Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 10 & 11, 2023



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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 "Let Us Break Bread" Bell Choir

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(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.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

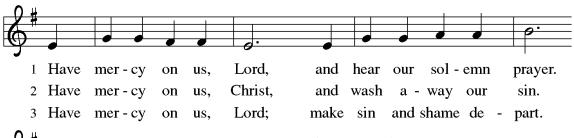
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE



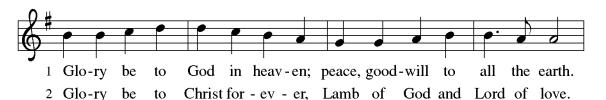


hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. We come to out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Pour Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

to



2 Glo-ry be now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to 3 Ho-ly One we you we call;



cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of Might-y God of all sur - pass - ing worth: of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know;

keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave vou." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

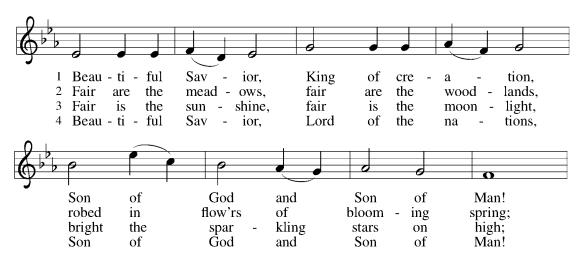
P: The Gospel of Our Lord.C: Praise to You, O Christ.

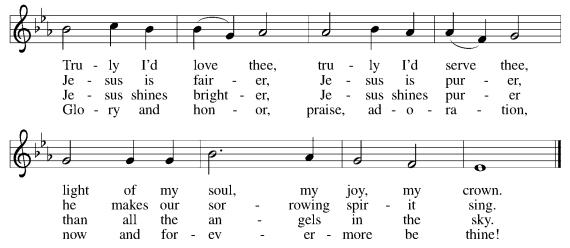
HOMILY

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HYMN OF THE DAY "Beautiful Savior"

R838





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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.

MEAL 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:



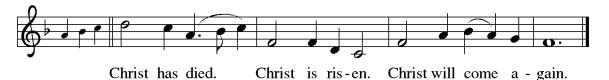




EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

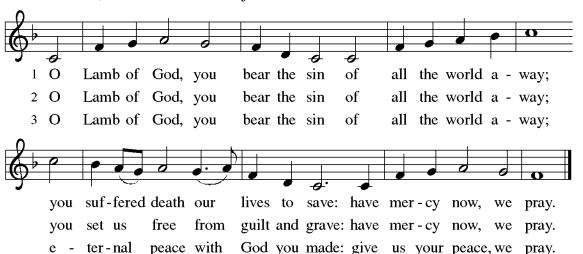
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

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.

SENDING HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light"

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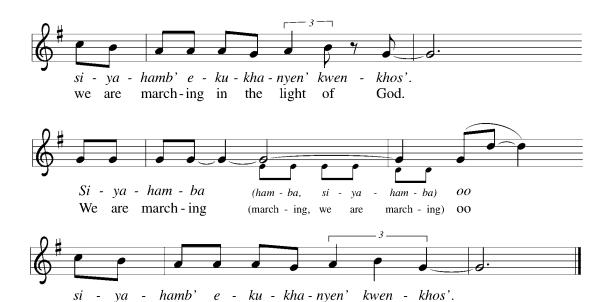


Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the









Additional stanzas ad lib.:

are

We are dancing ...

we

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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march - ing

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God.

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, 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. We also remember the family of Arlene Bettega, who passed away on January 28th.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Trinity Episcopal Church Women at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Victory Trinity Lutheran Church/Ludington, Rev. Ron Iris, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.



Congratulations to Claire Schreiber & Don Witt On Your Marriage

God's blessings and best wishes to Claire and Don as they are married next weekend.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of
Ed & Elfie Jahnke's Wedding Anniversary
and
Eleanor Coddington's Birthday
given by
Cindy Domrase and Charlotte Werth

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION—FEBRUARY 10 & 11

We are collecting from the congregation for the Little Food Pantry. Especially needed right now are <u>baby food</u>, <u>cereals</u>, <u>loaves of bread and jam</u>, <u>small soaps and</u> <u>shampoos (hotel/motel size)</u>, 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.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14TH

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

CATECHISM CLASSES STARTING UP

Want to help our youth continue to grow their faith? Join the Catechism Team as classes begin. See Pastor Tom for more info.

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.

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements are available to be picked up in the Office Lobby. If you would like yours mailed or emailed, please contact the Church Office at 989.354.2640.

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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 11TH

We will not have Sunday School on Sunday, February 11. We will resume February 18.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SING WITH THE COMMUNITY

You are invited to sing with the Community Choir for the ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service on March 29th. Rehearsals will be held at 7 p.m. on March 7 and March 14 at First Congregational UCC, and 7 p.m. on March 21 and 11:15 a.m. on March 29 at First United Methodist Church on Ripley for a final run-through. Any questions call Kat Tomaszewski at 989.255.8750 or Sandy Jarmuzewski at 989.255.7894.



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

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - GIFTS OF LOVE - ON THE FARM

During the Lenten Season, Grace will be participating in the LWR Gifts of Love On the Farm program. We will be collecting funds to donate various farm animals and farming seeds through Lutheran World Relief. Information will be available in the coming week on how to donate and the farm animals that will be given as gifts from our congregation. Thank you for making a Christ-like difference in our world!

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.



Anniversaries of **Baptism**

February 3

February 5

Darlene Freel

Judith Douglas

Thomas Lappan

February 12



February 22 Joseph Gentry

February 23 Mitchell Agius Judy Black Laura Thompson

February 13 February 24 Stephanie Adamski Kenda Yochum

February 16 Alexandra Priebe

February 19 Rhonda Himes Cody Suszek

Steven Lappan

February 25 Gracelyn Gohlke

February 26 Kurt Smith

February 27 Matthew Haske Birthdavs

February 2 Brianna Himes Charles McKay

February 3 Alexandra Priebe

February 4 Kathryn Reynolds

February 5 Eleanor Coddington Kurt Smith

February 6 Stephanie Ihnat Bob Stacey

February 7 Jeremy Jacobs

February 10 Kaitlyn Schultz Tracey Urlaub

February 15 Matthew Haske Cheryl Werblow

February 18 Joel Suszek

February 19 Jon Carr Michael Dekett Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

February 20 Maggie O'Connor

February 22 Mary Rowader

February 24 Barb Werle

February 27 Joshua Engstrom

February 28 Astrid Fitzpatrick



 $Wedding_{\star}Anniversaries$

2nd 12th 16th Gerald & Barbara Mudge Edward & Elvira Jahnke Gene & Cynthia Domrase

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday – 11th 9:00 am	Choir Practice NO Sunday School Today Worship
7.50 am	Worship
Monday - 12th 8am-noon	Church Office Open
Tuesday - 13th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday - 14th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
5:30 pm	Combined Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - 15th

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

8am-noon Church Office Open

Friday - 16th 8am-noon

Church Office Open

Soup Supper &

Grace Lutheran

Ash Wednesday Worship -

<u>Saturday - 17th</u>

5:00 pm Worship

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

SERVING FEBRUARY 10/11

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Downs
Music Director	Claire Schreiber
Recorded Acco	mpanimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector	Corinne Fraley
Comm. Asst V	Wayne & Chris Christopherson
UshersMatt	, Everett & Oliva Haske (Sun.)
	Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
Altar Guild	Arlis St. Charles (Set Up)
Nanc	ey Platt, Brandi Stone (Clean Up)
Livestream Tea	m Dawn Anderson, Jan
Char	ter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters W	Vayne & Chris Christopherson,
	Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour	Rick & Sharon Engstrom
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SERVING FEBRUARY 17/18

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski
Lector Anne Gentry
Comm. Asst Wayne & Chris Christopherson
UshersMatt, Everett & Oliva Haske (Sun.)
Wayne Lewis (Sat.)
Greeters Cindy Domrase, Mary Rowader
Altar GuildArlis St. Charles (Set Up)
Nancy Platt, Brandi Stone (Clean Up)
Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson,
Darlene Freel
Coffee Hour Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

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