



# Looking Ahead

- **February 12-15** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **February 13** Immigration Forum
- **February 18** Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
- **February 22** Quilters Clearance Sale
- **February 25** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **February 26** Lutheran Day on the Hill
- **March 1** Food Pantry Sunday
- **March 4** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 8** Daylight Savings! ☀
- **March 11** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 18** Midweek Lenten Worship
- **March 25** Midweek Lenten Worhsip

## Lutheran Day on the Hill



Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending **Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on Thursday, February 26**. Pr. Stephanie or Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions you may have, and rideshares may be possible.

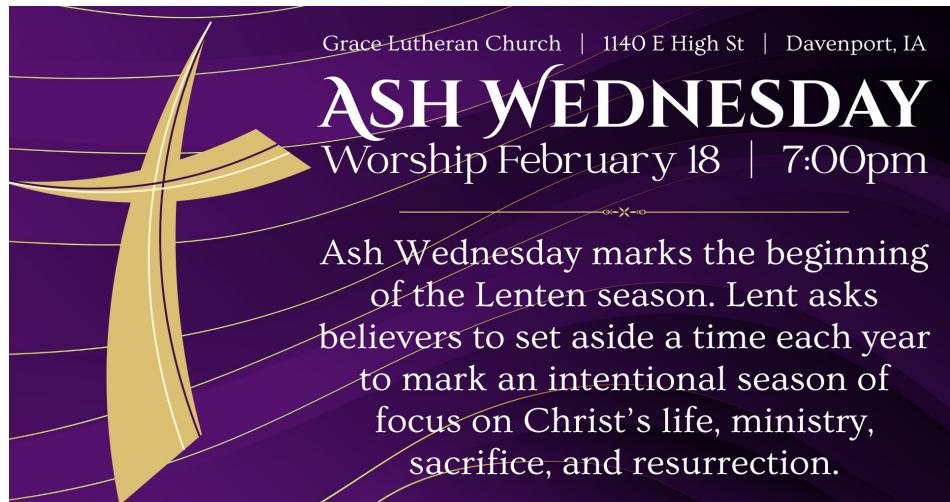
Registration is now open! This free event, is open to anyone who wants to learn more about citizen advocacy and engage with issues impacting our communities. Visit [LSlowa.org/LDH](http://LSlowa.org/LDH) for info about these issues and to register. This year's legislative focus includes:

**Food Insecurity** Invest in farmer education and local food markets to promote sustainable food systems.

**Iowa's Mental Health System** By fostering a more inclusive mental health system that prioritizes equity and accessibility, Iowa can pave the way for a brighter, healthier future for all its residents.

**Refugees** We must continue to invest in the community services that support new Iowans with skills, education, and training to leverage their skills and entrepreneurship in Iowa communities.

**Large Print Bulletins** by request - ask an usher.



### Items we are collecting (any brand is welcome):

• Jars of Spaghetti sauce (please no glass jars)	• canned soup w/ meat	• single-serve applesauce
• pasta or spaghetti	• canned green beans	• oatmeal packets
• box macaroni & cheese	• canned corn	• single-serve cereal
• canned tuna	• canned fruit (pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, etc.)	• granola/protein bars
• canned chicken		• peanut butter sandwich crackers





## Pray & Play Helpers

Our wonderful helpers at Pray & Play are vital to the program's success. You can volunteer for as little or as long a time as you'd like, and helpers are needed both on-site with the kids or behind the scenes (like preparing snacks/lunch, wiping tables, clean up, etc.).

**Spring dates are: February 2, April 6, and June 1**, and Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.

### Sunday, February 15

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:30am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

### Monday, February 16

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer  
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club

### Tuesday, February 17

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

### Wednesday, February 18

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group  
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH  
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship**

### Thursday, February 19

12:00pm Council/Committee Reports Due

### Friday, February 20

### Saturday, February 21

8:30am Page Turners  
1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 22

8:30am Healing Worship & Livestream  
9:00am Quilter's Clearance Sale  
9:30am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Healing Worship

### Monday, February 23

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

### Tuesday, February 24

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

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## New Office Hours

Our new office hours are now in effect: 8:30am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday (same as before) and **Closed Fridays**. If you have an event on a Friday, please contact the office beforehand to schedule a pick up for a building key.



## Coffee Hour Hosts

New this month! Sign up at the coffee kiosk to be a host in February. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks - or all three if you wish. Anyone is welcome to help out, and we'd love to see some new volunteers hosting on Sunday morning.

## 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).

## Men's Lunch Group

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

## Naomi Circle

**Next Mtg: Tues, Feb 17, 9am** Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us!

## Grief Support Group

**Next Meeting: February 18** Grief Support Group meets the first & third Wednesdays of the month **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

## Page Turners Book Group

**Next Meeting: February 21** New Year's resolution - read more books! 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). **February Book:** *We Are All Guilty Here: a Novel* by Karin Slaughter **Host:** Sally Haugen 563-514-9335  
**Location:** Valley Country Café (24487 Valley Dr, Bettendorf)

## Service Day Quilters

**Next Meeting Dates: March 10 & 11 | 9am-Noon**

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

## Knit/Crochet Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help knit and/or crochet our prayer shawls, baby blankets, and prayer squares. You are free to work on these projects at home on your own time, and we have patterns available to share. Please consider joining us to supply these items for outreach from our congregation. Please contact Sherry McCarty [crosseyed26@mchsi.com](mailto:crosseyed26@mchsi.com) or Chryss Hartman [CandM61877@aol.com](mailto:CandM61877@aol.com) to access pattern information. **We need your help to continue this ministry!**



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



# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa  
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

## Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

\*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

## Prelude

*They'll Know We Are Christians* ..... Peter Schotes, arr. Lyndell Leatherman

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Heart & Voice Choir** *Holy God*

## 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\***

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!.....* ELW 315

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past  
and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified  
and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,  
we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright  
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

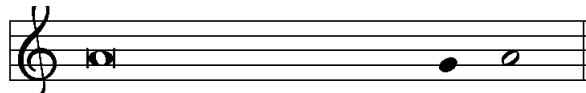
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## Greeting\*

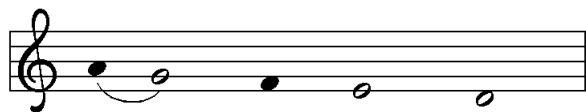
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Kyrie\*

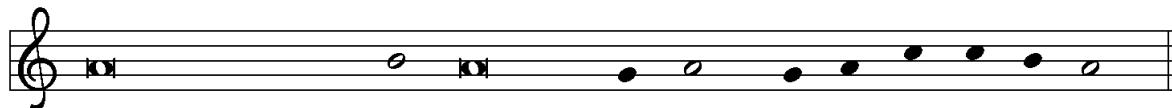
*In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord* ..... ELW p. 147



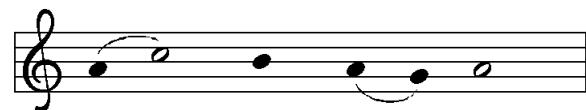
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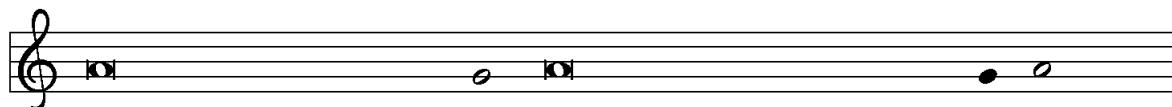
Lord, have mer - cy.



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\*

*This is the Feast* ..... ELW p. 149

*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 victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the

hymn of all creation: 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 victory 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 God,

**in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through 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

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....* Traditional, arr. by Patrick M. Liebergen

*Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your name proclaim, all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising.  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord. Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*All creation join the praise, hail the mighty Lord with singing.  
Joyful songs to God we raise, let all hear the voices ringing.  
See the light of God on high. Praise the Lord, now join the cry.*

*Glory be to God above. Thanks we give in celebration.  
Praise the Lord, the King of love. Come before the Lord of creation.  
God almighty, we adore. Sing with praise forevermore!*

## Children's Message

## Scripture Reading | Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So, Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them”.

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days;

on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?**

"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me,

"You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden**

**blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## Gospel Acclamation\*

Alleluia ..... ELW p. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel\* | Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day\*

*Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair.....* ELW 316

- 1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair  
of glory that the church may share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun he glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
the'incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
and from the cloud, the Holy One  
says, "This is my beloved Son."
- 3 With shining face and bright array,  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above  
who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vision's mystery;  
for which in joyful song we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- 5 O Father, with the'eternal Son,  
and Holy Spirit, ever one,  
we pray you, bring us by your grace  
to see your glory face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## 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\*

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.**

## Peace\* *(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)*

We give generously and lovingly to support the ministry of the gospel - loving our neighbors as ourselves through sharing the abundant gifts of God. Let our offering be simple and true: open hands, willing hearts, and commitment to our shared life.

## Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering ..... ELW 692

- 1     We lift our voices  
      We lift our hands  
      We lift our lives up to you:  
      We are an offering.
  
- 2     Lord, use our voices  
      Lord, use our hands  
      Lord, use our lives, they are yours:  
      We are an offering

- 3 All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to you, we give to you.
  
- 4 We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering, We are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of majesty,

**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1) ..... ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

## Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Prayer After Communion\*

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing\*

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise **†** bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn\*

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness .....* ELW 318

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;  
here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.
- 4 In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## Sending\*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Rejoice!* ..... Franklin Ritter, Tune: Marion



**Junior Bible Study | Valentine's Day Craft (10:30am only)** Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. During Lent, we will be learning about communion during our JBS time. The kids will learn what is communion and why we receive communion during worship. This time will take the place of a first communion class. If you have a child who you feel is ready to take communion, please speak with either one of the pastors for more info.

**Interested in Joining Grace?** Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto: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.

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## Serving in Worship

<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Deb Gustafson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deb Gustafson, Russ Finkler, Hollie Swain, Nancy Boehme
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Hollie Swain
<b>Acolyte &amp; Crucifer</b>	Matt Levsen
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Sue Cruchelow
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Boehme, Scott Jewel
<b>Jr Bible Study</b>	No JBS at the 8:30am service
<b>Sound System</b>	Russ Finkler
<b>Prayers</b>	Sundays & Seasons
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Cain
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b>	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b>	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Vicki Liebbe, Nancy Boehme

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