# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder January 27 & 28, 2024



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## Grace Lutheran Church

### **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

*"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."* 

## **GATHERING**

#### The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WELCOME/PRELUDE

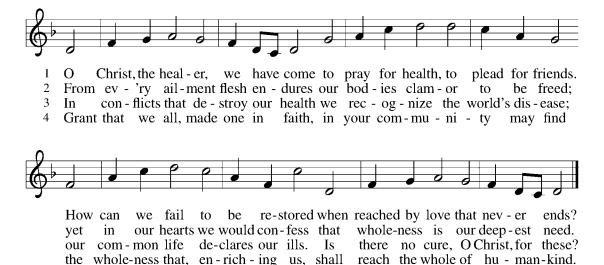
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

(The assembly stands as you are comfortable)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

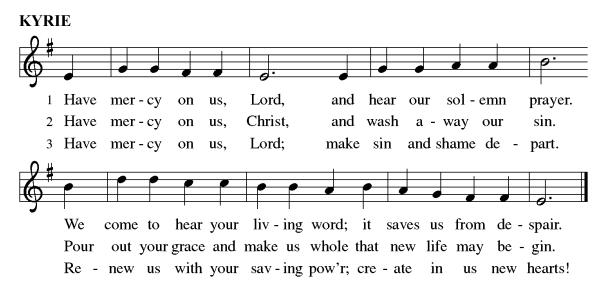
- P: God, our rock and refuge,
- C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are God's beloved.
- C: Amen.



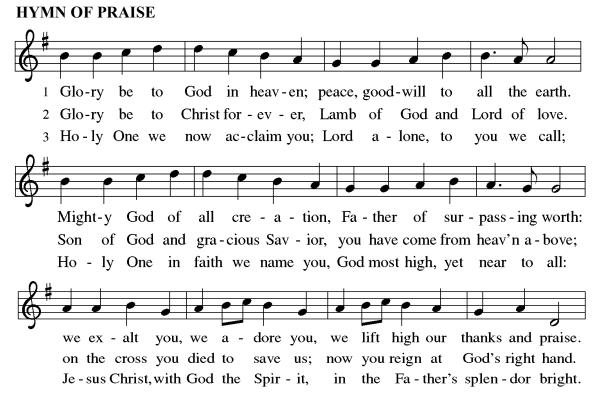
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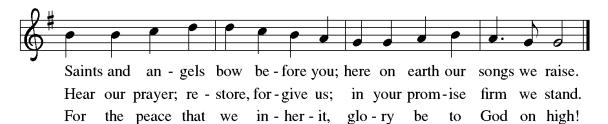
#### GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.



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- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

#### <u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 111

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

#### <sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

#### <sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

#### <sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

#### <sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

#### <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

#### 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still

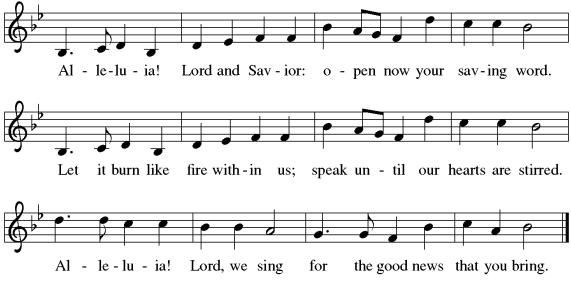
think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



- P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
- C: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Mark 1:21-28

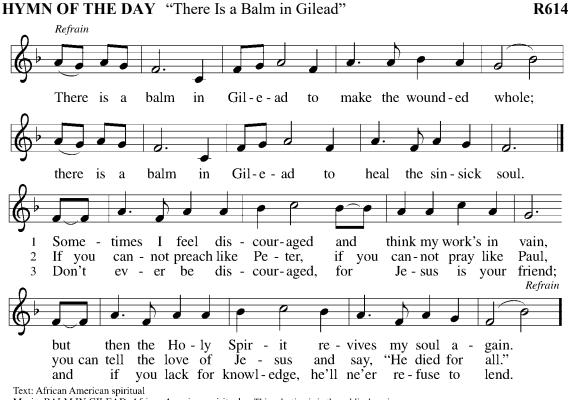
Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.<sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

(Response after each petition)

- P: Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.

<u>MEAL</u> God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

#### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** (the assembly stands as they are comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)

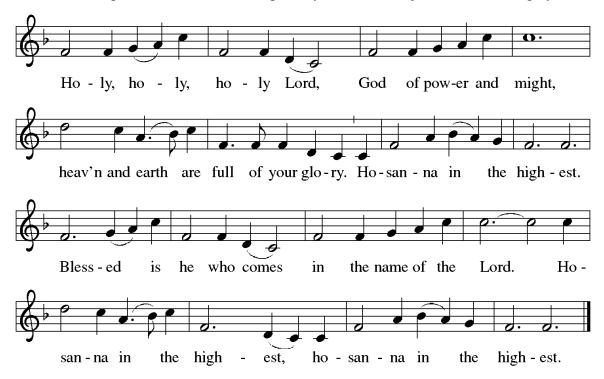


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- P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, Holy One,
- C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

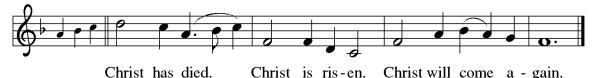
- **P:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

#### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

#### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



#### 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.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist) At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.



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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...God of every gift,
- C: Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

- P: God who names us, Christ who claims us, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, + bless us and remain with us always.
- C: Amen.



Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace! be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n. **R886** 

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.C: Thanks be to God.



#### POSTLUDE

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

#### **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Katherine Rettell -- Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the homebound parishioners at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Redeemer Lutheran Church/Lansing, Rev. Janice Hite, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### ADULT CE FOR JANUARY 28 Moravian Church

Continuing in our book, *Honoring Our Neighbors* Faith, we look at the Moravian Church which is a full communion partner with the ELCA and has a long history to the time of the Reformation with Lutheran Tradition. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we learn more about this tradition, contrasting and comparing to Lutheran thinking and practices.

#### LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14TH

Grace is hosting the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service. **SEVERAL MORE SOUPS ARE STILL NEEDED.** Sign up in the Office Lobby for soups or breads or helping with setup and clean up. Thanks.

#### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—FEBRUARY 10 & 11

We are collecting from the congregation for the Little Food Pantry. Especially needed right now are baby food, cereals, loaves of bread and jam, small soaps and shampoos (hotel/motel size), in addition to the usual items of quick meals and easily prepared items. Bring them in that weekend and place them in front of the altar for dedication.

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 - FAT SUNDAY & THINKING OF YOU PACKAGES

Have a splurge. Join us for a celebration of Fat Sunday, our name for it, before we start Lent. Bring a nice rich dessert to share during Coffee Hour.

And then we will put together Valentine Thinking of You packages for our *Loving Care Members* during the Coffee Hour.

#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) PERSONAL CARE KITS

Once again we will be collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. Please contribute what you are able to. Items needed for each kit (new items please):

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 52"x27"), <u>dark color</u> recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz, in original packaging (no mini-hotel size bars, please)
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap)
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark the envelope "Personal Care Kits." If writing a check, please make it out to "Grace Lutheran Church."

Collection will take place throughout January 2024. Items may be placed in tall basket just outside the Fellowship Hall.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER Sunday, April 28, 2024

The dinner will be held here at Grace and catered by JJ's. Cost: \$20/person.

#### **SWEETS & TREATS**

If you make a special treat you would like to share at Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship, please sign up for a date in the Office Lobby.

#### **2024 FLOWER CHART**

The 2024 flower chart is posted on the wall by the Office Lobby entrance. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign the chart AND fill out an "Altar Flowers" form (located on the table by the flower chart) telling us what you would like printed in the bulletin.

#### POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER

Saturday, February 3 from 1-6 p.m. St Matthew Lutheran Church, 7109 Wolf Creek Rd., Herron Featuring: potato pancakes, sausage, homemade desserts, beverages \$15 Adults/\$5 children 5-12 years/under 5 free

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

#### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR DECEMBER 2023**

Average needed in December (4 weeks) to meet budget\$ 18Monthly Giving - December21

\$ 18,344.00 21,509.47

We received:

151 envelopes, 64 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 9 Give+ payments made from our website



#### Lenten Series 2024

Series Theme: Peace - Shalom - Wholeness - Wellness

#### Soup Supper at 6pm. Worship services at 7pm.

This year's offering goes to Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room.

Date	Host	Preacher
Ash Wednesday February 14	Grace Lutheran	Rev. John Shipman
February 21	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. William Rayment
February 28	First Congregational UCC	Rev. Dr. Daniel Maxwell
March 6	First United Methodist	Rev. Richard Hotchkin
March 13	First Presbyterian	Rev. Tom Orth
March 20	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Robert Nystrom
Maundy Thursday March 28	Trinity Episcopal	Rev. John Shipman



## **Birthdays**



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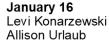
January 5 Judy Black Ryan Schultz

January 7 Susan Stacey

January 9 Arnold Jahnke

**January 10** Michael Herrmann Elfie Jahnke Kat Tomaszewski

January 12 Rick Engstrom David Hansen



January 19 Rhonda Himes

January 22 Michael Lang Elsa Phillips

January 25 Pamela Nowak

January 28 Jerry Charter

January 29 Madelyn Boyd

**January 30** Judy Dorr Adam Urlaub



Anniversaries of Baptism

January 1 Jessica Timm

**January 5** Ava Lappan

January 6 Anna-Marie Struble

**January 7** Douglas Chroninger Olivia Haske

January 17 Erika Nicholls

January 18 Nancy Stachnik





**January 19** Sandra Malaski Meredith Smith

January 20 Matthew Freel

January 21 Kasandra McInerney Ricky Slater

January 24 Brody Nowak

January 25 Lisa McIntosh

January 30 Hannah Matzke Erin McCourt

**January 31** Brent Welch



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#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

#### Sunday – 28th

9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am **Choir Practice** Sunday School Worship Adult Ed - Lounge

#### Monday - 29th

8am-noon

9:00 am

11:00 am

6:15 pm

Church Office Open

#### **Tuesday - 30th** 8am-noon

Church Office Open Sewing/Quilting Pastor's Text Study Friends of Alpena County Animal Control - Hall

#### Wednesday - 31st

8am-noon 6:00 pm

Church Office Open **Bell Choir Practice** 

Church Office Open

Thursday - 1st 8am-noon

Church Office Open Friday - 2nd

8am-noon

Saturday - 3rd 5:00 pm

Worship

#### Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

#### **SERVING JANUARY 27/28**

<b>Iinisters</b>
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Iusic DirectorClaire Schreiber
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
ector Mike Urlaub
Communion Asst Joe Gentry, Wayne Lewis
<b>Ushers</b> . Wayne & Chris Christopherson (Sun.)
Joel Fraley, Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild Arlis St. Charles (Set Up)
Joe & Dawn Gentry (Clean Up)
ivestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
CountersGary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour Dale & Pat Schultz

#### **SERVING FEBRUARY 3/4**

Ministers	God's People	
Pastor R	ev. Tom Orth	
Music DirectorCla	aire Schreiber	
Recorded AccompanimentKat	Tomaszewski	
Lector Ci	ndy Domrase	
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson		
UshersMatt, Everett & Oliva	Haske (Sun.)	
Wayne		
GreetersDale	& Pat Schultz	
Altar Guild Arlis St. C.	harles (Set Up)	
Nancy Platt, Brandi St	tone (Clean Up)	
Livestream Team Dawn A	Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble		
Counters Wayne & Chris Ch	ristopherson,	
Darlene Freel		
Coffee Hour Jeff &	Sandy Welch	

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