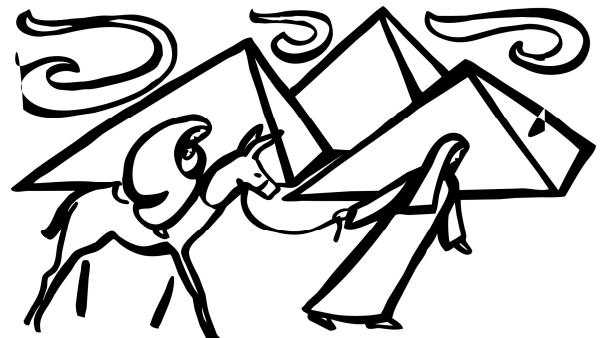


Sunday, January 11, 2025
The First Sunday after Epiphany

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:30am: Downtown
401 Fifth Street N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge our sin
trusting in the steadfast love of God.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.
We cry out, weary with the burdens
of violence, oppression, and fear.
Be born in us today and every day
and teach us to sing of your salvation. Amen.**

The birth of Christ reconciles all of creation. \ddagger
Your sins are forgiven.
God's grace flows over you.
Let us rejoice and be glad!
Thanks be to God!



GATHERING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the - e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879



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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior in all their distress. ⁹ It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 148

The choir will sing the refrain once as introduction and the congregation will repeat it; then all will sing it when indicated by "R"

The splen - dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav-en.

¹ *Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.*

² *Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.*

³ *Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.*

⁴ *Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.*

⁵ *Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,*

⁶ *who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. R*



The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav-en.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² young men and maidens, old and young together. R

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah! R



SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:

Choir: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

Congregation repeats "Alleluia"



GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ After the magi had left Bethlehem, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY *Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning*

ELW 1060



1 Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the night;
2 Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing safe - ty, flee - ing strife,
3 Give us, God, such faith and cour - age when we move from place to place,



val - iant Mar - y, maid - en moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for flight:
leav - ing house and land and kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life;
and to those who come a - mong us, make us chan - nels of your grace.



thus the Christ - child's fam - ly lived out what the proph - et had fore - told,
through the des -ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they went,
Let us see in ev - 'ry strang - er ref - u - gees from Beth - le - hem,



that he might be called from E - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.
guid - ed by God's prom - ised pres - ence, by that trust made con - fi - dent.
help us of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: PLEADING SAVIOR, J. Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

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THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by Christ, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

We commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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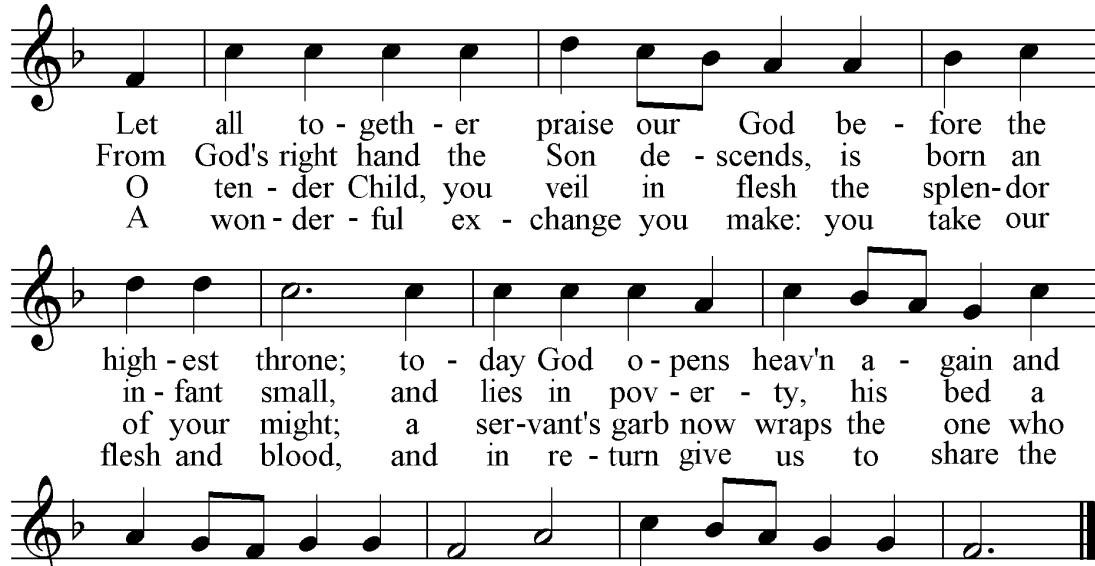


THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

ELW 287

OFFERTORY HYMN *Let All Together Praise Our God*



Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen- dor
 A won - der - ful ex - change you make: you take our

high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser-vant's garb now wraps the one who
 flesh and blood, and in re - turn give us to share the

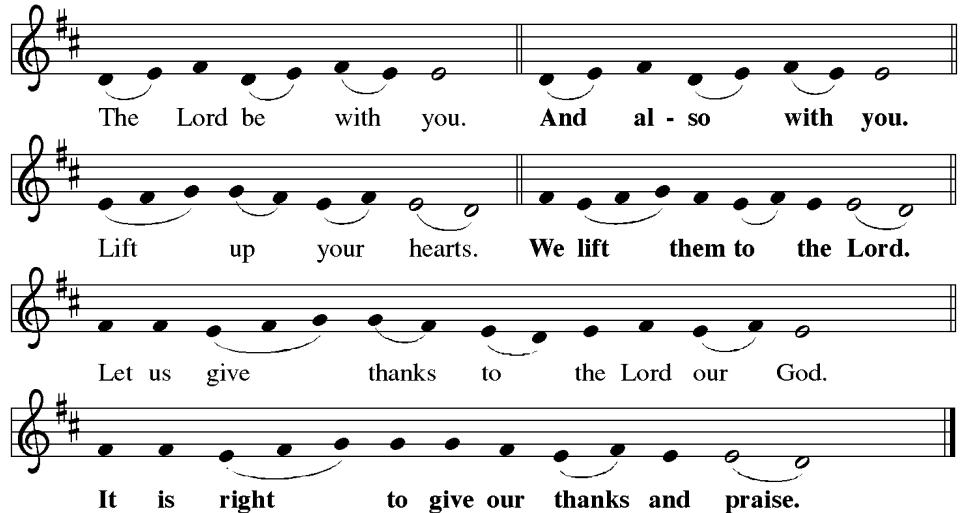
sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 shi - ning realm of God, the shi - ning realm of God.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561; tr. hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress
 Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman

OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

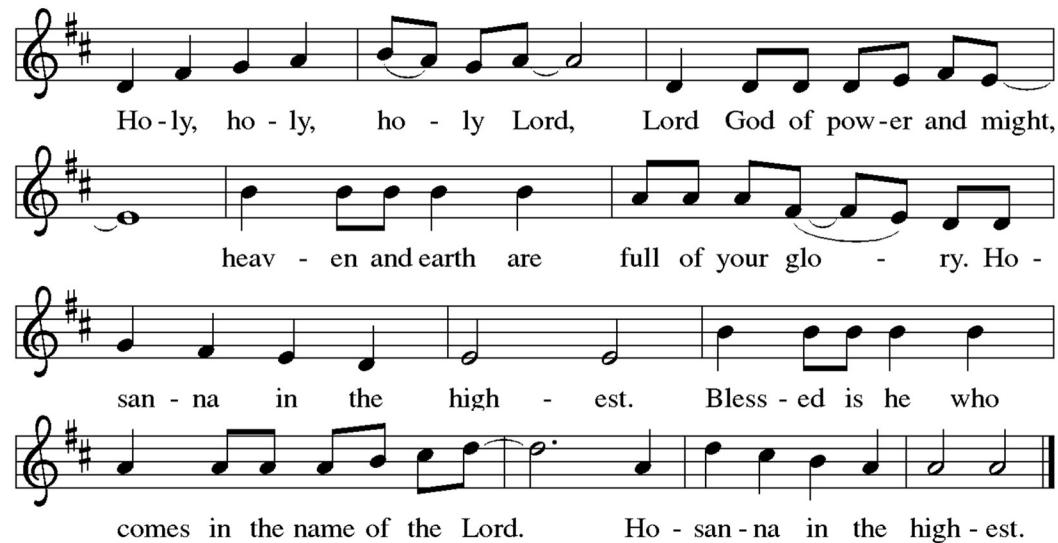
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

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

heav - en 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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



THE 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

God in flesh is now appearing.

Come to the feast of joy!



LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Incarnate God,
may we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us. **Amen.**



BLESSING

May almighty God, glorious Mystery,
Word made flesh, abiding Comforter, \pm
bless you with grace, peace, and joy
today and always. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *Love Has Come*

ELW 292

1 Love has come—a light in the dark-ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won-der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev-er will leave us! Love is life ev-er -

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy!

Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE

[Livestream ends]



After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation

Thank you to those serving this month: (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Service	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
01/04	10:30 (DT)	Ruth Kinsey	Gary Bartelt, Violet Prepost
01/11	10:30 (DT)	Lou Carter	Ruth Kinsey, Margarita Rodriguez
01/18	10:30 (ML)	Gary Bartelt	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon
01/25	10:30 (ML)	Suzanne Bohning	Frances Guido, Aimée Fox

Birthdays this week:

01/12 - Sandra Smith
01/17 - Brenden Hall

Anniversaries this week:

None

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (01/11)

12:15pm - Band of Angels Meeting

12:15pm - DT Facility Tour

Monday (01/12)

5:30pm - Jerry Guidice Umpire Trng (CommUNITY Rm)

Tuesday (01/13)

(No scheduled activities)

Wednesday (01/14)

11:30am - Community Meal (DT 3rd Floor)

6:00pm - Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

Thursday (01/15)

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm - Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

Friday (01/16)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm - Film & Faith (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (01/17)

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: We continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

The Quilting Group is asking for donations of clean flat (not fitted) sheets--all sizes.

Sunday Morning Education Hour: Coming soon! Pastor Paul is looking forward to expanding our Sunday morning activities to include an "All-Ages Education Hour" after worship and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information!

Grief Support Gatherings: Another opportunity for sharing and supporting one another, we are planning a series of mid-week Grief Support Gatherings. Copies of a book called "ABCs of Healthy Grieving: A Companion for Everyday Coping" are available for purchase in the church office(s) for \$10. When we gather, we will talk about what we've read and how it impacted us.

Small Groups: Another way for us to get to know each other better! If you would like to be a small group host, let Pr. Paul know!

Film & Faith: This month's movie will be *Selma* in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Joan Barnes	Cecil Miles
Bob Stross	Linda Miles
Frances Guido	Bill Quinn
Jill Boos Martin	Doug Pryor
Pr. Felice Johnson	Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Sally Evans	Leonard
Mary Alice Boller	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Paula Smith	Brian Schutzbach
Vickie Clark	Shakira and family
Luke Mendenhall	Janet Crim
Guy Smith	Pr. Tom Snapp
Joyce Dare	

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Family & friends of Scheryl Hill
Family & Friends of Pollyann Knox
Family & Friends of Terri Jones

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.



Today's Date:

01/11/26

Name and Address

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Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

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