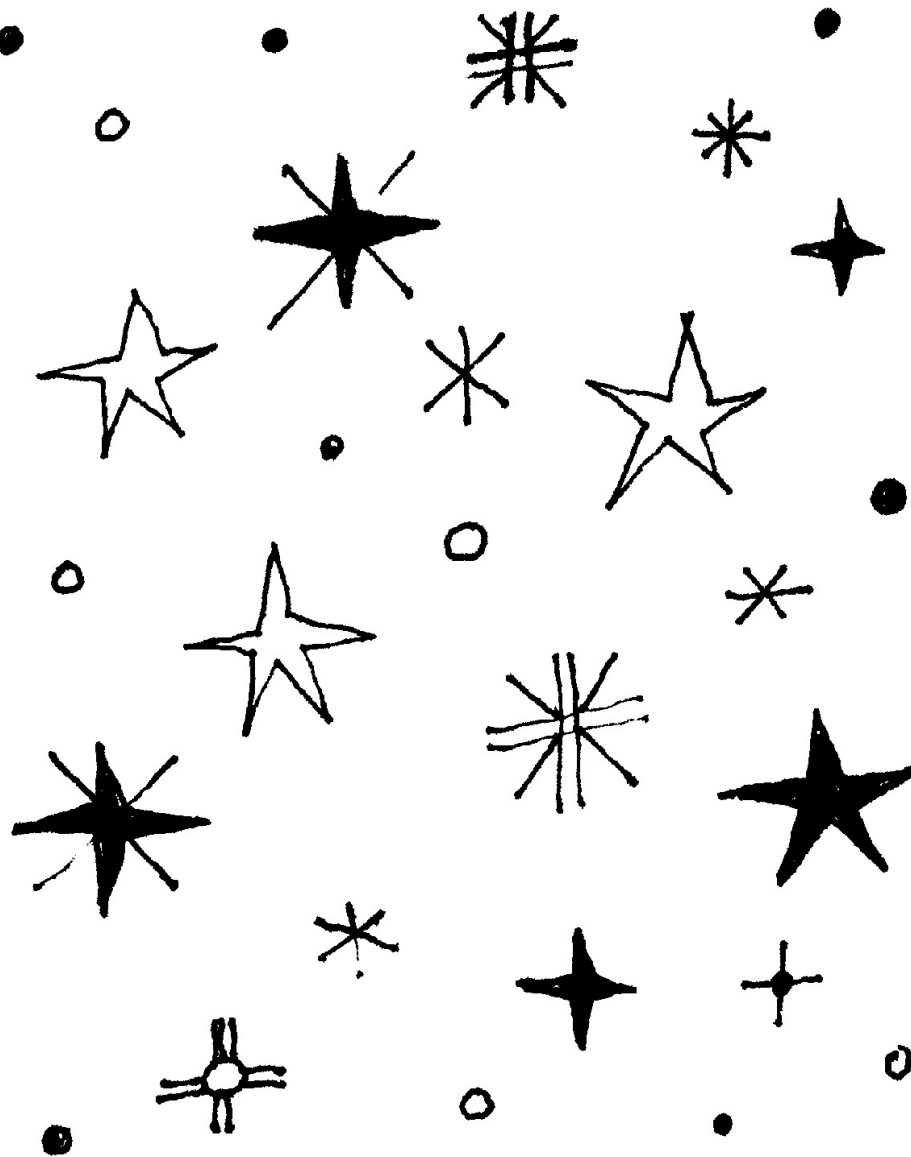


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



8 FEBRUARY 2026
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Season after the Epiphany
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

PRELUDE – “Houston”

W. Wold

Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Send your Holy Spirit upon Kelley as she proclaims the Word, so that all who receive it will no longer dwell in the shadows, but will have the light of life.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, “Here I am.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

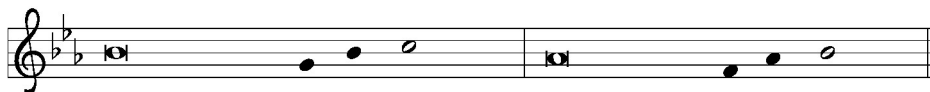
PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10

The antiphon is introduced by the choir and repeated by all and again just once where indicated. The choir and the congregation sing the verses responsively.

Antiphon



Tone



¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. *Antiphon***

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. *Antiphon***

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, my dear family, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the dominion of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the dominion of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the dominion of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Light

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1 Lord of light, your name out-shin-ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith-ful work-ers in some far out-
3 Grant that knowl-edge, still in-creas-ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith-ful watch-ers, nev-er si-lent

suns of space, use our tal-ents in your king-dom
ly-ing field, by the cour-age where the ra-diance
low-ly kneel; with your grace our tri-umphs hal-low,
day or night; by the cross of Je-sus, bring-ing

as the ser-vants of your grace; use us to ful-
of the cross is still re-vealed, by the vic-to-
with your char-i-ty our zeal; lift the na-tions
peace to all and heal-ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.
The presiding minister may address the congregation in these or similar words:*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Javier Raul, Leo Raul, and Kai Matthew for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Javier, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?
I do.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Leo and Kai baptized into Christ?
I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Javier, Leo, and Kai and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:
and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

After each baptism, the congregation sings.

The musical score is written for four staves, likely representing a choir or a large group of voices. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized. al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves.

Text: *Holy Baptism and Related Rites*, *Renewing Worship* 3
Music: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of those who can answer for themselves, the minister prays:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Javier Raul the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

Amen.

Laying both hands on the head of those who cannot answer for themselves, the minister prays:

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

A representative of the congregation may introduce each new member or household.

Name/s have come to our congregation from name of congregation in location.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the congregation.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Let us welcome our new members!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

CONGREGATIONAL ACCLAMATION



Text: *Welcome to Christ*, 1997
Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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The congregation offers acclamation with applause. All are sprinkled with water as a reminder of the gifts and promises of baptism.

SPRINKLING SONG

Borning Cry

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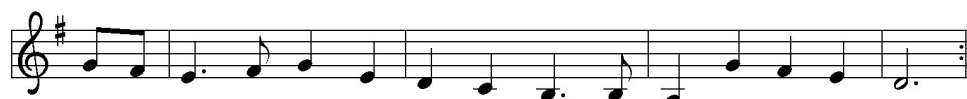
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: *WATERLIFE*, John C. Ylvisaker
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Guide Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor; and all who serve your Church. Uphold the Church in Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City. We pray for our synod, particularly the congregation of Good Shepherd and the campus ministry at Indiana University. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and to our streets. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. We give you thanks for our new members, for Javier & Elizabeth, Leo and Kai; for Brian and Carol and Lauren. Form us all to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, especially Jean Kratzke and Karen Culbertson, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ Child be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. We gather around the Table. Please leave seats for those who may need them. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – “God of the Sparrow”

J. Vajda

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

OFFERTORY PRAYER

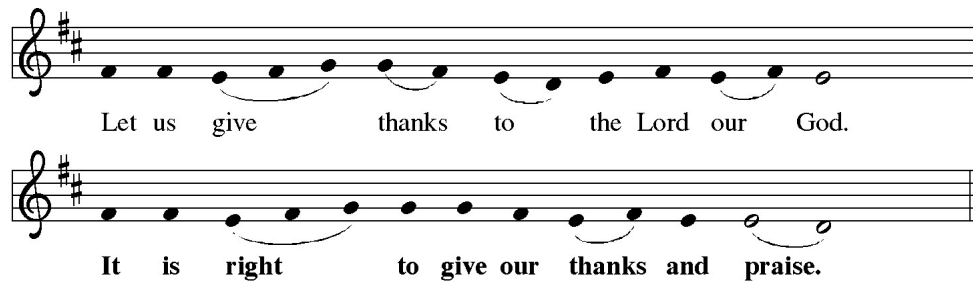
Let us pray: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

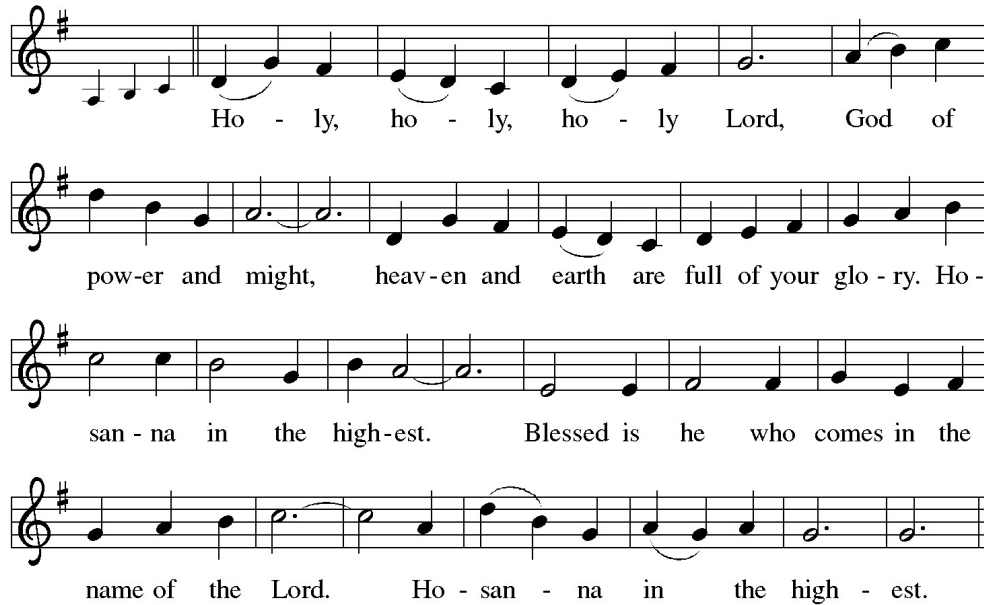
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



THE PROPER PREFACE

♪ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Empowering God, you established your creation like a watered garden, and when your people's hopes lay in ruins you answered their call and removed the yoke from among them. You guided them continually and satisfied their needs in parched places. In the death and resurrection of Christ you repaired the breach between us and you and opened the way of peace for all your people.

Eye has not seen nor ear heard, beckoning God, what you have prepared for those who love you. In Jesus you are the salt that preserves us with you forever, and you are the light that transforms the darkness of death. On his last evening with the disciples, your Son took the broken body and silt blood of the cross and turned them into the glory of resurrection. Come among us now and turn the brokenness of our lives and the saltiness of your world into the wonder of your new life. Thake these gifts of bread and cup and make them for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, who

*in the night in which he was betrayed,
took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Inspiring God, you instill in us the wisdom of your Son's cross, and you send us the Spirit who searches the depths of your heart and the depths of ours. Shape your people in the image of your Son to be repairers of the breach; send us to be beside those who cry, among any who are afflicted, alongside all whose foundations lie in ruins. Bless your church that we may bear the marks of our risen and ascended Lord. Raise up saints to embody your truth in our midst, loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and let the oppressed go free, until the day when you are all in all.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Behold what you are; become what you receive: the Body of Christ broken and shared for the world.

Amen. We come.

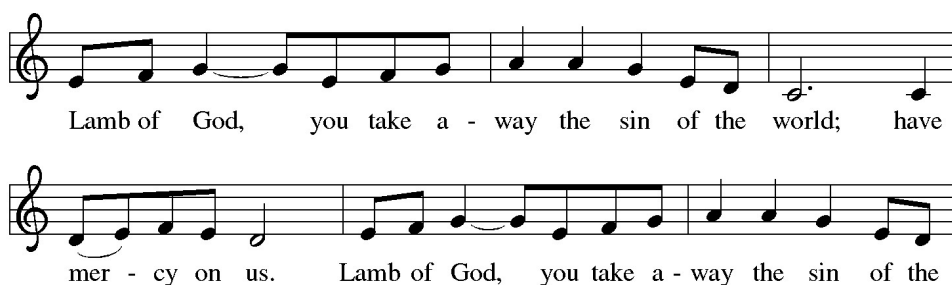
For those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know. Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW 496

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

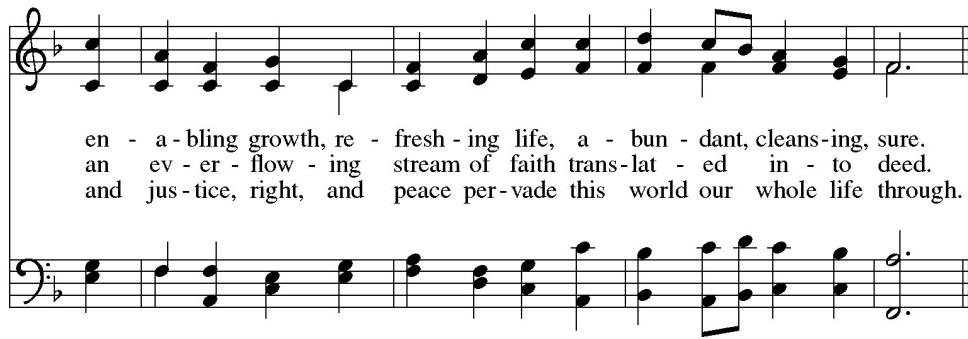
Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW 717

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
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TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
 sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
 and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

...now and forever.
Amen.

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
 Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”

D. Lasky

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Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Stan Rose

COMMUNION ASSISTANT –

LECTOR – Kelley Lang

USHER – Linda Graffius, Karen Lundwall, Michael Patterson

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jean Kratzke by Erik, Ted and Danielle Reid.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Karen Culbertson, sister of Barb Lemke, who died January 31, 2026.

A joyous welcome is extended to our families who will be received as new members at the 10:30 service this morning.

Elizabeth, Javier, Leo and Kai Mendoza

Carol & Brian Davis

Lauren Kasky

A reception will be held after the 10:30am service in the parlor to welcome our newest members.

Today's Events

Sunday School for PreK-Grade 5 and LYO for Grades 6-12 will be held at 9:30am.

Faith Formation for All Ages

Conversations People - any folks thinking and learning about systemic racism and talking together - our next meeting, facilitated by Pr. Gail Zackrisson, for Episode 4 of "Seeing White" and other discussions will be on Sunday, February 15 in the library at 11:30am. Anyone & everyone is welcome, whether you have joined us before or not. Does this topic raise your anxiety? Bring your anxiety and let's talk about it. (We've all got plenty . . .)

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. This year we are using *Crossroads: Reading the Bible in Divisive Times* by Josh Scott. Our next gathering is February 19; we will not meet on February 12.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St) for a time of conversation and fellowship. We are using Josh Scott's book *Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place*. If you would like to order your book from the church office, the cost is \$14. You may also order your own. Our discussion on Tuesday, March 3 will be The Wedding Party.

Four workshops for confirmation students, 7th grade through 9th grade, will be offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: **March 8, May 10**) after the 10:30am worship service. In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.

Opportunities for Fellowship

A Valentine luncheon for our OWLS will be held Friday, February 13 from 11:00am – 1:00pm in our church parlor. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and spend a lovely time together celebrating Valentine's Day. Reservations for the previously scheduled luncheon at the Ambassador were full. Please contact Jan MacInnes at 814-833-0476 by February 8 if you plan to attend.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, February 10 from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and planning of our upcoming service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 and their family are invited to join in.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, February 10 and 24, from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Lutherlyn summer camp registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for families and youth of all ages.

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday services will be held in the main church on February 18 at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm. Pastor Jay will be offering Individual Confession and Forgiveness on Ash Wednesday from 7:00-8:00am, 10:00-11:30am, and from 4:30-6:30pm in the Luther Chapel.

Our study series for our midweek gatherings during Lent will be ***understanding Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All.*** During our series we will look at the process of Social Statements in the ELCA, how they come to be and how they are ratified, and what authority they carry within our church.

- Afternoon gathering: 12:00 noon Worship, 12:30pm Luncheon, followed by 1:00pm Study Series;

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in Lent we will gather on the fifth floor for Prayer Around the Cross under the theme of “For God So Loved the World”. This brief service (about 30 minutes) is an opportunity for scripture, song, and silence; for prayer and the lighting of candles; and for contemplation of the saving deed of Jesus on the cross “for God so loved the *world*.” The format and much of the music for this service comes from Holden Village—the same source as our popular Holden Evening Prayer.

Lenten Luncheons will be offered on Wednesdays in Lent; February 25-March 25 at 12:30pm in fellowship hall. Enjoy a home-cooked meal for only \$10. Macaroni & Cheese will be served at the first Lenten luncheon on February 25. If you would like to help in any way please contact Betty Pletz at 898-1053 or the church office.

Lenten Kick-off will be held Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30pm. Bring your family and join us for dinner, a short Bible lesson and a surprise craft. The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Dorothy Youngman	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Pat Gilbert
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Jeanne Gaber	Loretta Deeds
Friends and Family:			
Mary Beth & Nancy, Kelly	Justin	Linda F.	Jeff Monroe
Gail Lesuer	Gwen Smith	Andrew Wachter	Sullivan
Henderson family	Sandy M.	Shirley	Judy
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Carol Johnson	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Peter Maker	Haven Schaefer
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Carl Larese	Richard Come	Carol McFalls
Peggy S.	Kris	Brooks Davis	
Grief:			
Joyce Zwilling family	Treiber family	Karen Culbertson family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemoration This Week

February 9 – Psalm 119:105-112; II Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10

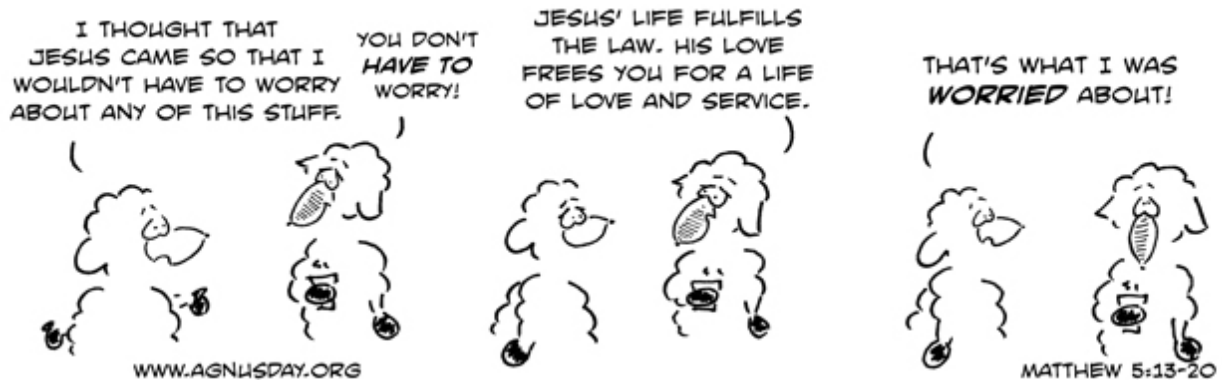
February 10 – Psalm 119:105-112; II Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; II Corinthians 4:1-12

February 11 – Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30

February 12 – Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7

February 13 – Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28

February 14 – **Cyril, monk; Methodius, bishop; missionaries to the Slavs** – Psalm 2; I Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13 -- *These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.*



CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9	2:30pm	LMA Play Practice
	6:00pm	PTL Meeting
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	5:30pm	LIA (Lutherans in Action)
	6:00pm	Church Council
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11		
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12	9:00am	Kdg.-Gr. 5 / Reading with the Seawolves
	1:00pm	Grief Group
	2:30pm	LMA Play Practice
	5:30pm	Handbells Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13	11:00am	OWLS Valentine Luncheon
	6:00pm	Family Gathering
		LMA Closed
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14		

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 THE TRANSFIGURATION

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

Conversations People, facilitated by Pr. Gail Zackrison, will be held at 11:30am in the library.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Lundwall
Altar Guild	8:15am	Pastor Jay, Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Gail Zackrison
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	