



Looking Ahead

- **May 18** Farewell Reception for Claudia in PBH
- **May 20-23** Medic Training in Grace Parking Lot
- **May 25** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **May 26** Memorial Day - Office Closed
- **May 30** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner Service
- **May 31** IFF Progressive Dinner
- **June 22** Coffee with Council Between Services
- **June 23-27** VBS Day Camp at Trinity, PV
- **June 23-July 3** Annie Vacation
- **July 4** Independence Day, Office Closed
- **July 13 & 20** Coffee with Council Between Services
- **July 27** Special Congregational Meeting
- **August 1** WELCA Ice Cream Social
- **August 29** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **August 31** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 1** Labor Day, Office Closed



Hope at the Brickhouse Friday, May 30

Schedule

- 5:15pm Arrive
- 5:30pm Serve
- 6:30pm Cleanup

A sign-up board is in the Narthex to sign up to bring food and/or help serve. We usually provide and serve dinner for 25 to 30 children and adults. What we need for dinner are three main dishes (Bubble Pizza Biscuit Casserole - recipe provided), along with a fruit/vegetable, a dessert, and a half-gallon of milk. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.

VBS Day Camp!

June 23-27

**For ages 4 thru grade 6
8am-4pm each day**

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
(18137 Criswell St. Bettendorf)

Cost: \$50 (*Registration closes June 1*)

For more info and to register go to [bit.ly/GraceVBS2025](#). Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential. Talk with Pr. Kirsten if you can help!



Birdies for Charity!

Grace Pray & Play is again participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity! It is the only intentional fundraiser we do for Pray and Play, and last year we raised \$1,409.40! The donation deadline is June 30, and there are two ways you can offer your financial support:

- **BY CHECK** - checks must be made out to Birdies for Charity and submitted with the brochure (available in the narthex). You can put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office.
- **ONLINE** - at [birdiesforcharity.com/donate](#). Click on "donate now" and enter **1943** as our charity ID number.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Kirsten. Thank you for your consideration and donation! Any amount will help ensure the future of Pray & Play next year.



Happy 100th Birthday!

Alice Dominacki celebrates 100 on May 27! Her daughter, Patti, is asking for cards to be sent later this month to help Alice celebrate, and you are also invited to attend the birthday party on May 27, 1:30pm. Her address is: The Vistas at Bettendorf, 2500 Grant St, Room 222, Bettendorf, IA 52722.



Graduates

Do you know someone graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to recognize them in worship the first Sunday in June. Please email the office names and photos of students who are graduating, where they're graduating from, and any future plans.

June and July Worship Volunteers

Due to the timing of my vacation in June/July, I will be scheduling both June and July worship volunteers all at once. **Please let me know by Wednesday May 21, of any dates in June or July that you are unable to serve.** As always, plans often change and any trades/replacements can be accommodated each week.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Volunteer sign ups have been emailed, or contact the office if you'd like to sign up. **Here is what we need each day of camp June 23-27:**

- **8:00-9:00am** Ride the bus with the group to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley (will need to arrange a ride home unless you would like to spend the day at camp with us)
- **9:00-11:30am** Small Group Asst (assist group leaders with children)
- **11:00am-1:00pm** Prepare and serve lunch, clean up (Monday & Wednesday only)
- **12:30-3:00pm** Small Group Asst
- **3:00-4:00pm** Ride the bus with the group from Trinity Lutheran Church back to Grace

Sunday, May 18

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
1:30pm Piano Recital (Private Event)

Monday, May 19

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club

Tuesday, May 20

Medic Training - Parking Lot
9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, May 21

Medic Training - Parking Lot
11:00am THE STORY Bible Study
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Narthex
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
6:00pm Spiritual Growth Zoom Meeting

Thursday, May 22

Medic Training - Parking Lot
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, May 23

Medic Training - Parking Lot
Pastor Kirsten Vacation
11:00am Council & Committee Reports Due

Saturday, May 24

Pastor Kirsten Vacation

Sunday, May 25

Pastor Kirsten Vacation
9:30am Joint Worship & Livestream
10:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 26

Pastor Kirsten Vacation
Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

10:00am Pastor's Text Study
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, May 28

11:00am The STORY Bible Study
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

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Thank You Choir!

Thank you to our Heart and Voice Choir for sharing their beautiful gift of song with us each week! Today is their last Sunday until September!



Last Day of JBS

Today is the last day of JBS for this school year.

We are grateful for everyone who has shared their time to make this important ministry possible. The time is filled with holy and joyful moments shared between the children and adults. We will offer a blessing to everyone who has helped during worship.



Booklet Directories

Booklet-style member directories are done and available in the narthex. More can be printed and I'm happy to pop one in the mail to you if you prefer. Please let the office know of any directory changes or updates as they arise to help us keep our database current.



Naomi Circle

Next Gathering: May 20 Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September - May, 9:00am at church for Bible study. Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com 563-340-0350.



Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: May 21 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: June 10 and 11 Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.



Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: June 21 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **June Book:** *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** TBD



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).



THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am

Monthly - First Thursdays, 7pm

Understand God's Word and powerfully engage 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 VanderVeer Park. 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.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

Fugue in D Minor..... Johann Pachelbel

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Love One Another*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Soli Deo Gloria..... ELW 878

- 1 O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!
- 2 All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your gospel call:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!
- 3 All praise for music, deep gift profound,
through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

4 All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace,
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

5 A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

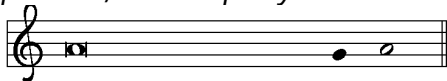
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Greeting

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. 147-148



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,

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


This is the Feast.....ELW p. 149-150

Refrain
Assisting minister




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.


All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us




free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and




strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Praise to God, Immortal Praise Words by Anna L. Barbauld 1772, Music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ!
All to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.*

*All that spring with bounteous hand scatters over the smiling land.
All the plenty summer pours; autumn's rich overflowing stores.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blest, may we give thee of our best.
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies, grateful prove.*

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ!
All to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.
Singing thus through all our days, singing praise to God, immortal praise!*

Children's Message

First Reading | Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

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

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

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

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

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

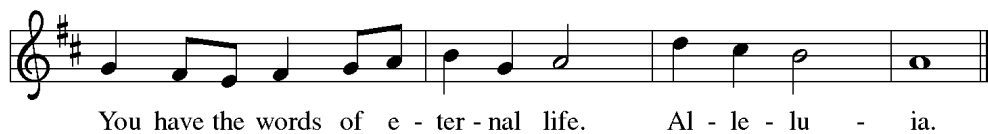
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose
splendor is over earth and heaven.

**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!**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel | John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Around You, O Lord Jesus..... ELW 468

- 1 Around you, O Lord Jesus,
 your own you gather still
 to share the feast you give us
 with grace our lives to fill.
 You say to us so lovingly,
 "Take, eat! This is my body!
 Take, drink! This is my blood!"
- 2 We hear your invitation,
 and heed, O Lord, your call;
 your word of consolation
 is spoken here to all.
 It draws us to your loving heart;
 it brings to us your blessing,
 which never will depart.
- 3 We are your own forever;
 until our final breath
 we will be true and never
 in joy, in grief, in death
 depart from you, for you are still

among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.

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Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the 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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

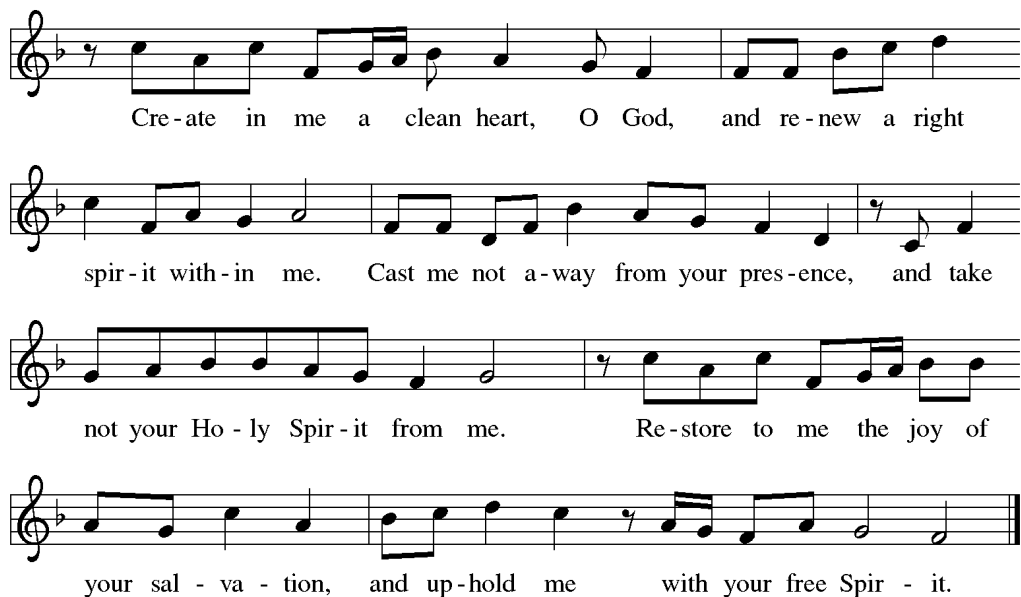
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Call to Offering

We honor the many ways you guide us to be witnesses in the world towards justice. Let's commit to sharing our time and resources generously, fostering relationships that can help us create a new world and a transformed community.

Offering Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart..... ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The 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 God thanks and praise.

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God ELW p. 154



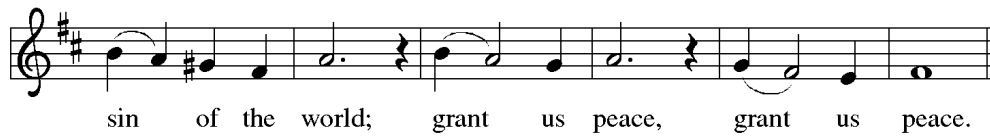
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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



Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation..... ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
 What more can he say than to you he has said
 who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
 my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
 The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
 your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
 my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Sending

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation..... arranged by Terry Kirkland



Junior Bible Study | Today: End of Year Celebration!

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. 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

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| Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry | Pastor Kirsten Lee |
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| Crucifer | Denise Eads |
| Greeters | Jackie Cain, Kathy Higgins |
| Ushers | Adolfo Alejo, Dean Rock |
| Jr Bible Study | Pastor Kirsten, Denise Eads |
| Sound System | Russ Finkler |
| Prayers | Sundays & Seasons |
| Altar Guild | Mike Keller |
| Heart & Voice Choir Director | Sally Meier |
| Organist | Susan Senn |
| Pianist | Kathi Parrish |
| Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader | Vey Rodriguez |
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