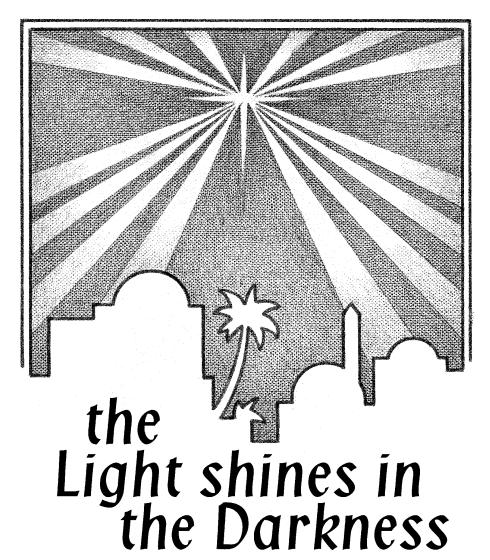
Worship Folder



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Grace Lutheran Church February 12 & 13, 2022

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(The assembly stands as you are able)

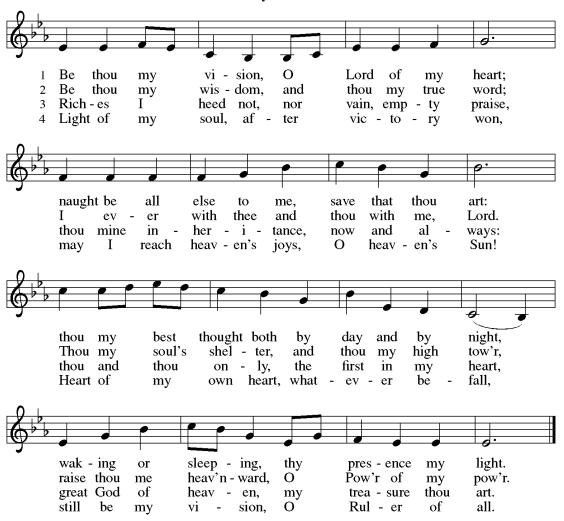
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God.
- C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.
- P: Rejoice in this good news:
 - In + Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven. We are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

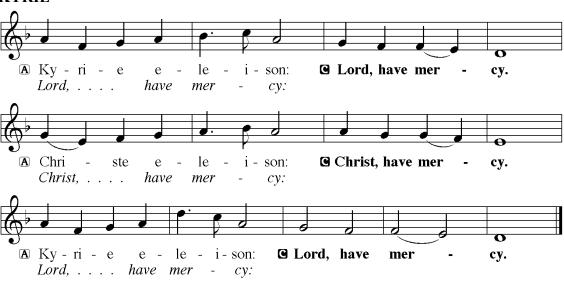


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GREETING

- P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light, and peace be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

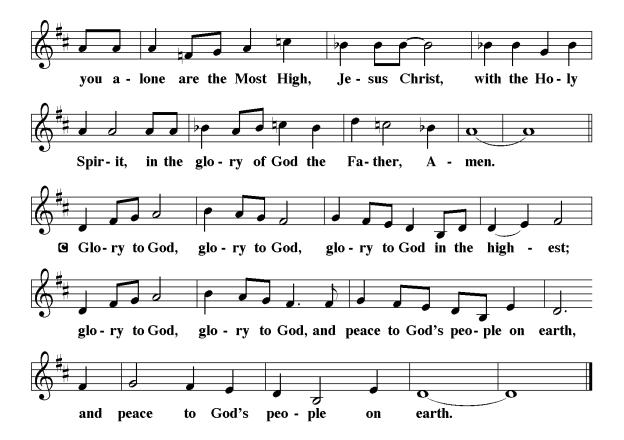




HYMN OF PRAISE







P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been

raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (The assembly stands, as you are able, for the Gospel)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you

who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(The assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880 This selection is in the public domain.

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (The assembly stands, as you are able, and sings as the gifts are brought forward)





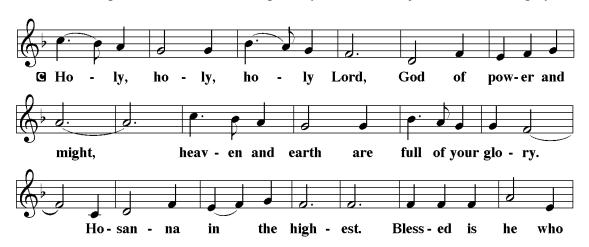
- P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
- C: You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

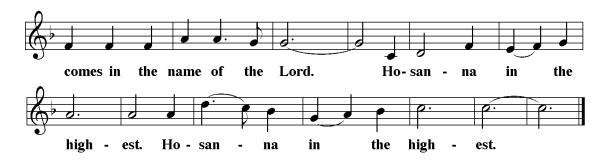
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

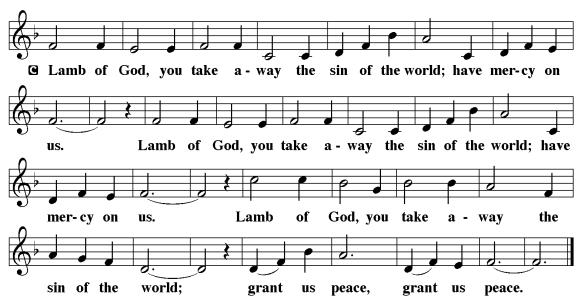
P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...(concluding)...almighty Father, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

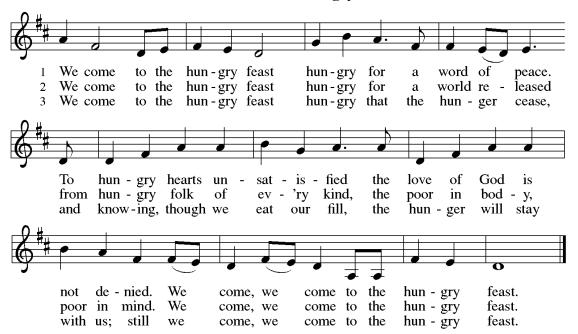
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine/juice are invited to participate in the Eucharist) (You may be seated)



COMMUNION HYMN "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



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(The assembly stands as you are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, gracious God,
- C: for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, \pm bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.
- C: Amen.

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" **SENDING HYMN**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE



IN OUR PRAYERS

Verna Furze, Patti Tucker, Cindy Domrase, Susan Stacey, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Rose Schreiber, Tiffany Bailey, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Jay Nowak, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Pat Sysak (Grandmother of Andy Lappan and Ann Garant), who passed away this past week.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Funeral Service Groups at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Emanuel Lutheran Church/Ludington, Rev. Ron Iris (UMC).

ADULT CE FOR FEBRUARY 13

Made in the Image of God

What does it mean that we are made in the image of God? How do you see that in your everyday life? And how does that influence us and our behavior in our everyday life of faith? And what are the challenges of that? The Rabbi in the Texas synagogue standoff makes a plea that we treat each other as made in God's image, caring more for others in our world. Join us at 11 in the Lounge as we discuss how to live out our faith in the world today.

ADULT CE FOR FEBRUARY 20

Essential Workers Struggling with Food and Housing Insecurity

Two-thirds of workers in the Kroger grocery store chain in California, Oregon and Washington struggled to pay for food and housing while the chain made increasing profits during the pandemic. What questions does that raise for us as Christians? Provide charity support? Or ask questions about the system that produces such results? Join us in the Lounge at 11 as we talk about living out our faith in our seemingly increasingly complex world today.

VALENTINE'S DAY PACKAGES

On Sunday February 13th after worship, the Grace Lutheran RE-BOOT Team invites you to join us making up Valentine's Day Care packages for our Loving Care Members and others. The Packages are a little something that lets others know we are thinking of them. We are taking donations of canned soup, apples or oranges, homemade bread or rolls and valentine cards to be included in the package. Please let us know if you can bring anything and drop off any donations by Sunday February 13th. If you know of someone that you would like to take a package to, call the office to have them placed on the list along with any dietary requirements. THANK YOU.

THE LIFE OF GRACE

Check out photos of recent and past activities at Grace Lutheran Church. See what goes on here throughout the week. We have a tv setup in the Office Lobby with a continuous show of photos from recent activities, past activities and even from our history. Enjoy what's going on! And maybe join in some of the projects and activities. If you have any historic photographs or even documents to share, please contact Pastor Tom. We would love to include them.

2021 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual statements may be picked up in the Office Lobby at your convenience. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please call the office (989-354-2640).

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY - Thank you Besser School!

The Little Food Pantry received several boxes last week of products from the first graders at Besser School. It took two volunteers over an hour to put the items on shelves in the basement and will probably last a while for distribution. It was amazing! We want to thank those students, families, staff and want them to know how helpful it is to meet food insecurities in our community.

I am told the Besser students, through this project this school year, are learning about giving back to our area and graphing products which incorporate math, reading and other academic skills. A big shout out to Besser School! Thank you for taking on our Little Food Pantry this school year.

CAN YOU HELP WITH RECYCLING ???

We could use some help taking recycling materials to collection places. Cardboard, paper and plastic are collected from many church activities. Cardboard and plastic are stored by the side entrance by the kitchen. Bulletins and other paper are in a bin by elevator and in the offices. If you are headed to recycling and willing to take the recyclables that would be great. Do need to sign up, just do it as you can. For cardboard recycling, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BREAK DOWN THE BOXES when you leave at the entrance. *Thanks*

THANK YOU

Thank you for the donations of denim that we have received. We were able to make 60+ dog toys to be delivered to various animal shelters in the area. Donations of denim are still being accepted if you have denim you would like to donate. -- Grace Quilters

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM

If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we welcome your doing so. Let us take care of each other and help end this pandemic.

JANUARY SEMINARY SNAPSHOT From Seminarian Val Slaght

Hello Grace Lutheran!

I am back down in Columbus starting off the spring semester! To be honest with you all, I started this semester taking 6 classes: Lutheran Confessions, Old Testament 2, Church History 2, Music and Liturgy, Person in Ministry, and Seven Deadly Sins. However, I decided to drop from 17 credits to 9 credits. I am now taking Old Testament 2, Church History 2, and Person in Ministry. I made this change for two reasons. The first reason being my mental health. I have been struggling for a while and need to address my mental health wellness before I take on a larger class load. The second reason for reducing my schedule is to be more intentional about my learning. I want to make sure that I really engage with what I'm learning, and in order for me to do that I have to go more slowly. This means that I will be in seminary for longer than the two year academic-two year internship track. I will instead be taking 3 years academic - two year internship, pushing my graduation back to 2026. Thank you for your support of me during this time.

Here is my snapshot! Right now we are reading the prophetic books of the bible. We have finally come to my favorite one, Jonah. Jonah is, I think, the most relatable character in the Bible.

We have all been there. We have heard God call to us, and we have responded with, "No way God! You're crazy!" Maybe we weren't swallowed by a whale to get us back on track, but maybe we went through a valley and realized we had to call out to God to help us. God never leaves us, even when we are in the belly. But there is something even more interesting to pick out from this story.

It has to do with God's justice. First of all, we do not get it. We relate to Jonah's anger and disgruntled sass towards God when God doesn't utterly destroy Nineveh. We want to see some justice in the form of revenge because we think that that is right. Nineveh deserves to be destroyed! Right? Yet, God sees their repentance and forgives them of all their transgressions. God asks Jonah at the end, "And should I not be concerned about Nineveh...?" Ending with no response from Jonah, or closure of the story. This is frustrating.

God's justice and mercy and love and compassion is something that we will not understand all the time. This is frustrating! But, it's okay to ponder God's character and reflect upon ourselves and what we think is best for us; versus what God knows is best for us. It is challenging to put our complete trust and faith in God, and we actively have to try and remember that God only has good intentions for us. We are Jonah, and we will continue to be Jonah, but God will always be there for us.



Anniversaries of Baptism



February 3 Darlene Freel

February 5 Judith Douglas

February 12 Thomas Lappan

February 13 Stephanie Adamski

February 16 Alexandra Priebe

February 19 Rhonda Himes Cody Suszek February 22 Joseph Gentry

February 23 Mitchell Agius Judy Black Laura Thompson

Steven Lappan

February 24 Kenda Yochum

February 25 Gracelyn Gohlke

February 26 Kurt Smith

February 27 Matthew Haske



Birthdays

February 2 Brianna Himes Charles McKav

February 3 Alexandra Priebe

February 4Kathryn Reynolds
Karen Upham

February 5 Eleanor Coddington Kurt Smith

February 6Stephanie Ihnat
Bob Stacey

February 7Jeremy Jacobs

February 10 Kaitlyn Schultz Tracey Urlaub

February 11 Keri Bertrand

February 15 Matthew Haske Cheryl Werblow

February 18 Joel Suszek

February 19 Jon Carr Michael Dekett Trevor Denstaedt Taylor Hayward

February 20 Maggie O'Connor

February 22 Mary Rowader

February 24 Barb Werle

February 27 Joshua Engstrom

February 28 Astrid Fitzpatrick



Wedding Anniversaries

2nd 12th 16th Gerald & Barbara Mudge Edward & Elvira Jahnke Gene & Cynthia Domrase

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget

Weekly giving - February 6

\$ 4,476.00

4,865.00

We received:

16 envelopes, 48 Simply Giving recurring payments, 3 Thrivent Choice donations, and 3 Give+ payments made from our website

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday - 13th	
9:30 am	Worship
	Re-Boot Valentine's
	Day Packages after
	Worship
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 14th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
Tuesday - 15th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting 1
6:00 pm	Council
Wednesday - 16th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
1:00 pm	Ruth Circle
6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir
Thursday - 17th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
Friday - 18th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
<u>Saturday - 19th</u> 5:00 pm	Worship

Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices are available from ushers

SERVING FEBRUARY 12/13

Ministers God's People
Pastor Rev. Tom Orth
Music DirectorClaire Schreiber
AccompanistAmy Truth
Lector Anna Lewis
Communion AsstDale Schultz, Janie Hansen,
Susan Stacey
Ushers. Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett
& Olivia Haske; Steve & Janie Hansen (Sat.)
Greeters Joel & Cindy Suszek
Altar Guild
Arlis St. Charles (Saturday Set Up)
Livestream Team Phran Ludington, Dawn
Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard
Counters Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour

SERVING FEBRUARY 19/20

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