

Looking Ahead

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- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp
- **June 22-July 3** Annie Vacation

Large Print Bulletins by request - ask an usher.

FIRST COMMUNION April 19

George DaRosa and Jayci Jones will receive First Communion today during worship. As they take this important step in their faith journey, may they always be blessed with the warmth of God's love in their heart.



Life & Legacy Series

Grace Lutheran Church
1140 E High St, Davenport

10:45am - 12:00pm
Thursdays in May

- ✓ How does one choose an independent living community?
- ✓ What are the legal pieces I need to best prepare for retirement?
- ✓ How do I create and leave a legacy?

These are just a few of the questions we all seek to understand as we grow older. Our guest speakers will address these and other topics and offer time for questions and answers. There is no cost to attend the classes, and light refreshments will be served.

Topics include: downsizing, mental healthcare, endowment legacies, funeral planning, and more.

Please join us and invite a friend!

To register: scan the QR Code, go to bit.ly/LLMay2026, or call 563-322-0769. You may attend any or all classes.



Coffee with Council

Sunday, May 3 | Between Services

Please join members of council for coffee and conversation between services. Get an update on the budget, learn more about our listening campaign, share your observations, questions, and concerns.

Pictures into Memories

Mother's Day Edition
May 10 | Between Services

Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services on May 10. Bring a picture of your mother and a story to share. (Or bring any other prized picture, if you'd rather.) Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let precious memories get lost.



VBS Day Camp!

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19

For ages four through grade six

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

Cost: \$40 before April 15 (\$50 after April 15) Registration closes June 1



Grace kids will take a bus from Grace to Trinity each day, and staff from Camp Ewalu will lead the kids in our own local camp experience with crafts, games, music, and more! Register online at bit.ly/GraceVBS2026. Contact Pastor Kirsten for more info. Financial assistance is available and your request is confidential.

Sunday, April 19

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

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

9:30am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 22

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

11:30am Safer Sack Lunches Delivered
12:00pm Council/Committee Reports Due
1:00pm Prayer Group

Friday, April 24

6:00pm Confirmation Lock-in at St. James

Saturday, April 25

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
6:00pm Listener's Check in
7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, April 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, April 29

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

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the current
Weekly
Update email



Grace and St. James
are partnering for
an epic night of fun!

All youth and
kids welcome!

Confirmation Lock-in!

Friday, April 24 to Saturday, April 25
@ St. James Lutheran Church (1705 Oak St, Bettendorf)

Join our confirmation students for games, pizza, & worship
Younger kids can join until 9pm (or earlier)
Volunteers welcomed! Contact Pastor Kirsten for more info

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 Meeting: Tues, April 21, 9:30-11am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September thru May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! **Contact:** Nancy Boehme 563-320-6203

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: May 6 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: May 12 & 13 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home cutting squares, sewing, finishing, etc. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langej1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: May 16 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). **May Book:** *Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci
Host: Gloria Lange 563-332-7170 **Location:** TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Sign up at the coffee counter to be a host for coffee hour. You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. Maybe you'd like to celebrate an anniversary, a birthday, or any special occasion. *Anyone is welcome to help out - and we can show you how the coffee pots work, where the supplies are kept, etc. Contact the church office if you'd like some pointers.*



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



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood

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

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!..... Setting: Edwin Childs

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen. Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! ELW 377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

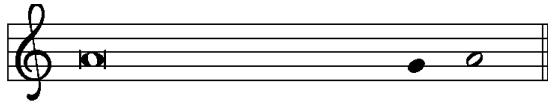
5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Greeting*

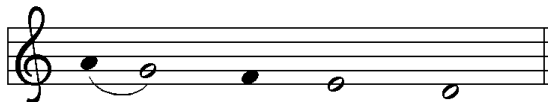
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ELW p. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



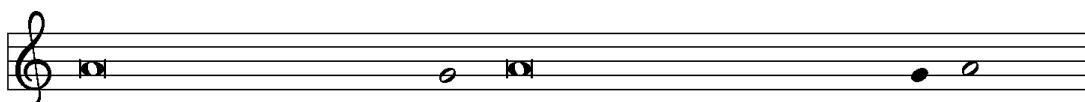
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



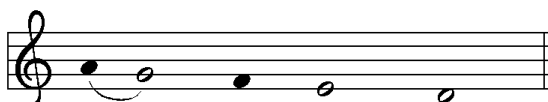
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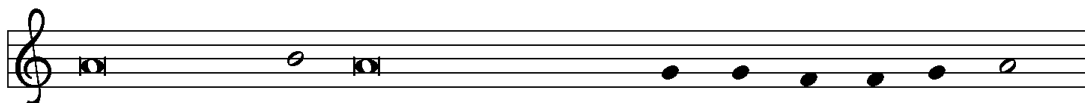
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. 149-150

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.



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 God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him

you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

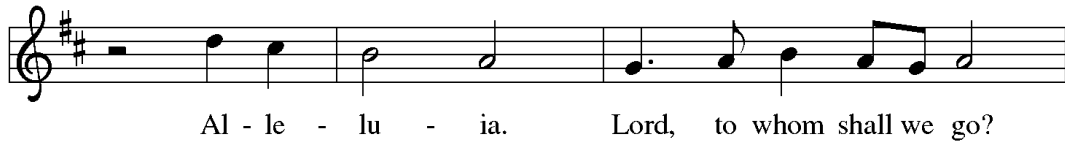
I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.
O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of
all God's people, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel* | Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ..... ELW 674

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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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*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace*

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)

Call to Offering

Let us give glory to God by demonstrating our trust and hope with our offering of gifts to meet the needs of our community and to manifest the love of God in us.

(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving* (Pastor)

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*

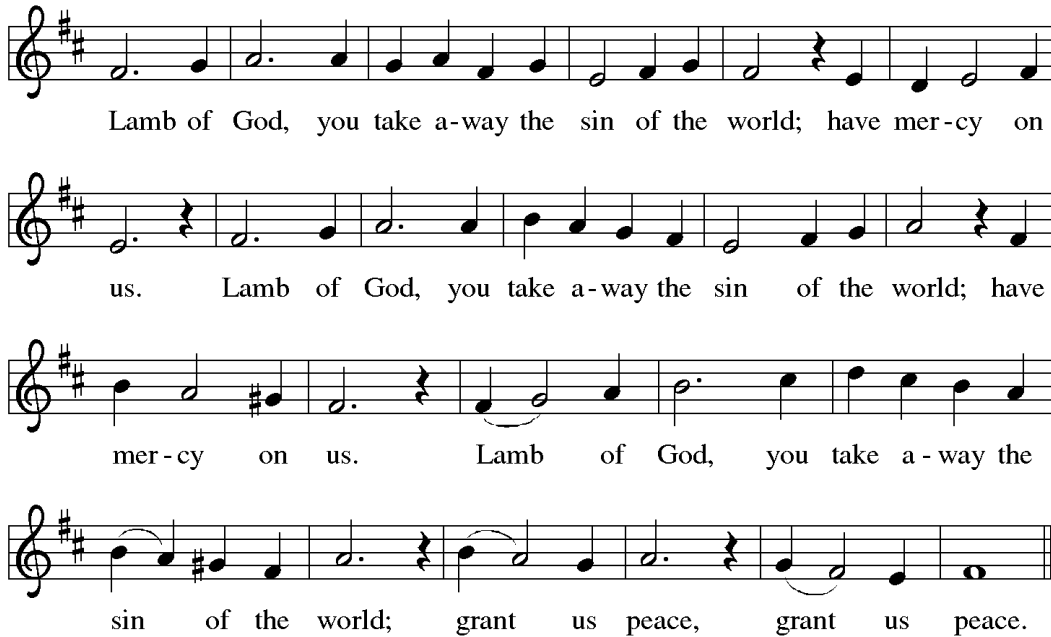
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

First Communion

Let us welcome our sister in Christ to holy communion. **Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God ELW p. 154



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.

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. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song*

Thine Is the Glory..... ELW 376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

Sending*

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright..... Lyndell Leatherman



Junior Bible Study | Reunion with Jesus

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. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office 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’d like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.



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Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Carol Keller
Communion Assistants	Carol Keller, Hollie Swain, Gloria Lange, Paul Lewellan (basket)
Communion Bread	First Communion Class
Acolyte & Crucifer	Kathy Shriver
Greeters	Jim & Sue Cruchelow
Ushers	Paul Lewellan, Cindy Lee
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Denise Eads
Sound System	Chuck Lehman
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
Coffee	
Treats	Deb Kirby
Healthy Snacks	Kathy Higgins

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