



**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 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 Patti Smith in honor of Mike and Christopher Smith's birthdays

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thu .3/7 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| Mon. 3/4 | 10:00am | Quilters | Sat. 3/9 | 9:00am | G.S. Cookie Drive |
| | 7:00pm | VBS Teachers | | | |
| Tue. 3/5 | 9:15am | WCS | Sun. 3/10 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| | 1:00pm | Staff Mtg | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 3/6 | 6:00pm | Dinner/Worship | | 11:30am | Meet and Eat |
| | 7:30pm | Confirmation | | 6:00pm | Girl Scouts |

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Announcements

Our mid-week Lenten service continues 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.

Tomorrow, March 4, 2013 at 7pm a meeting of the teachers for VBS will be held in the fellowship hall. We will review the material for this July's VBS.

Next week is meet and eat. Bring a dish to share and your ideas and plans for the ministry that we share. Join a team and make plans for upcoming events.

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.

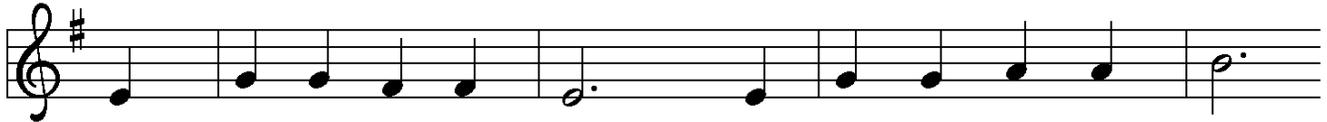
For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

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.

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....Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1–8

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there | is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 13:1–9

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

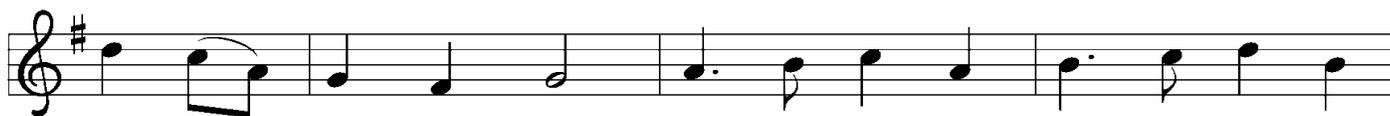
HYMN OF THE DAY: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)



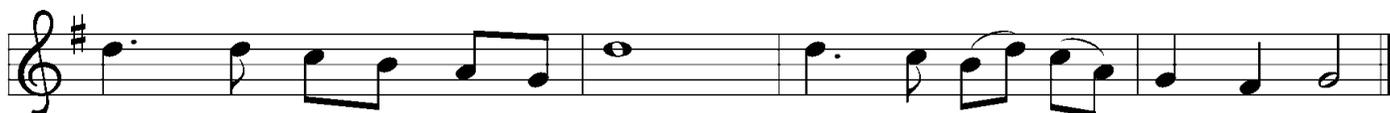
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.

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.*

God, our creator and sustainer, cultivate in the church a spirit of repentance, that we may bear the fruits of faith, mercy, and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Prince of peace, turn the nations from violence and bloodshed to genuine concern for the common good, and care for the earth we inhabit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving Spirit, bless our Jewish sisters and brothers, fellow heirs of God's promises, even as we confess to them our sins and past failures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Christ, nurture the faith of those tested by illness, grief, addiction, or anxiety *especially* Fred Steaban, Amy Holaday, Bonnie Walker, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Pat Hudson, Missy Kulberg, Phil Lakes, Dick Martin, Alyssa Paro, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Michael Scanland, Ken Walker, Tonya White, Drew Yellina. and give them a spirit of endurance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, sustain us in our Lenten journey with spiritual food and drink, that we may bring forth the fruit of conversion. 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 Ken Hawkins and Dave Bartram with birthdays and Linda and Mike Woehrle with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Indwelling Spirit, gather us around the tree of life in the garden of paradise with all our holy ancestors who trusted in your covenant of mercy. 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.

COMMUNION



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 is by table. As directed by the usher, come forward to the altar rail and kneel if you are able. Receive the wafer from the pastor and eat it. Take a glass from the tray offered by the assistant. The red is wine and the white is grape juice. Drink. Place the empty cup in the assistant's tray. Return to your pew for prayer and reflection.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *I Come with Joy* (ELW 482)



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
 4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er
 5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in
 fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.
 strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.
 live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

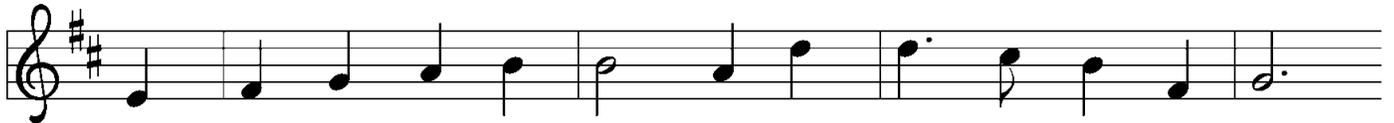
SENDING SONG: *O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW 542)



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

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Easter Lilies

Lilies will grace the altar again this year Easter Morning Should you care to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of someone, please complete this form indicating how many and to whom you wish to honor or remember, and return it by March 25 along with your payment. Lilies are \$15 each.

_____ lilies at \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed total

Name _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Fred Steaban, surgery on Thursday

Amy Holaday, recovering from eye surgery

Family & Friends

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment

Kathy Gilmore, health concerns

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Missy Kulberg (Granddaughter of Gordon and Dorothy McCall) back surgery

Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition

Dick Martin, recovering from heart surgery

Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer

J C Richardson, health concerns

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Michael Scanland,

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

Bonnie Walker, health issues

Tonya Woods, breast cancer surgery

Drew Yellina, undiagnosed health problems

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

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Walter Clive, at home

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Matt Bartram, 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

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Families affected by Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$3,560.00 | Worship attendance | 60 |
| Other Offering | 185.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$ 3,745.00 | Total attendance | 61 |

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 | Kate Blough |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Katrina Peter |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Aliyah Vogler |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Jim/Barb Rife |
| Ushers | S. Rife/Barr's |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Hayes Family |
| Financial Assistant | Kenneth Hawkins |
| Ambassador | |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Virginia Klemens |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Sandy Neathamer |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Barb Campbell |
| Ushers | S. Rife/Barr's |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Meet and Eat |
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| Ambassador | |

Scripture Readings for next week: Isaiah 41: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8