



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025 – 9:30 AM

SERVICE OF WORD, SONG AND PRAYER

BAKER MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A multigenerational congregation filled with God's love for the great diversity of God's people.

Welcome to Worship!

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” arr. D. Wagner, Chancel Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 27

Chris Leo, Liturgist

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**All: To behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

One: O Lord God of our salvation, we worship and adore you,

All: We will sing your praises for ever and ever. Amen!

*HYMN 529 “How Firm a Foundation”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people, in every town, village, and city, discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right. Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin and warning signs of trouble to come. Preserve us body, mind and soul, within your great and protective embrace.

By the power of Christ and his cross, we pray.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Repent. Return. Be reconciled. It is Jesus the Outcast who brings us from the edge into relationship with our God. **Amen.**

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Lacrimosa,” W.A Mozart, Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (Psalm 145:14)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Refuge for the Outcast”

PASTORAL PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BLESSINGS AND OFFERING

Offertory

“The Lord is My Light,” L. Bouknight, AnDrea James, Sam Wyatt

*Doxology, Hymn 70

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 560 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation on O Love, How Deep,” Sam Wyatt

Go in peace and may the peace of Christ go with you.

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

- Sunday, March 23 | 3rd Sunday in Lent: Guest Preacher: Rev. Dwight Stewart | Rev. Stewart is a Retired Elder of the N. IL Conference having served in several city, suburban and small town settings. A graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, he is married to Rev. Barbara Good, also a retired, and father to two adult sons.
- Sunday, April 13 | 9:30am | Palm Sunday | Guest preacher Rev. Mike Ebersohl
- Thursday, April 17 | 7pm | Maundy Thursday | Service of the Lord's Last Supper, Baker Hall
- Friday, April 18 | 7pm | Good Friday Service
- Saturday, April 19 | Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil
- Sunday, April 20 | 9:30 & 11am | Easter Sunday | Celebrative Worship with Music & Communion



BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. David P. Aslesen; Director of Music Ministry: Jeff Hunt; Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Jenny Weber; Director of Children & Family Ministry: Shelly Stienbarger; Director of Administration & Finance: Steven Wilhelm; Maintenance Manager: Karl Lescelius; Creative Director: Michele Claney; Organist: Stephen Uhl; Director of Children's Music: Kathy Olivarez; Pianist: Sam Wyatt; Church Accountant: Lita Jimenez; Organist Emeritus: Mark Edwards



FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Speak with our pastor and staff. Call 630.584.6680.

Email info@bakermemorialchurch.org.

Go to www.bakermemorialchurch.org and check us out on Facebook & Instagram.

This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 16

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Recharge Sunday Funday
- 10:45am Recharge for Adults
Faith in the News (Baker Commons)
Luke, Jesus and The Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws (Wesley Room)
- 3pm Mozart “Requiem”
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal

MONDAY, March 17

- 9:30am Food Bank Gang
- 12:30am Luke Recharge Study
- 4pm Finance Review (Zoom)
- 7p S&A Meeting (Zoom)

TUESDAY, March 18

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11am Women’s Emmaus
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, March 19

- 12pm Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes

THURSDAY, March 20

- 7pm Luke Recharge Study (Zoom)

FRIDAY, March 21

- 9am Indoor Farmers Market
- 10:30am Windy City Dulcimer

SATURDAY, March 22

- 8:30am Integrate

SUNDAY, March 23

- 9:30am Worship (Guest Preacher Rev. Dwight Stewart)
- 10:30am Recharge for Children
- 10:45am Recharge for Adults
Faith in the News (Baker Commons)
Luke, Jesus and The Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws (Wesley Room)
- 11:30am Children & Family Mtg
- 1pm Rummage Sale Setup
- 5pm St. Charles Singers Rehearsal



SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Sign up yourself, family, friends, ministry team or committee; celebrate a special occasion! Prepare coffee and lemonade, set-up, and clean up. Fellowship is 10:30-11:15 am. It may include an optional very small snack for ~ 40 people.

<https://tinyurl.com/mjcd9whe>

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app
and at [BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening](https://www.bakermemorialchurch.org/Whats-Happening).

Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Allan & Jayne Scales, Ushers: Bill Brownsey, Gary Johnson, Pete Holmes, Cheryl Freiberger; Livestream Tech: Rob Hale; Liturgist: Chris Leo; Acolyte: Skylar Beal

ADULT RECHARGE STUDIES

•**Faith in the News**, Sundays, 10:45am in the Commons, for guided discussion on current events and the relationship with Christian faith.

JESUS OF LENT: OUTSIDER, OUTCAST, OUTLAW: MARCH 9 - APRIL 12

The Christian season of Lent is a five Sunday/five-week season of faithful self-reflection, discipline and commitment to spiritual practices like prayer, study, and service. This season's focus is given to us from the gospel of Luke with stories of Jesus' interaction with people on the margins who by religious law and tradition could be identified as outsiders, outcast and outlaws.

MOZART REQUIEM CONCERT, TODAY 3PM

The Chancel Choir under the direction of Jeff Hunt with special guests the Metropolis Orchestra will perform the classic work "Mozart's Requiem." The concert will serve as a kick-off fundraiser for a much-needed boiler for the beautiful classic building. Share a donation (suggested \$20) and/or become a sponsor. More information at [bakermemorialchurch.org](https://www.bakermemorialchurch.org). Use the app, too!

SUNDAY FUNDAY TODAY! 10:30AM

All kids pre-K to 5th grade are welcome to participate in "Fruit of the Spirit" gathering in the children's center on the lower level immediately after worship. Learn about nine different fruits, fruits of the Spirit and more in several creative and fun workshops.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE, MARCH 27-29

This is the perfect opportunity to clean your closets, cabinets and basement. Donation Drop-Off begins Sunday, March 23. Volunteers are needed.

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS: MARCH 23-29, MANY SHIFTS

Please sign up today after the service or contact Chris Stumpf at cstumpf0308@gmail.com

FAITH FOOD & FUN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 5:30 PM

Join us for an intergenerational evening with dinner, faith, and an activity for all ages. The theme is Inside/Outside 2. Free will offering. DINNER IS POTLUCK! Bring your favorite dish to share for 6-8 people. Desserts will be provided.

EASTER FLOWERS

Beautify the sanctuary for Easter, Apr 20, with the purchase of one or more flowers. Use the forms (found in the Main Hallway Info Table and office) to remember or honor your loved one. Contact Judy Schlarb with any questions. Return completed forms with payment to the church office.

MEMBERSHIP AT BAKER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Interested persons are asked to be in touch with Pastor David Aslesen to learn more about becoming a member of the congregation, its mission and The United Methodist Church. Members will be received Easter Sunday, April 20, at both 9:30 and 11 am services.