

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

January 28, 2018 ♦ 9:00 am



GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
who spoke light into creation,
who calls us to listen and follow,
who sends us to shine like stars.

Amen

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you.

We have loved the things of this world and not cherished the things of God.

We have embraced our own desires and forgotten the needs of our neighbor.

We have followed after our own hearts and lost our way.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love revealed in Christ.

Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of † Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.

Thanks be to God! Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, oh, de - clare his great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, un - ion su - per - nal,
See him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry.



O great Re - deem - er, you come as our friend!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Brings forth the pris - ers tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
Wel - come him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
Lifts us from shame to the place of his ho - nor.
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
Pon - der his love! Take the crown he has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” I = women; II = men

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among

their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

SECOND READING I Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered

to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

ALLEUIA VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him,

saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards
Music: NETTLETON, *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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**

PRAYER

(Response to each petition)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let the vineyards . . ."



♩ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
**receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

_____ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT _____

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you through our Savior Jesus Christ; He overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy, holy, holy")



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



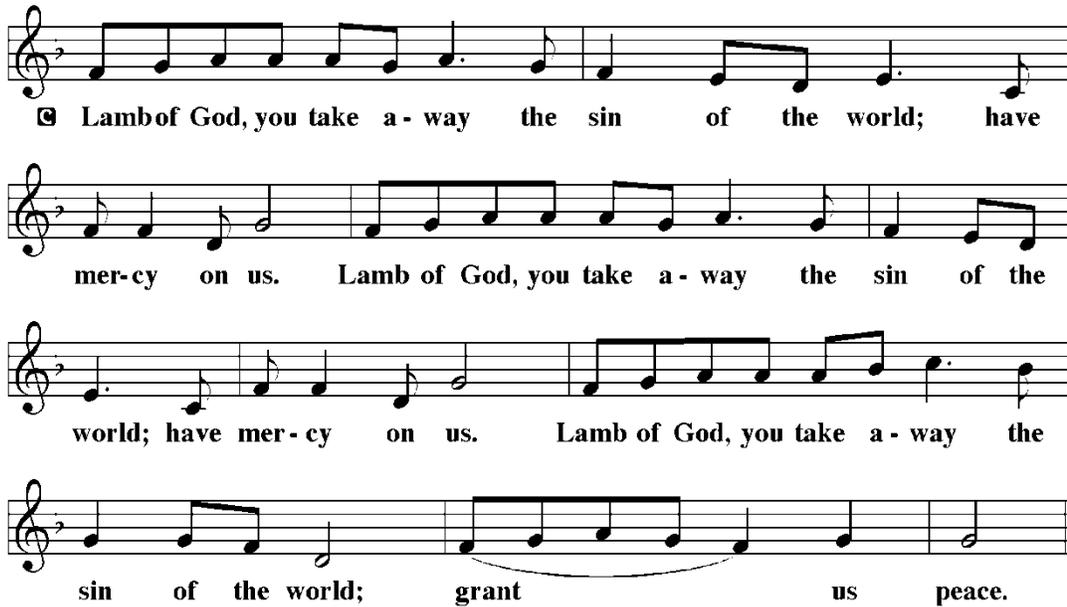
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

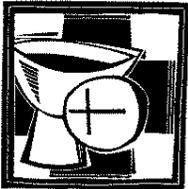
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Healer of our Every Ill"

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

(Note: Gilead is the hill country near the Sea of Galilee where an evergreen tree sap was said to have medicinal properties. Jesus ministered in Galilee with healing and makes us whole today!)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

**that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.**

Amen

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “On Our Way Rejoicing” (on next page)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader	Jon Marxhausen
Elder	Paul Hartleben
Piano	Kathy Rehbein
Lector	Brenda Miller
Ushers	Errol Bartz / Kathy Rehbein
Acolyte/Crucifer	Cherish Frelix
Greeter	Shirley Muelken

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

The **3-minute ministry** is our way of intentionally caring for one another after worship on Sunday mornings. This time of fellowship takes place immediately after the announcements and lasts for 3 minutes. (or longer!)

During this time we will:

Welcome visitors

Introduce ourselves to those we do not know

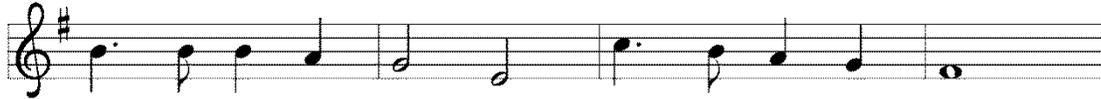
Seek out those who need a Christian friend

Encourage those in worship with us

Postpone visiting with those we already know well.

Maybe today, you can start with the people sitting in front of you or behind you!! 😊

CLOSING HYMN "On Our Way Rejoicing"



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

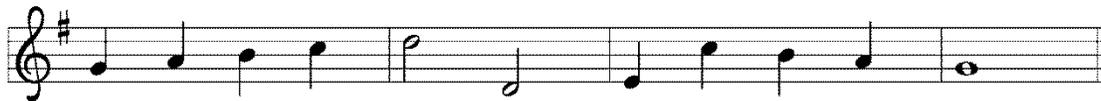


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.
Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.

SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors.
That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.



The Story of Jesus

THEMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF

MARK

Grace of God Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

TODAY at 10:15 am

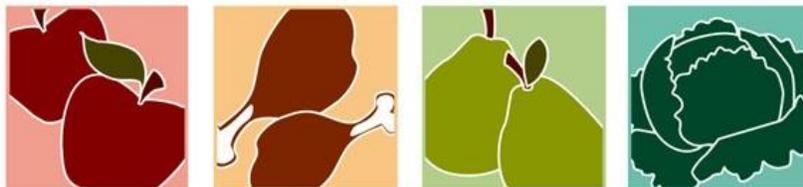
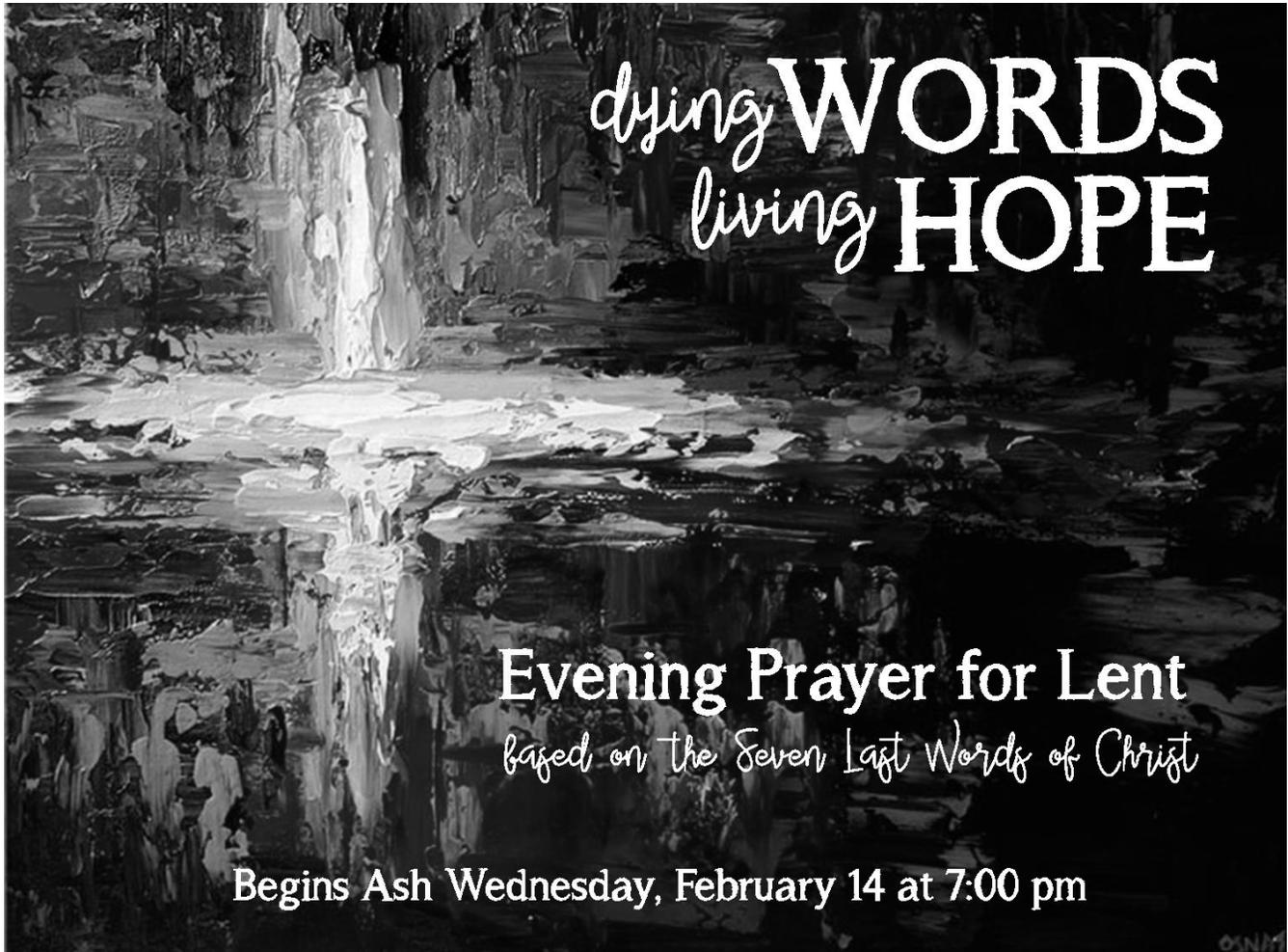
This study, led by Pastor Jon, will explore the literary and theological themes in the Gospel of Mark. Mark was the original story-teller of Jesus’ life and his Gospel influenced all the others! We will be hearing Gospels from Mark this year, and this study will help us understand these Gospels better and appreciate their unique contribution to the Gospel message!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
1/28/18	Paul Hartleben	Cherish Frelix	Brenda Miller	Errol Bartz / Kathy Rehbein	Shirley Muelken
2/4/18	Paul Hartleben	Ella Fahey	Roger Prigge	Becky Vigstol / Jenny Hanson	Dean & Gail Christenson
2/11/18	Paul Hartleben	Kiernan Benson	Cami Hartleben	Allen & Sally Warren	Eileen Ocone

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

February 1 - 3	TEAM 8 Evenson Family/Dinesen Family
February 8 - 10	TEAM 9 Wendy Bartz/Errol & Cindy Bartz Eileen Ocone
February 15 - 17	TEAM 10 Barb Fallert/Kathy Rehbein/ Dean Christenson/Franklin Hotzel



FARE FOR ALL

Tomorrow afternoon,
JANUARY 29
3:30 – 5:30 pm

Come at 2:30 to volunteer!

WINTER RETREAT 2018

FEBRUARY 16-17

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January 28 – February 4, 2018

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am WORSHIP – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Monday, January 29

3:30 – 5:30 pm FARE FOR ALL

Tuesday, January 30

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm Cantate Choir

Wednesday, January 31

6:00 pm Bible Blazers//Confirmation/Youth Bible study
7:00 pm Handchime Choir

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am WORSHIP – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

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