

DAILY DEVOTIONALS *cont.*

Week of Ash Wednesday: *Friday*

Prayer

Inviting God, the season of Lent whispers an invitation in my ear to go deeper in faith and to draw closer to you. I want to heed the Spirit's whisper, so today I pray—what would you have me focus on in this season? What work is mine to do? Where is my heart being tugged? Reveal your hope for me so that I might heed your call faithfully. Amen.

What is God inviting you to in experience, focus on, or let go of this Lenten season?

Good news mantra: God will never stop inviting me.

Week of Ash Wednesday: *Saturday*

Prayer

Holy God, when I think of spiritual practices I often think of praying and fasting, reading scripture and offering generosity. I often think of quiet Sunday mornings and faithful disciplines. But could a dinner party invitation be a spiritual practice? Could the invitation to take a walk, to share a meal, or to laugh loudly over coffee be holy? Could a habit of invitation draw me closer to you? Help me to find the holy in the ordinary. Amen.

Do you believe invitation is a spiritual practice?

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Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Please take the opportunity to fill out the Prayer and Gratitude Card, along with a Connection Card. You'll be invited to place them in the offering tray later in the service.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

Call to Worship

If God threw a party,
all would be invited.

If God hosted a dinner,
there'd be a seat saved for each of us.

If God prepared a banquet,
a cheer would go up when you arrived.

This is the good news:

God is throwing a party.

God is hosting a dinner.

**God is preparing a banquet,
and all are invited.**

Let us worship this invitational God.

Opening Prayer

Song of Reflection

Pastor Joel and Tosh Everson

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Lisa Trigg

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:15-24

Jonathan Martin

Silence follows. Then the People stand as they are able.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Prayers of the People

Marilyn Culler

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Invitation to a Lenten Discipline

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Pastor Jai Miranda

Song

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Maureen Knudsen Langdoc
& Pastor Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Week of Ash Wednesday: *Wednesday*

Prayer

Invitational God, invitation and exclusion are two sides of the same coin. It's hard to think about one without thinking about the other. However, I know that you are a God who will never skip over me or leave me out. You are a God with open doors, personal invitations, room at the table, and a place with my name on it. Thank you for always inviting me. Amen.

How does it feel to be personally invited to an event or a gathering?

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Week of Ash Wednesday: *Thursday*

Prayer

Inviting Christ, you were so good at inviting people to join you. Whether you told them to drop their nets and follow you, or to simply join you for dinner, you extended invitations again and again. Give me that same courage. Give me that same vulnerability and awareness. Reveal to me where I can practice invitation in my own life, for if anything, I want to be more like you. In hope I pray, amen.

When was the last time you extended an invitation?
Could you extend an invitation to someone this week?

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you or someone you know is ill, injured, or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, please fill out a prayer card, or let the pastoral staff or church office know. Jai will work to keep us connected.

Here are members of our Gobin connection who need prayer & comfort at this time:

Margot MacCracken, Brandie Sitton, Andrea Insley, Ashlee Vitz, Sandy Miller, Katie Isaacs-Bailey, Jim & Windy Watt, Luke & Sherry DeJaynes, Larry Rider, Ann Hansen, Marcia Linville, Matt Fruits, Heather Cantonwine, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyan, Vivi, Treasure, Yun Ling, Ajaypal Singh and all ICE detainees in the Clay Co Detention Center

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card or send an email to prayers@gobinumc.org

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

You may have noticed the votive candles near the entrance to the sanctuary. We invite you to take one and join Wednesday morning prayer from 7:45-8am wherever you are. If you wish to have a candle, but are not able to come to the church, contact us and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

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- Make checks payable to Gobin Church
- Text “Gobin” to 73256
- Online at www.gobin.live/give
- Scan the QR code



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Communion Song

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

A Final Invitation

You are invited to take a notebook and throughout the season of Lent, use it as a space to name your grief. Write what is on your heart, list your cares, pen your discomfort. You'll be invited to tear off these pages on Good Friday and place them in an urn as you venerate the cross. The gathered pages will be committed to the fire on the Easter Vigil.

Blessing

Postlude

LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

More info to come!

Wednesdays during Lent:

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25

7:45 AM: Weekly Prayer (pray where you are)

6:30 PM: Taize Service @ Gobin

Service of Lament and Remembrance:

March 15, 7:00 PM @ St. Andrew's

Holy Week:

Wednesday (*April 1*): Tenebrae Service @ St. Andrew's

Maundy Thursday (*April 2*): 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's

Good Friday (*April 3*): 6:00 PM at Gobin

Holy Saturday (*April 4*): 8:30 PM Starts at Gobin, ends at St. Andrew's

Easter Sunday (*April 5*): 10:00 AM at Gobin

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Beginnings Service: 9:30AM

The Interlude: 10:30 AM

Mosaic Service: 11:00 AM

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STAY CONNECTED

Want to receive our weekly email updates?

Sign up here: www.gobin.live/email

Stay in the loop

Print communication is important. Email can sometimes be even better. And occasionally a quick text message is best! If you'd like to stay "in the loop" and receive text updates about all things Gobin, text the word "loop" to (765)650-4644. Make sure to save this number as "Gobin Church"!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Summer Enrichment Program, a five-week day camp for at-risk children, is searching for an education director for summer 2026. The program has been an outreach mission for Gobin/ St Andrews for almost four decades and is a wonderful opportunity to provide enrichment activities for elementary age children in our community and to lead a group of talented young adult counselors and mentors.

Please consider applying or recommending a suitable candidate for this position. Contact either Misti Scott at mscott@depauw.edu or John Schlotterbeck at jschlot@depauw.edu if you have any questions or need additional information.