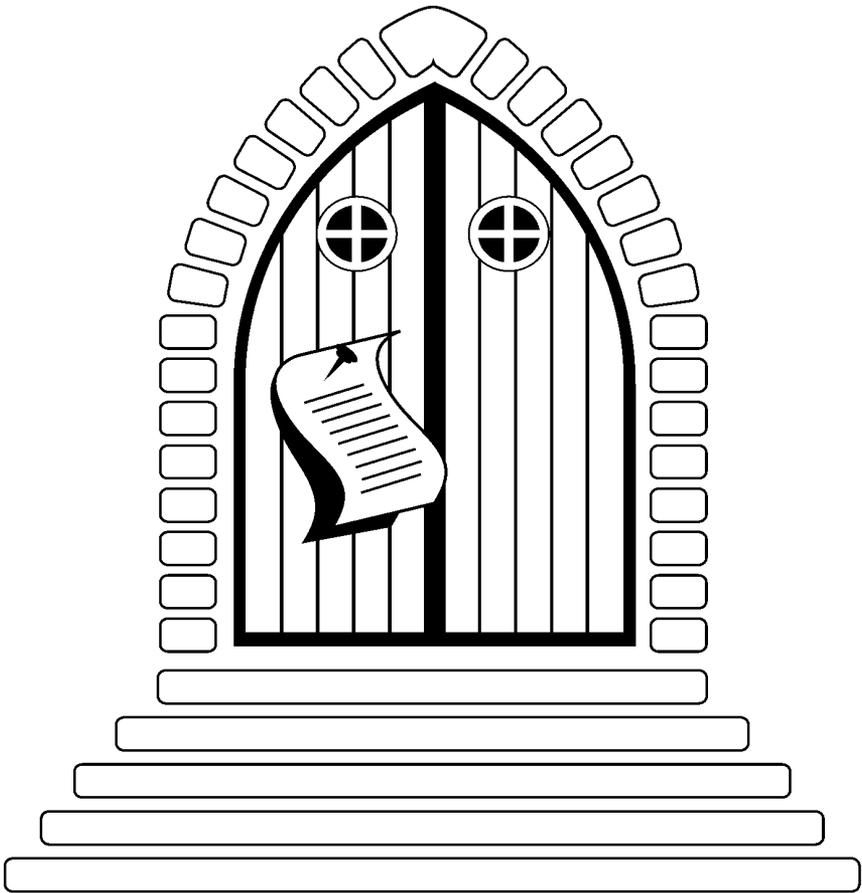


Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



Reformation Sunday Affirmation of Baptism

October 28, 2011
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

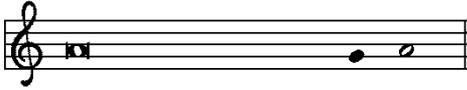
***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

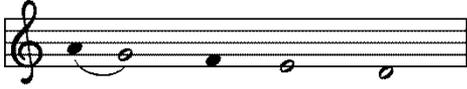
***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

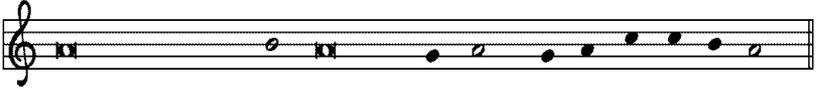
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



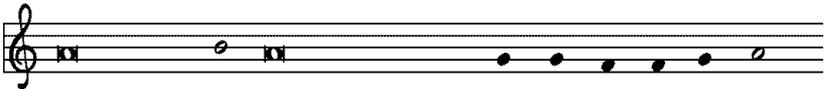
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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



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



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



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

Final refrain



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



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 46



R:



The LORD of hosts is with us; the

God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength, a very present¹ help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God, the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken; God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

R

Anthem

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19–28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right

relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



C: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Eighth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673

Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)

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Those affirming their baptism this morning are Adam Dostalík and Cooper Mortenson.

Creed (8:15 only)

**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 (8:15 and 10:45)

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

“Andante in A”

by Adolf Hesse

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

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Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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**

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Please be seated

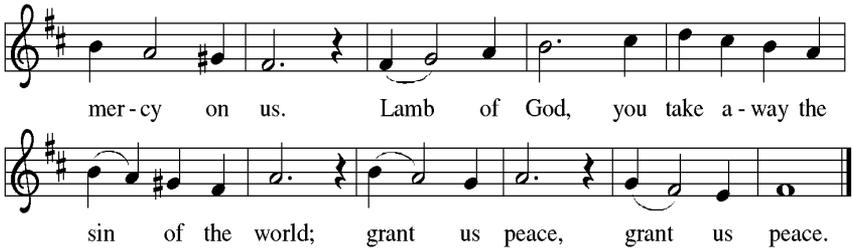
Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 472, 793, 886, 769

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#759

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare on "Ein feste Burg"

by James Pethel



Reception for confirmands: A reception of cider and cookies will take place at noon today in the Gathering Hall to honor those making affirmation of their baptism. Join us as we mark this milestone with Adam and Cooper.

Announcements and Calendar



In our prayers: Austin (Cherie Rissmans' nephew), Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, Ellen Batten, LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Nayeli Jacobo, Norma Black, Frances Engquist, Dennis Farver (John Farver's father) Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Willa Mae Johansen, Lucy Krauss, Marvin Malmin, Helen Richards, John Rydiesky (Vivian Feilmann's relative), Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Karla Swanson, Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, Robert Ziesman, the family of Margaret Olson, and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Marilyn and Mike Nizzi in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary and the Grace confirmands.

A **Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time. Please join us!

Adult Forum

October 28 – “Daily Texts” and Fellowship

October 28 – Identity theft, presented by Lisa Kilmer,
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Representative

Forum Option

Oct. 28 - Nov. 18 – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café

Bible study on Mark's Gospel *Join us for a four week bible study on Mark that will include a DVD performance by Phil Ruge-Jones, Associate Professor of Theology at Texas Lutheran University. He presents the entire Gospel from memory, and a portion will be shown each week. Come experience the living word the way the early Christians may have heard it.*

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II . Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Gathering Hall (**the group will NOT meet Tuesday Oct 30**). Pastor Mike leads both studies.



Text Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Leonard Larsen and Mark Mattes lead this study.



Join us this week as Martha Circle prepares a baked potato bar for us. Super Wednesday Suppers are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall I. A Huge THANK YOU to all who have fed us so well! *We are now looking for individuals and groups to sign up for suppers beyond Thanksgiving.*



Happy Anniversary to: Michael and Marilyn Nizzi, George and Kelley Marks, Lee and Dolores Johnson



Happy Birthday to the following people this week! Max Sauerma, Jessica Russell, Col. Frank Peterson, Jeanette Ziesman, Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg, Travis Brown, Pedro Espericueta, Maycia Welty, Ashley Artzer, Fay Cline, Tanner Peeler, Carlyle Peterson, Zelma Wilson, Mike Peterman, Tara Royster

Lutheran College Fair:

Attention 10th-12th grade students and families! On Monday, October 29 at 6:45pm, staff and alumni from a variety of Lutheran colleges will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny for a presentation about financial aid opportunities at private schools, and for an informal fair during which you can have your own conversations with representatives and ask questions. The event is free and open to the public, and all families receive 4 application fee waivers. For more information, please visit www.lutherancolleges.org/events.

Cuba Program

Pat and Denny Rehder will offer a program covering their recent trip to Cuba on Sunday, November 4th at 2 pm in Grace Hall II.

As many of you know, Karla Swanson lost all her possessions in a fire several weeks ago. It's hard to imagine such a thing happening and as her community of faith we would like to help her bear the burden through our collective support. The office will be accepting gifts of money and gift cards to pass on to Karla to assist her in moving on in her life. Our prayers are with you, Karla.



It's Coming.....

The photo wall will soon be up! A team of volunteers has been working on the design and construction of it, and it will be displayed in the library hallway very soon.

Do you have a 4x6 picture of your family that you meant to turn in? If so, bring it to the office or give it to Stephanie Johnson. Please be sure to write everyone's name on the back, and if you would like, some hobbies that you enjoy doing together. Don't have a photo but want to be included? The next photo days to have your picture taken will be **October 28 and November 4**. We encourage you to wear or bring something that is uniquely you!

Don't forget **Hope for the Hungry!** This annual symposium will take place on Saturday, November 10 from 9am-3pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. The theme is childhood hunger in school, at home, and in the community and what we can do to alleviate it by 2015. Registration is \$30/person, and more information can be found at www.hopeforthehungry.blogspot.com. Join Grace's delegation.



Help us promote the Thursday night service!

Help us spread the word – you can pick up Grace business cards at Volunteer Central, hang posters, or just mention it to anyone you think might be interested.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, October 28 *Reformation Sunday*

- 8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice
- 9:30 a.m. – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café
- 9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion with Affirmation of Baptism

MONDAY, October 29

- 10:00 a.m. – Staff meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, October 30

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful God book discussion

WEDNESDAY, October 31

- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – LSI Staff Meeting
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Chimers (grade 3-5)
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kids Hour
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room
- 6:30 p.m. – Brass Practice
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells
- 7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, November 1

- 9:00 a.m. - Quilters
- 6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion Evening Worship
- 6:30 p.m. – Men In Mission

FRIDAY, November 2

SATURDAY, November 3

SUNDAY, November 4 *All Saints Sunday*

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice
9:30 a.m. – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café
9:30 a.m. – God is Beautiful book discussion
9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
12:00 noon – Youth Director Visionary Committee – Conference room
2:00 p.m. – Rehders program on Cuba – GH II

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – 8:15 Bruce Bergman, Dave, John, and Linda Gronert, Len Ringgenberg 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Norm and Lenora Iverson, Diane and Lonnie Jessen

Liturgist – 8:15 - Paul Kallenbach 10:45 - Sherry Kocek

Lector – 8:15 Rev. Ro Zimany 10:45 Joanne Johnson

Children's Sermon – Stephanie Johnson

Communion servers – 10:45 Ellen Wonderlin, Susanne Carney, Kenzi Carney, Amy Schmelzer

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Haley Dostalick, Emma Mattes

Altar Guild – Tammy Denton, Diane Jessen

Counters – John Rissman, Carter Woodruff

Coffee -

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