Music Notes:
Today the youth will sing an arrangement of the old Irish blessing whose author is unknown. This prayer, originally in the Irish language, has three main images, namely wind, sun and rain. The ancient Irish’s deep connection to nature and faith shine through. The reference to wind is thought to be a reference to the Holy Spirit who came as a “Mighty Wind” at Pentecost. The sun’s warmth alludes to God’s mercy which in Luke 1:78 tells us “by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.” The mention of rain is symbolic of God’s provision—nothing grows without rain. In Irish, the first line “Go n’éirí an bóthar leat” translated as “May you succeed on the road” the French equivalent of which is “bon voyage.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
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3 Yr. Olds–2nd Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Gulten Wulf

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Jean Swintek & Justine Ruisz

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School will meet this week for Sunday School. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service. We will attend service for the first 20 minutes and then move to the City for Sunday School.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.
**Order for the Public Worship of God**

**February 25, 2018**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**T HE GATHERING**

*Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.

*Please silence electronic devices.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

*People: But following Jesus isn’t easy.

*Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

*People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

*Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust in faith...that you walk beside us, nudging us back to the right path, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness.*

*May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.*

*May the rain fall softly on your fields, and until we meet again,*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back.*

*May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*“Toccata on ‘The God of Abraham Praise’”*  
Michael Burkhardt

*(based on the opening hymn tune, #49)*

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcome if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

**SUNG BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you. May the win...May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.*

**OFFERTORY**

*“At the Cross, (Love Ran Red)”*  
**SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 8:31–38 (page 820)*

**MESSAGE**

*“Lost and Found”*  
**S ONG OF DEDICATION**

*“O Come to the Alter”*

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

**WELCOME**

*“An Irish Medley”*  
Hallelujah Ringers; Adrienne Clover, Flute

**MEET AND GREET**

*“Banner of Love”*  
by Mary Rice Hopkins

**NPC Children’s Choirs**

**PRAISE SONG**

*“Thrive”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*  
Wendy Hirth, Flute

**S HARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER CALL TO OFFERING**

**COUNTDOWN**

*Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*  
ST. CHRISTOPHER

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

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