



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship

P—Pastor **C**—Congregation **L**—Leader

PRELUDE: (7:00pm/8:00am) “Improvisation”Daniel Schwandt
(10:30am) “Darkness in the Midst of the Storm”Mary Lou Fast
Trinity Ringers

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

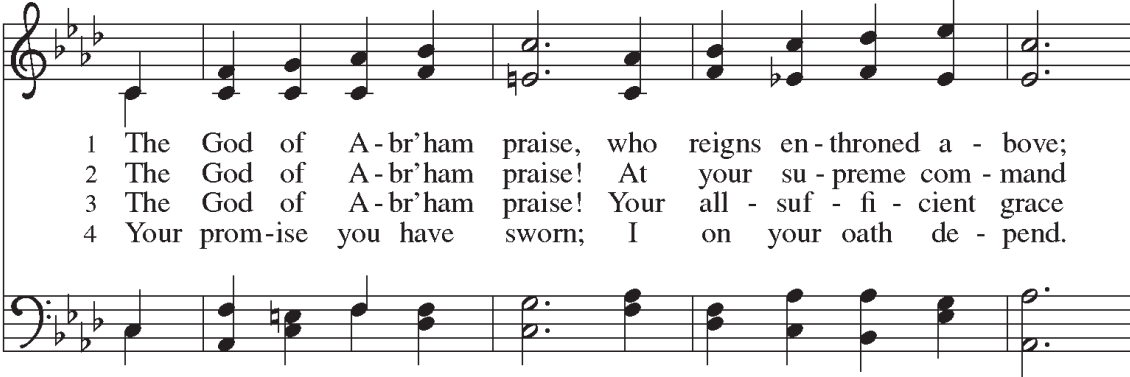
P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.Amen.

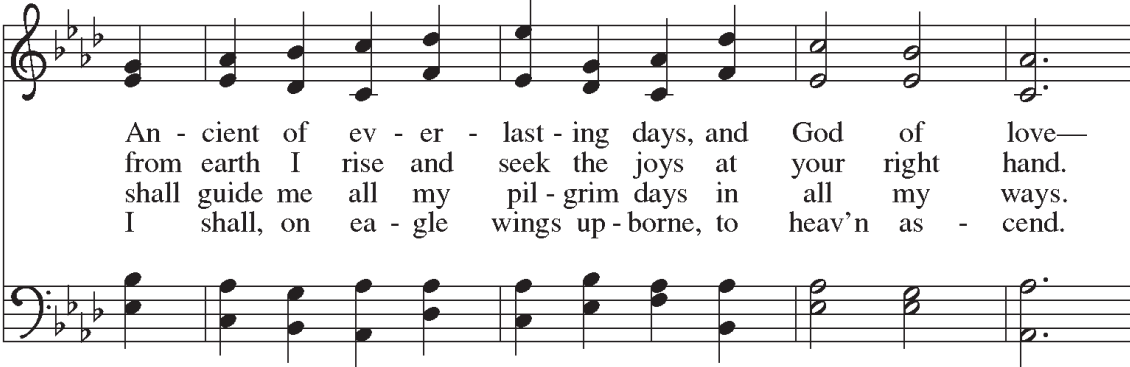
P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.


GATHERING HYMN: ELW 831, "The God of Abraham Praise".....YIGDAL



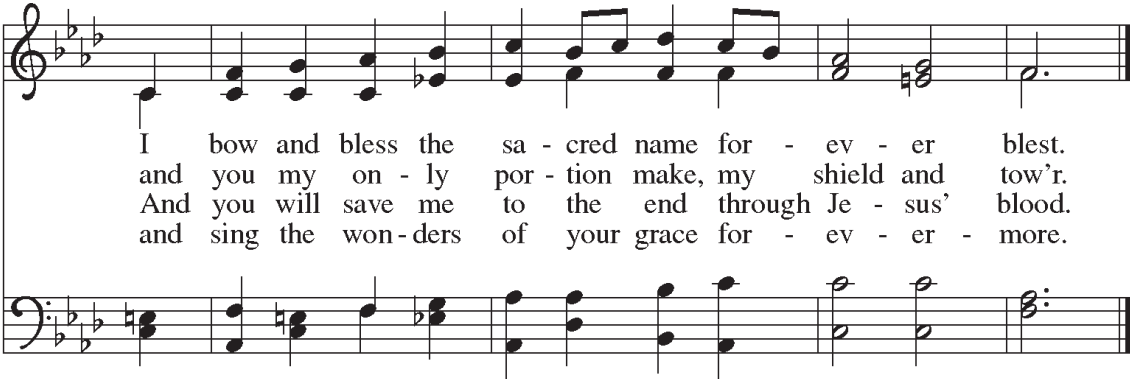
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,



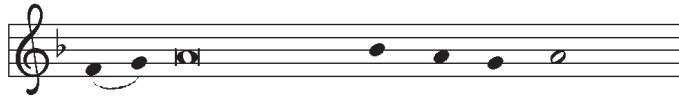
I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

GREETING

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

KYRIE (10:30am)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



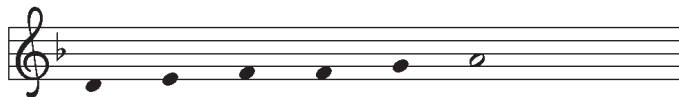
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING.....Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵God brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to Abram, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹God said, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

(7pm/8am) All are invited to recite the verses together.

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.
- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.
- ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.
- ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord!

PSALM 27 (10:30am) “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation”John Rutter
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid, and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in this his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
Therefore, will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy on me, and hear me. My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

SECOND READING.....Philippians 3:17–4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (7:00pm/8:00am) *Sung once by all.*

(10:30am) *All are invited to sing the acclamation; the choir will sing the verse, and all may repeat the acclamation.*



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Choir The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Acclamation

HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON.....Pastor Zandstra

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 613, "Thy Holy Wings"BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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NICENE 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.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs . . .
- ☐ Lord in your mercy,
- ☑ **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

People greet each other saying: “Peace be with you.”

(10:30am) Please be seated.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “All Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Spring”G. F. Handel Youth Choir

All who are thirsty, come to the spring which shall never run dry. Drink deep of the spring of eternal life. Come to the spring, the Word of God. Drink deep of the spring of eternal life, which is the living Word of God.

(10:30am) Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- ☐ 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ☐ 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.**

☐ Maternal God, you long to gather your children as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. You have made the descendants of Abraham as many as the stars in the sky and the sands in the desert; and in your great mercy you have made us, too, children of your blessed unbreakable covenant. In Jesus you came among us in grace and truth; in his death we showed the depth of our departure from your ways; in his resurrection you demonstrate that nothing is impossible with you. And so we gather at your table like angels at your throne, joining the archangels as they continually sing anthem of heavenly praise:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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

P God our salvation, you have made us a people for your own possession, and we become yours as you become ours in the sharing of this meal of bread and cup. Send down your Holy Spirit, that these tokens of earthly sustenance and heavenly joy may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, In the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P God our stronghold, as we walk this Lenten journey through the wilderness with you, make this eternal food enough to feed us through times of uncertainty and fear. Soften in us the impulse of greed, that, as we share the bread of life, we may continue to understand the word “enough.” Shape our hearts to long for that day when you gather your children to yourself, and inspire us to make all who are created in your image our companions at this and other tables, until the day when all our hungers are satisfied and every friendship is fulfilled in the company of your Holy Trinity, through whom, and with whom, and in whom all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

C 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.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy

on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN: LBW 436, "All Who Love and Serve Your City"BIRABUS



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near his friends who
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
 treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."
 spurn him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
 glo - ry; be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982
 Music: BIRABUS, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- ☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our rock in a weary land.
- ☑ Amen.

BLESSING

- ☐ Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
 walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
 walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
 walk in faith, knowing + Christ walks with you.
- ☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 618, "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer".....CWM RHONDDA

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

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Praeludium in E minor”Nicolaus Bruhns

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- + Pastor Erdos, Celebrant
- + Deacon Lasits, Intercessor
- + Daniel Schwandt, Organist
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- + (10:30am) Chancel Choir; Robert Hobby, Director
- + (10:30am) Gavin Arnold, Clarinet
- + (8:00am) Patricia Menge, (10:30am) David Daugherty; Readers
- + Connie Ault, Jerry Hertenstein, Cyndy O’Brien; Communion Assistants
- + Special thanks to today’s Ushers, Altar Guild, Crucifer, Video and Audio Production Crew.

ALTAR FLOWERS IN THE NAVE: The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God. In celebration of Anne Steckbeck-Just 64th Birthday, beloved daughter of Barbara Steckbeck-Mansfield. In loving memory of Bill Redmaster by wife, Sandra and his Family. In loving memory of husband, Tom Whelchel by wife, Rosie Whelchel and daughters Cindy and Rose.

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