

# **CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**

**Eblast**

**February 5, 2026**



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## **“Soup-er” Bowl of Caring**

It is that time of year again when you have the opportunity to pick who you think will be the winner of this years Super Bowl. The teams this year are the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. You will be able to help the local food pantries in the Valley by casting a donation into the soup pot of the team that you hope will win. The pots will be located in the church as you enter (where they usually are.) And they will be in the Atrium for the Saturday service. Thank you for you continued support and participation with this very important cause.

## Speaking of soup ...

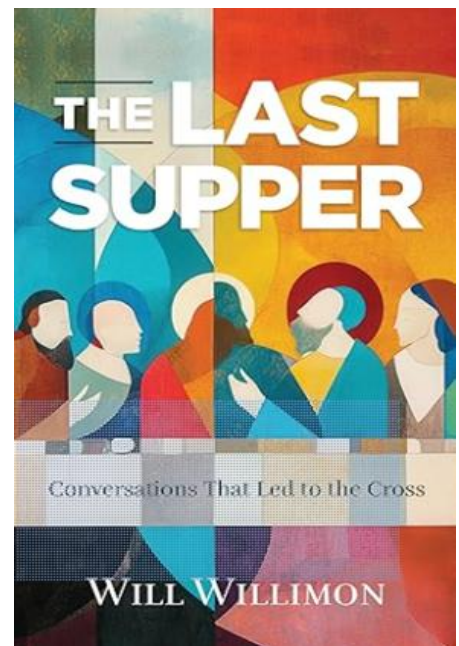


If you ordered soup and/or Italian Sub to go with your Super Bowl viewing pleasure, don't forget to pick it up on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 PM or Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Sunday School and Youth Group. Thank you for your support!

## Lenten Bible Study

Travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem in this profound six-week Lenten study that explores the parables and stories Jesus told at tables along the way to his final meal. Will Willimon invites readers to experience how these table stories—about searching shepherds, welcoming hosts, prodigal sons, and rejected invitations—illuminate the deeper meaning of the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice. Discover how Jesus used meals to reveal the surprising nature of God's kingdom. Explore how stories of mercy, invitation and hospitality prepare us for Holy Week. Understand why sharing bread and wine became the central ritual of Christian faith. Experience Maundy Thursday in a fresh, meaningful way.

18 books have been ordered and are available now. You can also get an eBook for \$12 from Cokesbury, Abingdon Press or Amazon Prime. There will be a morning session at 10 and an evening session starting at 6 with soup, salad and bread, with the discussion starting at 6:35. Classes are scheduled to begin either Thursday Feb 18 or Monday Feb 23 and continue for six weeks. Watch this space for more information.



Dear People of God: You are invited to keep a holy Lent beginning with worship at 12:05 p.m. here in the Church on Ash Wednesday, February 18 or at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church.

Every Wednesday during Lent we also offer a service of Holy Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross beginning at approximately 12:35 p.m.

## February 7&8 Lessons

**First Lesson:** Micah 6:1-8

**Psalm:** 15

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12



Robert Davies	2/7
Jeff Watson	2/11
Margaret Cole	2/12
Colleen Marshall	2/13
Dan Wayman	2/14

### Scripture Reflection

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ in my daily activities? If I let my light shine, what will others see in me? Will others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God?



### February Food Item



For the month of February we will be collecting canned tuna and chicken for our local food pantries.

### St. Mary's Rummage Sale

On Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. St. Mary's will hold a rummage sale. We will be accepting clean rummage. **NO LARGE APPLIANCES OR ELECTRONICS, and ABSOLUTELY NO BOOKS, DVD'S or CD'S.** We will be accepting rummage through **FEBRUARY 22**, but nothing after that. If you have rummage that you need to drop off between now and then, please contact the church office (570) 888-2270 during office hours. Or you may reach out to Rose Carpenter or Glenda Hinsman. If you have access to the building and bring rummage, please leave it on the stack of white tables in the hallway downstairs in the Parish Hall.

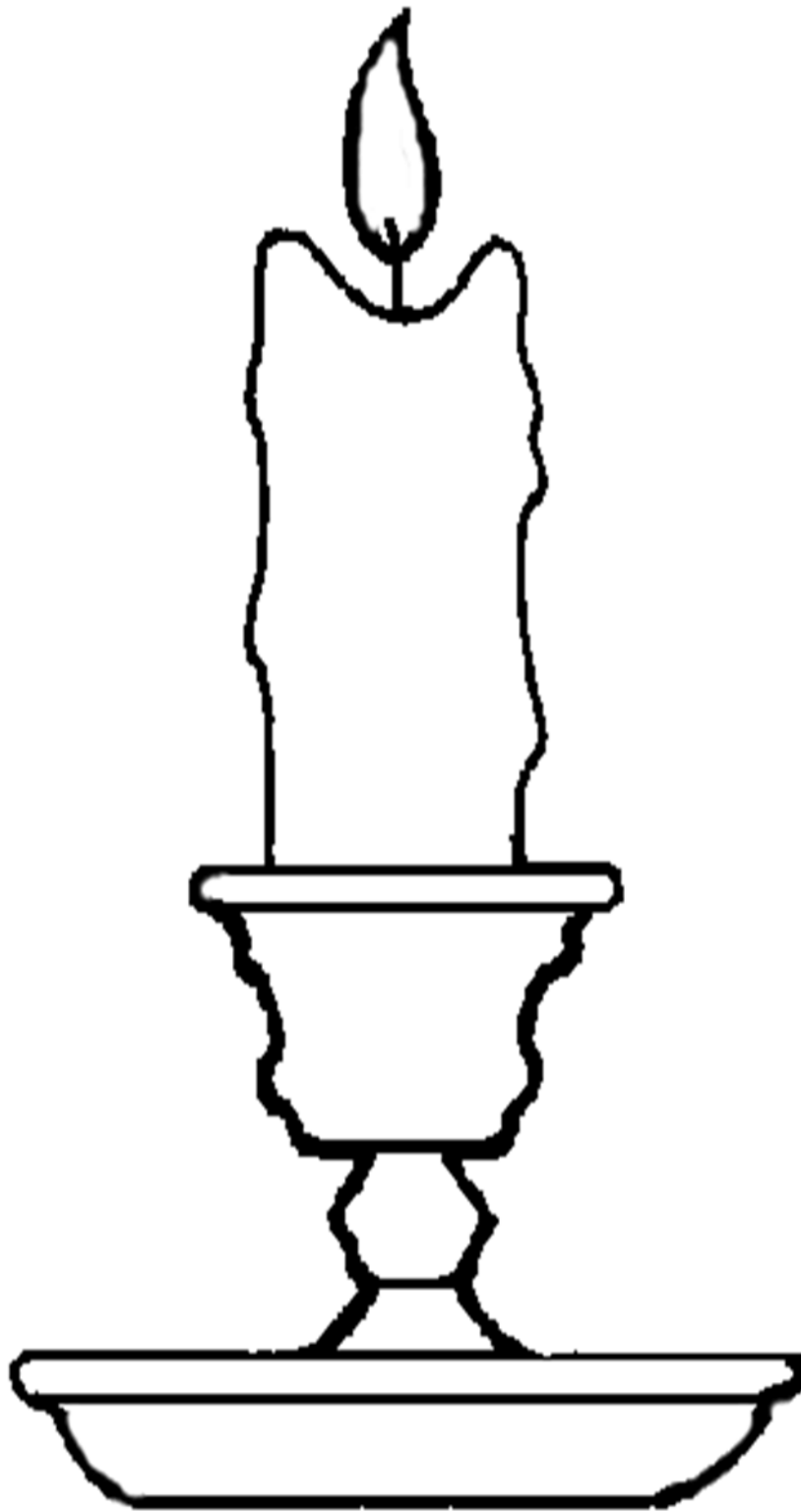


This year for Black History Month we are primarily highlighting our Bishops of African descent. This week, for historical context we'll take a brief look at Absalom Jones and our first black bishops Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany, both elected in 1918.

**Absalom Jones** was born in Delaware as a slave in 1746. He was raised in the Anglican Church, and his innate intelligence being readily apparent trained to be a house slave. From Delaware, his owner Benjamin Wynkoop brought him to Philadelphia, where he worked in Wynkoop's store. In 1787, with Richard Allen, he formed the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for Black people. Together with Allen they served as lay ministers for the Black membership at St. George's Episcopal Church, significantly increasing its Black members. In 1792 the Society began to build an African Church which later decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Allen left that Church as he favored affiliation with the Methodist Church. Eventually, Bishop William White, the first Bishop of Pennsylvania, ordained Jones to the priesthood in 1802. "Know as the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument." Jones died on February 13 1818. (Source: *Lesser Feasts and Fasts:2024* pages 91-92.) Throughout the Episcopal Church Absalom Jones is celebrated and remembered on or near his feast day. Our Diocese of the Susquehanna, with the Union of Black Episcopalians, will celebrate the Feast at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harrisburg on Saturday February 14 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Keep Going, No Matter What." We are blessed to have the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, retired Bishop of Maryland and assisting bishop in the Diocese of Washington as a keynote speaker. More information can be found here: <https://diosusquehanna.org/event/the-feast-of-absalom-jones/>

**Henry Beard Delany** (2/5/1858- April 14, 1928) was the first African-American elected a Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church on May 15, 1918 in the Diocese of North Carolina.

**Edward Thomas Demby** (2/13/1869 – April 14, 1957) was elected suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Arkansas in 1918. Both men were elected to their positions to serve the black community in the segregated churches that were commonplace in the South. You can read more about them here: [Henry Beard Delany - Wikipedia](#) and here: [Edward Thomas Demby - Wikipedia](#)



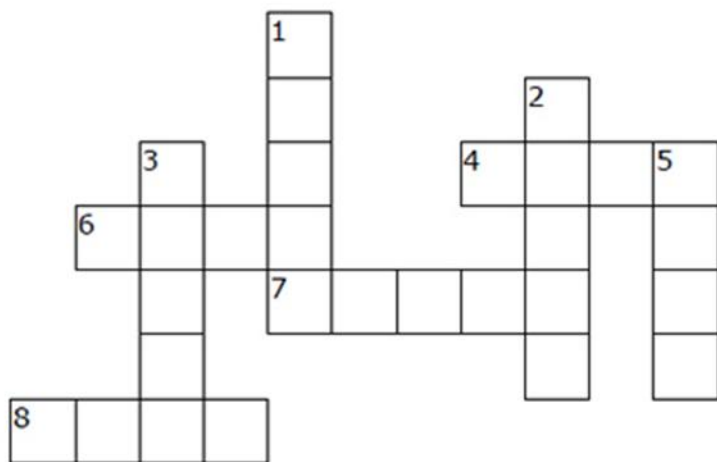
**Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven,  
Matthew 5:16**



# Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



## ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

## DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS  
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LIGHT  
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