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Looking Ahead

- **February 26** Habitat for Humanity Faith Talk
- **February 28** Church Office Closed
- **March 2** Food Pantry Sunday
- **March 3** Pray & Play
- **March 5** Ash Wednesday Worship
- **March 9** IFF St. Patrick's Party (RSVP by March 2)
- **March 11** Lutheran Day on the Hill in DSM
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 17** Luther Properties Annual Meeting
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 26** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 2** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 9** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **April 14** Pray & Play
- **April 17** Maundy Thursday
- **April 18** Good Friday

Crucifers & Acolytes Needed

Would you be willing to serve an Acolyte and/or Crucifer for the 8:30am service? These are two very easy, yet important parts of our worship service. You can do both at one service or just one. What's Involved: **Acolyte** Light the altar candles before the service and extinguish them after. **Crucifer** Carry the cross (weighs about 20 lb.) to the altar during the procession and back at the end of the service. That's it!



Tuesday March 11

Celebration of LSI's 160 years of Service to Iowa

Habitat for Humanity Faith Talk

Wednesday, February 26 | Noon-1:00pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church (2136 N Brady St, Davenport)

Habitat for Humanity and St. Paul Lutheran are hosting a faith engagement discussion. They are looking for input, insights, and conversation about how Habitat can connect with others across the QC. No more than an hour of your time! Pastor Kirsten plans to attend and would welcome Grace members to attend with her. Let her know if you're interested. *Lunch Provided*

Lutheran Day on the Hill is LSI's biggest advocacy event of the year. Over 150 participants gather at a Des Moines downtown church to learn about critical issues facing Iowa children, adults, and families. After learning about advocacy and LSI's mission in action, the group heads to the Iowa State Capitol to talk directly with legislators.

Go to lsiowa.org/ldh for more information and to register. Watch for details about transportation from the QC if needed. Registration is open through March 5. Pastor Kirsten can answer any questions.

Attend the 10:30am service? There's plenty of time to join us!

It's Food & Fellowship (IFF)
St. Patrick's Party!
Sunday, March 9
11:30am Drinks & Conversation | Noonish Lunch
@ Village Co-op Dining Room (4700 Village Dr, Davenport)

Everyone is welcome and invited to the Grace IFF St. Patrick's Party! Thank you to the Neumann's for arranging the location and to Marilyn Schreiber and Janice Gibbs for hosting. Watch for details about what to bring.

Please RSVP by March 2 to Marilyn 563-340-0350 or Janice 563-332-6791

ImpactLife
Changing The World Together

Each winter, severe weather disrupts blood donations across the region. This year is no different. ImpactLife is counting on our support to ensure the donations will continue.

Those eligible to give (no donations since December 26) can make an appt by calling 563-359-5401 or 800-747-5401.

Those that are *not* eligible are invited to spread the word through social media or by inviting family, friends, an co-workers to give blood. Despite the challenges of winter weather we can make sure no patient goes without blood they need. Our donations make a difference!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 5 • 7:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and marks the beginning of Lent.

Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year to mark an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.



Calendar

Sunday, February 23

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, February 24

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
7:00pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, February 26

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 1

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Healing Worship

Monday, March 3

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer via Zoom

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On-Going Ministries



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: March 5 The Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.



Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: March 11-12 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. The quilts & projects made are donated to the community and LWR. In recent years we have made LWR school bags. Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com or 563-676-0914



Naomi Circle

Next Gathering: March 18 Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com or 563-340-0350.



THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am

Monthly - First Thursdays, 7pm

THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. Pr. Stephanie can answer your questions.



Men's Lunch

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Grace. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.



Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Scan this QR Code for
the February 20
Weekly Update Email



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA is a congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Fantasy on "When Morning Gilds the Skies"..... arr. Dan Edwards

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Trust in the Lord*

Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit † keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies ELW 853

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart awaking cries:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 When evening shadows fall,
 this rings my curfew call:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer
 has none that can compare
 with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

- 3 No lovelier antiphon
 in all high heav'n is known
 than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 There to the eternal Word

the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

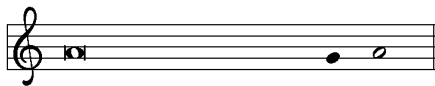
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Greeting

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

In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



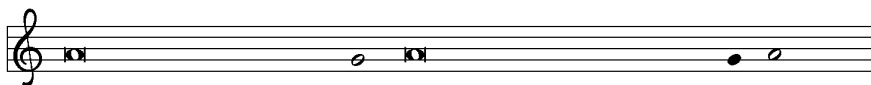
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



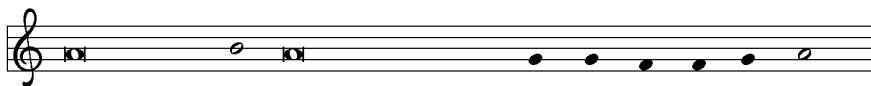
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest ELW p. 148



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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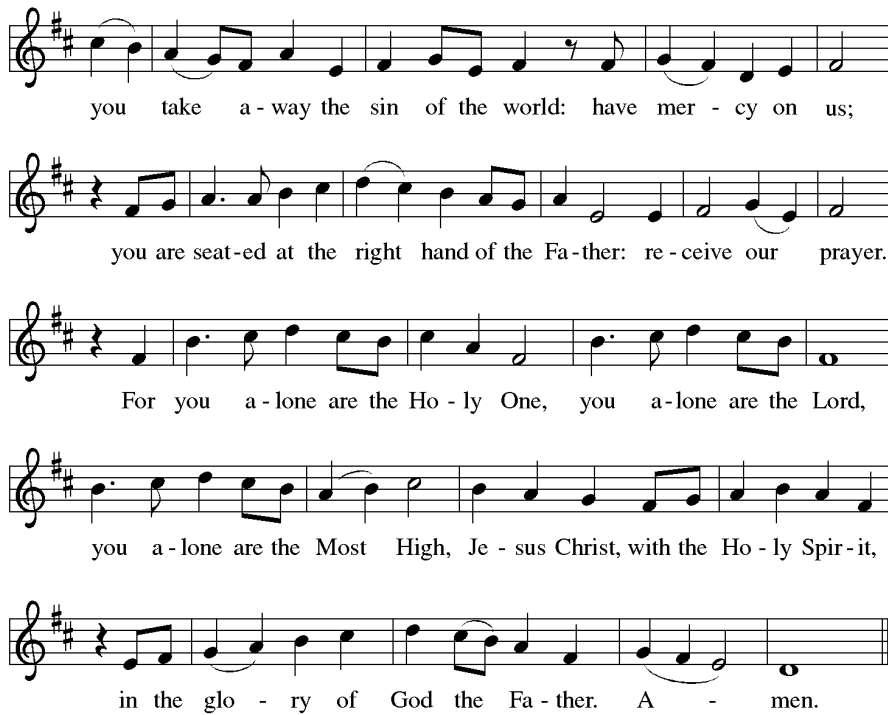
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus,

make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

All the Way My Savior Leads Me..... Words by Fanny J. Crosby, Music by Douglas Nolan

*All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know whatever befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;*

*All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages; Jesus led me all the way.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.
In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151

Holy Gospel | Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

Jesus said: "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone

who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God:
lead us by your light.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering

We bring our gifts for the needs of the poor, the pursuit of justice, the nurturing of community, the honoring of difference, and the goal of the common good. God has given enough gifts for all to be well. By sharing our blessings, we demonstrate faith, trust and love.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering words and music by Dwight Liles

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our
voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an
of - fer - ing.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

Anointing with Oil for Healing and Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God... **Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.**

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Compassionate God... **The strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.**

All-knowing God... **Source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.**

Loving God... **Our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.**

God of great and abundant mercy... **With your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Installation of Council Members

These people have been elected to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)....

....On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Member Response:
I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ † shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW 536

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, (till we meet,
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

Sending

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Rejoice! arr. Franklin Ritter



Junior Bible Study | Today: The Kingdom's Fall

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. *We meet after the children's message at both Sunday services.*

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Sparkhouse Magazines Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.

Serving in Worship

Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Deb Gustafson
Healing Assistants	Deb Gustafson, Colleen Levsen, Janice Gibbs, One NEEDED
Acolyte	Matt Levsen
Crucifer	Matt Levsen
Greeters	Dave & Elizabeth Linde
Ushers	Rod Levsen Sr, Rod Levsen Jr
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten
Sound System	Mike Savely
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Karen Jewel
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Jim & Gloria Lange, Karen Jewel

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