



**The First Sunday in Lent
February 17, 2013**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Eric and Lisa Peter in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thu.2/21 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 11:30am | Council | Sat.2/23 | 5:30 pm | Guess Who's |
| Tue. 2/19 | 9:15am | WCS | Sun.2/24 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| Wed. 2/20 | 6:00pm | Lenten Supper | | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 7:00pm | Worship | | | |

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Announcements

Council meets today following worship.

Lent is here. Our mid-week service begins with supper at 6:00pm. Worship begins at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars for that special worship opportunity. And be sure to pick up a Lenten devotional from the table in front of the office.

I hope everyone signed up for our Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event. The dinner takes place on Saturday, February 23, 2013. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know someone in the congregation better than you know them now and a wonderful chance for the newcomers among us to get to know us better. Look for the sign up sheet and add your name.

On Sunday, February 24, 2013 at our worship service, Ben and Tracie Sloss will join us. Ben is preparing to graduate from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH this May. We have been supporting Ben and Tracie with our prayers and small tokens for the past few months. Ben will talk with us about his experiences and formation as a pastor during our worship time. Please plan to attend and show him our support.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* (ELW 767)



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

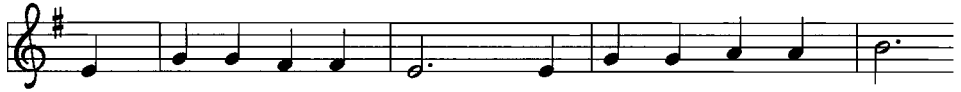


so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

GREETING

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

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹You who dwell in the shelter of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust."**

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,

¹⁰**no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge ¹over you,
to guard you in ¹all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will ¹bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹gainst a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this

authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Still Lead On* (ELW 624)



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing. *A brief silence.*

We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for all who walk amid the Lenten desert, that you lead us to hunger for your word of life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all the realms of the world, and for those in authority, that they may use their power with humility. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for desert and wilderness terrains, and for those who make pilgrimages to holy places and sacred ground. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those tested by illness, temptation, addiction, or inner struggle *especially*, Fred Steaban, Amy Holaday, Matt Bartram, the cousin of Judy Bartram, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Flynn Hewett, Pat Hudson, Missy Kulberg, Phil Lakes, Addison Licavaro, Dick Martin, Guy McCauley, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Ken Walker. that you enfold them in the holy wings of your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly, that what we confess with our lips we may show forth in our lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially John Taylor, Norma Boehme, Sandy Neathamer, Will Czerwonka and Samantha McCoy with birthdays this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all our holy ancestors who journeyed through the wilderness and now dwell in your promised land of rest. May we follow them in lives of faithful service. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



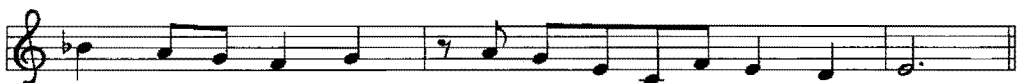
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray... God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



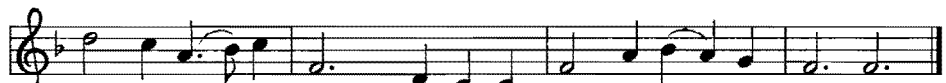
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

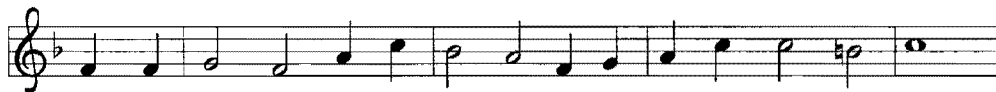


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

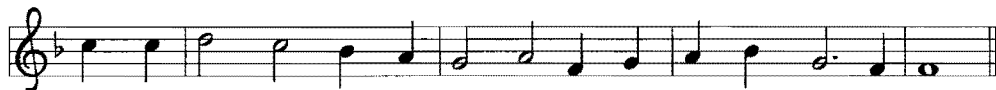
COMMUNION

Communion is by intinction. As directed by the ushers, please come forward and receive the wafer from the pastor. Take the wafer and dip it into either the silver chalice of wine or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. Consume the wafer and return to your pew via the side aisles for prayer and meditation.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *For the Bread* (ELW 494)



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray....O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God our Father bless you and shield you. Christ our Parent shelter you and carry you. God the Holy Spirit guide your journey + both now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)



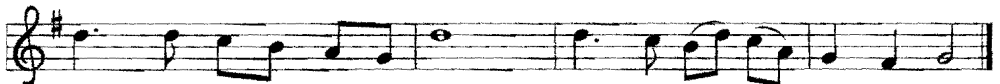
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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This is Ben Sloss and his wife Tracie. Ben is a senior at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and we are supporting him with prayer and small tokens of appreciation. Ben and Tracie are from Kokomo, Indiana. Ben graduated from Capital University, one of our Lutheran supported universities, in 2009 and will graduate from TLS this May with a Masters of Divinity degree. He will then be available for call anywhere in the ELCA but hopes to remain in our region. Ben and Tracie are planning to visit us on February 24, 2013 and he will tell us more about his experience at seminary.

Benjamin Sloss and Family
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Fred Steaban, recovering at home

Amy Holaday, recovering at home following eye surgery

Family & Friends

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke & heart condition

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Kathy Gilmore, health concerns

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

JC Richardson, health concerns

Dick Martin, recovering from heart surgery

Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer-chemo treatment

Missy Kulberg, (Granddaughter of Gordon & Dorothy McCall) back surgery

Drew Yellina, undiagnosed health concerns

Bonnie Walker, health issues

Alyssa Paro. Treatment for breast cancer

Tonya Woods, breast cancer surgery

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain or be placed on the list

Shut-In

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Norma Boehme, Westminister Village

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Ken Steward, Westminister Village

Walter Clive, at home

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Matt Bartrum, deployed to Africa

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Families still affected by Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$ 2,283.00 | Worship attendance | 66 |
| Other Offering | 85.00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$ 2,368.00 | Total attendance | 68 |

We need \$3,596 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Aliyah Vogler |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Judy Bartram |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Cheyenne Peter |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Bill/Cathy Holman |
| Ushers | Dave Lindeman |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Bill/Cathy Holman |
| Financial Assistant | Kenneth Hawkins |
| Ambassador | |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Sylvia Scott |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Judy Bartram |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Aliyah Vogler |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Jim/Nancy Vogt |
| Ushers | Dave Lindeman |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Vogt Family |
| Social | Bill/Cathy Holman |
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**Scripture Readings for next week: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35**