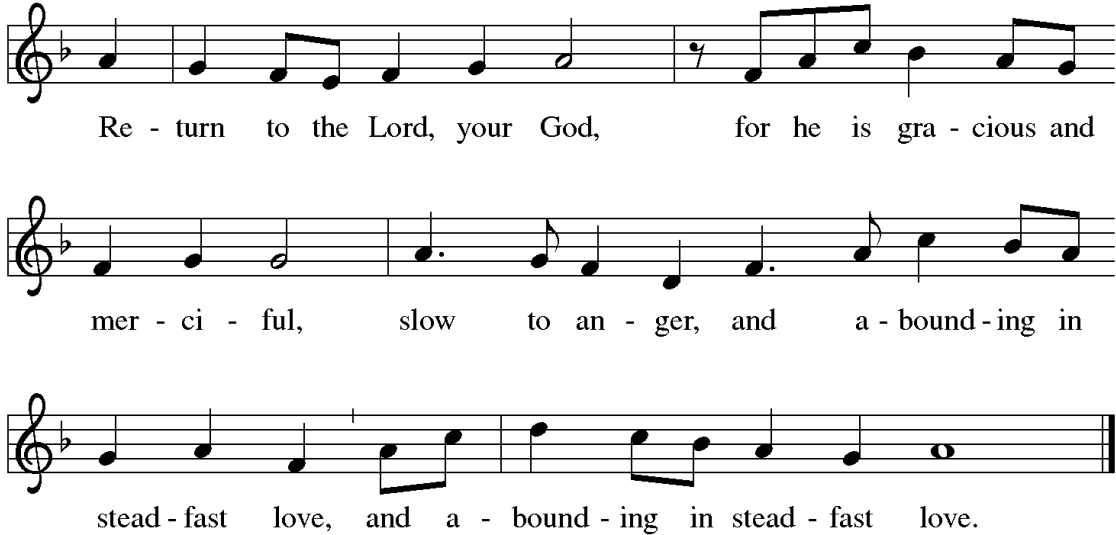
The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL RESPONSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

Jill Nichols-Hicks

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the 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 power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they
want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say, "God in your mercy".
Your response is, **receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

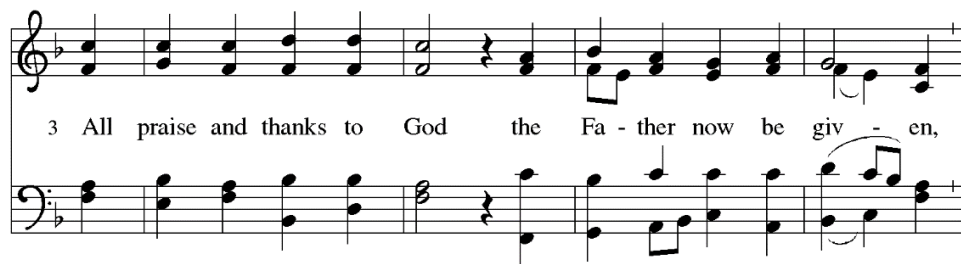
OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC "About Foreign Lands and People"
Composer: Robert Schumann (public domain)
Melanie Grad, piano

Please stand as you are able.

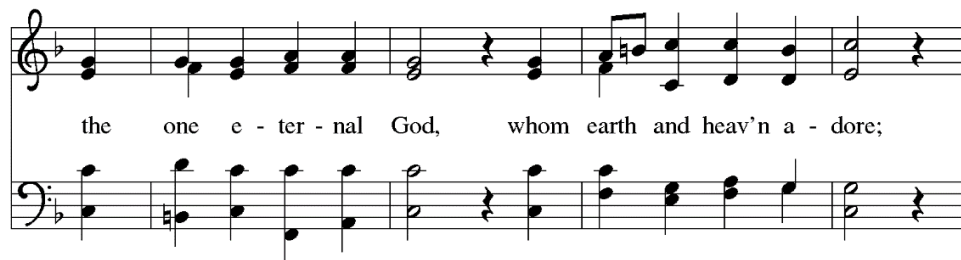
OFFERTORY VERSE Now Thank We All Our God



3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God, our gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to
sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

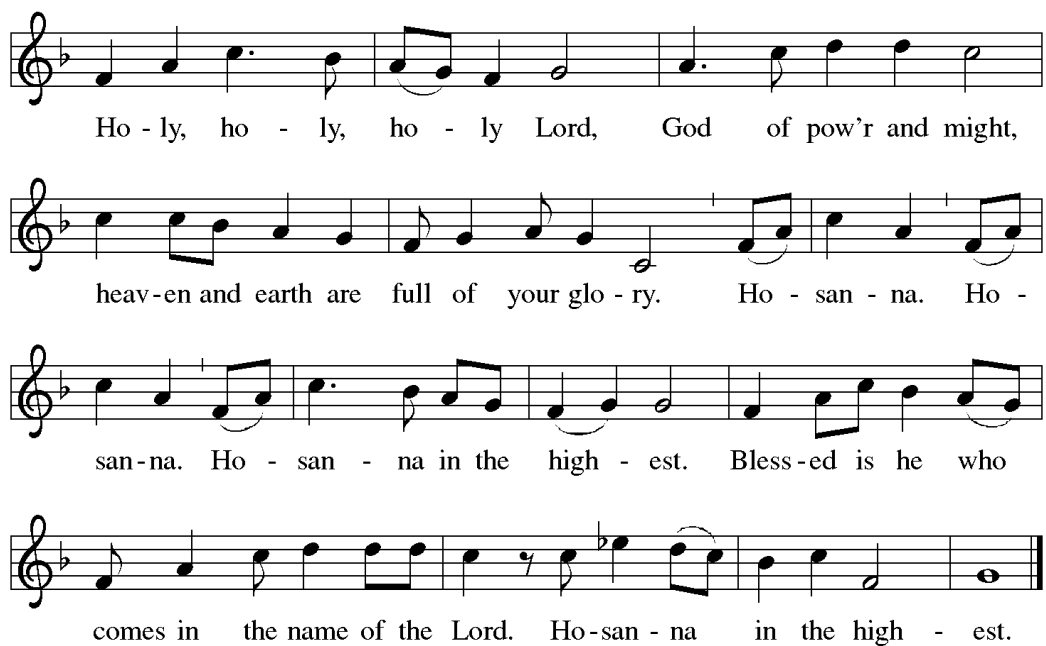
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided. Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup.

Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. God, our generous host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

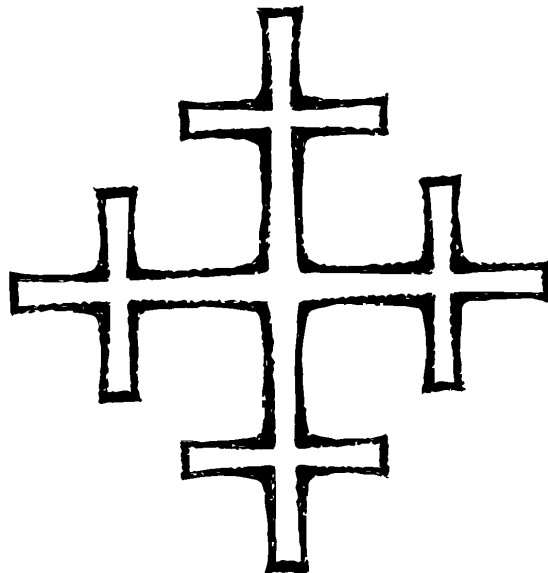
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bass line is a simple accompaniment of chords and single notes.

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

Oh,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It ends with a fermata over the final note of the melody, which is a whole note G4.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

The third system begins with a new melodic phrase. The lyrics are split across two lines. The system concludes with a fermata over the final note of the melody, which is a whole note G4.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It ends with a fermata over the final note of the melody, which is a whole note G4.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share in love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Sonata in E Minor, III. Allegro”

Composer: Johannes Brahms (public domain)

Melanie Grad, cello, Hillary Nordwell, piano

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Tom Getzinger, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Aaron Davis, *Lector*

Samuel Gustafson, *Acolyte*

Mark Davis and John Nelson, *Ushers*

Hillary Nordwell, *Altar Guild*

Dianne Chong, *Livestream video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Joyce and Brady Kasper, *Greeters*

Mark Davis, *Coffee Host*

*Flowers for today are given by Linda Behrendsen in honor of granddaughter,
Eleanor Ann Behrendsen's 11th birthday, March 8th.*

Worship Texts for March 16

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

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Announcements

Saint Andrew's is not having mid-week Lenten services. But, there are options at other churches the Wednesdays in Lent (March 12 – April 9):

- **Cross of Christ**, Bellevue is having a 12 noon worship service each week.
- **St. Luke's** has Wednesday evening soup supper and vespers beginning at 6:00 PM.
- **Our Savior**, Issaquah has Wednesday soup supper at 6:00 PM, 6:45 PM Sumud Lenten series video, 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer.
- **Sammamish Hills** Lutheran Church offers 6:00 PM soup supper, 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer.
- **Mt. Si** Lutheran Church has 6:00 PM soup supper and 7:00 PM worship.

Devotional materials are available in the Narthex. We have “Christ in our Home” (January – March and April – June issues) and “The Word in Season” (January-March and April – June issues).

Specific devotional materials are available to download:

Luther Seminary, ***There in God's Garden*** (daily)

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

Kate Bowler, ***The Hardest Part*** (daily)

https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/

Dismantle, An ELCA Anti-White Supremacy Lenten Devotional (weekly)

<https://resources.elca.org/racial-justice/dismantle-an-anti-white-supremacy-lenten-devotional/>

Sumud Lenten Series, voices from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (weekly)

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/sumud>

ELCA World Hunger, Lent Study (weekly)

<https://resources.elca.org/elca-world-hunger/elca-world-hunger-lent-study-guide-2025/>

Various resources from ***Women of the ELCA***

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/resources-for-your-lenten-journey>

Spring Work Day!! Come help fix up and clean up the church for Easter! *The next All Church Work Day will be Saturday, March 15, 9:00 AM until Noon.* There will be lots of tasks for all skill levels and interests. It is always a great time of fellowship, and a chance to get to know Saint Andrew's members in a new setting. There will be coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts. Please let Kurt Lutterman (kurt@salc.church) know if you have questions.

Lenten Prayer Partner Correction: Some Lenten Prayer Partner emails were sent with the wrong date for *Reveal Sunday*. The date to share who is praying for whom is April 27th. That's the Sunday after Easter.

Upcoming Discipleship Hours: Come at 9:00 AM for these informative presentations!

- **March 16: The Generosity Project – Stewardship video and discussion**
- **March 23: How to Avoid a Stroke;** Erin Eddington Alden, Stroke Program Manager, Valley Medical Center
- **March 30: Robotics Explained.** Our own Chase Dooley (Robotics Team, Sammamish HS) + friends are going to explain robotics and their impact on us all!

Community Game Night – Next Sunday, March 16, 5 PM – 7 PM at Saint Andrew's! All ages are invited and welcome!!

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, March 9

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr)
Youth Education (6-12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 10

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Lara

Wednesday, March 12

1:00 PM Congregation Care Team
4:00 PM Adult Education Planning

Thursday, March 13

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 14

Office is closed.

Saturday, March 15

9:00 AM Spring Church Work Day

Sunday, March 16

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr)
Youth Education (6-12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Knit Wits
5:00 PM Community Game Night, SALC

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