



GSLC CONGREGATION

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OUR HOMEBOUND: Sheila Arnold, Sandy & Wayne Babb, Gloria Bevill, Connie Foster, Arlene Feinauer, Betty Frischmann, Bob & Sara Newman, Hilda Ramsey, Sara Reeves, Virginia Smith, Jane Williamson

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Adam, Andrew, Alex, Brenley, Brogen, Chloe, Christopher, Cole, Edna, Evan, Grayson, Jackson, Jacob, Kaitlynn, Kirsten, Lexie, Mary Catherine, Megan, Miranda, Sara, Sophie, Tabitha, Taylor, Tyler

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SHORT-TERM: Schaefer Family, Linda Hopla, V. Schert, David McEachern

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LONG-TERM: Kyle Baker & Family, Susan Bettinger, Celeste Caroland, Harold Cash, Rob Chadwick, Jerry Gann, Charles Geter, Sarah Glenn, Donna Gobert, Leslie A.H., Kerwin Hetzler, Bob Kennedy, Werner Kierschberg, Lindsey, Phil M., Dean Matthew, Lizette Williams-Marlow, Ricky McConnell, Lindsey Monbarren, Kevin O'Brien, Amy Rossi, Betty S., Gene S., Phil & Carol S., Marlene Schiavon, Jan Stutzman, Bob & Linda Thompson, Olivia Weatherford, Carolyn White, Danny Y.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR

Prayers for our new DCE/Youth Director; Katie Baumann, Our school, BCA, students & staff. Our Pastors, All those who are homeless. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those persecuted. All those actively serving in the Military—*Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock, Christina Miller.* Israel & our Political Leaders. Missionaries around the world—*Rachel Meyer in Uganda. Josh Woodrow— Bridge City Church.* All unspoken prayers in our hearts.

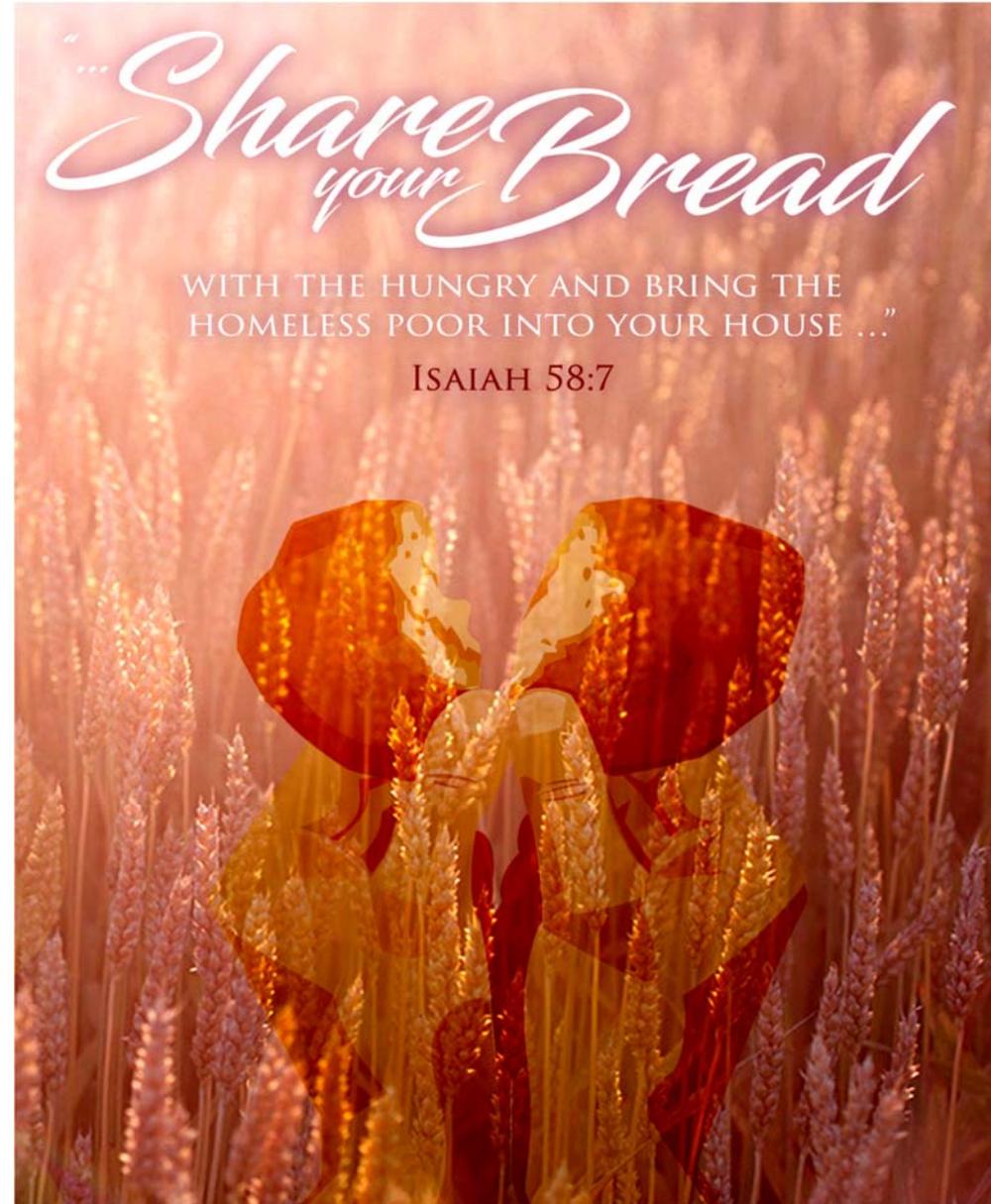


Welcome to Worship

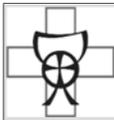
Today is Feb. 9th – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

“Let’s Skip a Meal and Make a Difference”- Isaiah 58:3-9a

Pastor, Rev. H. Christopher Sheets



*Please Note: Prayer requests have a time limit. New Prayers are listed for 1 Sunday and then moved to either Short or Long Term. *Short-Term is 3 weeks. Long-Term is 6 months.* After time limits have passed names will be removed. Please fill out a new prayer request form or call or email the church office. Thank you!



THE LORD'S SUPPER *(For those who intend to take communion)*

In I Cor. 11:28-29, the Lord bids baptized Christians who have been instructed about the Lord's Supper to examine themselves before they take Communion.

1. **Am I sorry for my sins and do I intend to amend my sinful ways?**
2. **Do I believe that Jesus forgives Me because of his death on the cross?**
3. **Do I believe I am receiving the true body and blood of Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?**

If you cannot say yes to the three questions above, please see the pastor before communing with us.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, including children who are not confirmed.



Today's Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

EPISTLE: *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:13-20*

Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

SERMON NOTES

Let's Skip a Meal and Make a Difference

Any worship is sinful when our goal is to _____ God to get things and to continue to _____ a neighbor to our advantage.

In giving up so much, Christ _____ what we faced and turned to the Father for _____ to help and heal us.

Christ leads us to sacrifice so we _____ with the hurting and _____ to the Father for blessings to help for them.