

# Grace Lutheran Church



"I am the  
*resurrection*  
and the  
*life.*"

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**The First Sunday in Lent**

Mar 9, 2014

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

*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 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.*

***Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be available in the Upper Room on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer.*

## Prelude

8:15

“A Song of Hope” by Donald Lee Moore

10:45

“Song of the Savior” arr. by Sharon Elery Rogers

### *Praise Bells*

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: Despite our best efforts, we fail to trust you. We are guided by anger or fear. We put our own needs before the needs of others. Forgive what we have thought, done, and said, and what we have failed to do or say. Cleanse our hearts and restore us to your favor. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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## Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

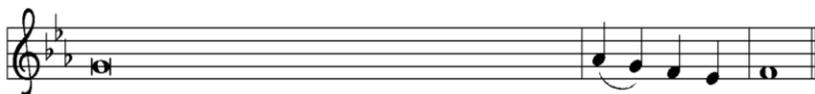
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



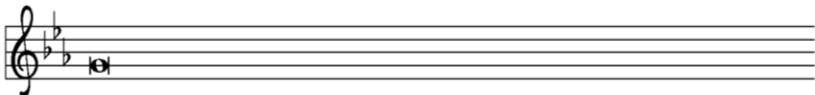
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



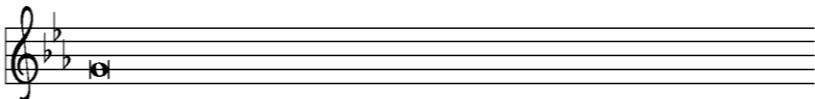
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

C: **God of resurrection, in the raising of Lazarus, you showed that you intend to bring new life to all your children. Breathe your spirit in us, so that all may see your light of life shining in us and through us, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Psalm 104: 27-30

R:  Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

R L: All of them <sup>1</sup> look to you to give them their food <sup>1</sup> in due season.

C: <sup>28</sup> **You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.**

L: <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, <sup>1</sup> they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.

C: <sup>30</sup> **You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>1</sup> are created; and so you renew the face <sup>1</sup> of the earth. R**

### Anthem

8:15 "Song of the Savior" arr. by Sharon Elery Rogers  
*Praise Bells*

10:45 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Harold M. Best  
*Chancel Choir*

*Please be seated*

### Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 11:1-27**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Gospel con't: John 11:28-44**

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

“Give Me Jesus”

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**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**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With gratitude for your mercy, we humbly lift our prayers to you, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

**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** “Poco Largo by Henry Purcell” arr. By Stanley E. Saxton

*Please stand as you are able*

**Offering Prayer**

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



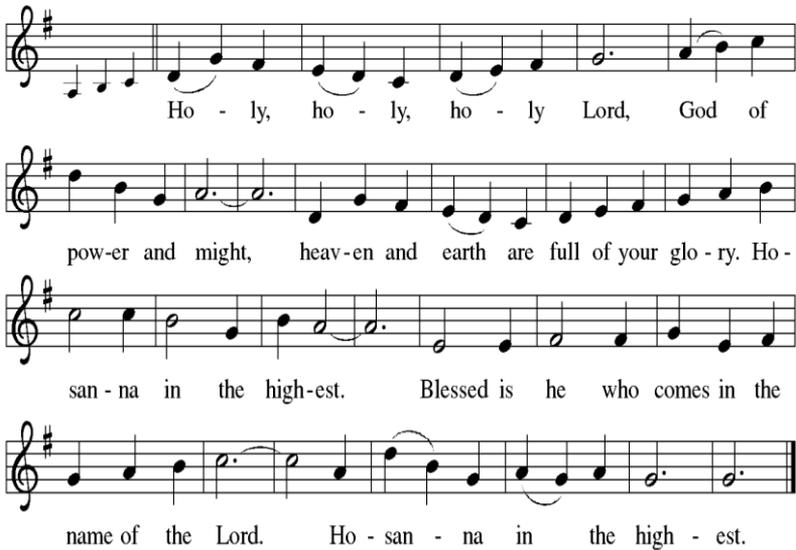
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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 as 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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

*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:** 733, 856, 744

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our 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**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

by Lani Smith

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**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Drake Carney, Dolores Johnson, Lucy Krauss, Delores Larson, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, and the others we name before you...

**Quarters** received today and every second Sunday are designated to fight Malaria.

**Happy Birthday to:** Patty Flannery, Nadine Garcia, Tammy Hagerty, Jacquelyn Holmes, Andrew Keller, Rachael Bigg, Lathrop Preston, Hillary Woodhouse-Farver, Sally Niffenegger, Bill Jensen, Evelyn Knudsen, Ann Warren, Lydia McCleary

**Happy Anniversary to:** Sonny and Kristina Hutton



## Education Opportunities

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

### Adult Forum

**March 9:** “Catching Fire Becoming Flame” - a video series on prayer and spiritual transformation

**March 16:** “Catching Fire Becoming Flame” - a video series on prayer and spiritual transformation

**The Kingdom and the Cross Book Study begins today: 9:30 – 10:30 in the café.** We will take a Lenten journey with author James Bryan Smith to experience a closer understanding of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. There will be **no Tuesday evening Bible study** for the time being.



**Please note the Wednesday evening schedule has changed.** Midweek Lenten services continue each Wednesday until Holy Week with a soup supper from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and a worship service at 6:30 p.m.

You can find the weekly schedule on the Grace website at [gracedm.org](http://gracedm.org) or in the acrylic holders on the walls in the front entrance and the hallway just outside Grace Hall.



**The Wednesday Soup Supper** on March 12 will be served by the Willing Workers.

**Join us for fun, food and fellowship** tonight at 5:00 p.m. Grace fellowship is meeting, with Bill Henderson providing music and stories about Mary. A light supper will be served. All adults are invited.



**Annual Grace Youth Plant Sale  
Fundraiser (and garage/bake sale)  
Saturday May 17, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Plant sale order forms are available in the Gathering Hall at Volunteer Central, in the Friendly Visitor, and on the church website. Orders are due **IN THE OFFICE** no later than Sunday, March 30.



**This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by purchasing either an Easter lily or a spring flowering plant to decorate the altar.** They are \$12.75 each. Flowering plants will include tulips, hyacinths and mums in spring colors. Order forms will be available in the church office and the bulletins on March 9 and March 16. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday March 18. Payment and the order form need to be received by the office no later than this date to assure your request gets ordered. The order form can also be found on the Grace website.

Indicate on the order form if you would like the plant delivered to a homebound member. Otherwise, you may pick up your plant after the 10:45 a.m. Easter service. We often have plants that don't get picked up, so please considering giving your plant to one of our homebound members. Volunteers will happily deliver these and they are enjoyed so much!

## 2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars

During the February meeting, the Grace Council decided how this year's Thrivent Choice Dollars will be distributed. The first \$400 will be used to pay the annual dues to LSI for the First Circle of Friends program. The remainder of the donations will be directed to the Evangelism Committee and used to cover the costs for a new church directory, to be completed this year. Thrivent members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2013 Choice Dollars. Thank you for your continued support of Grace and its ministries



Are you looking for a way to make Lent a meaningful season for your family? ELCA World Hunger has an easy to use discussion guide that is designed for families with children. Each day includes a topic, bible reading, or activity. Pick up a copy on the long table by the display cabinet in the Gathering Hall.

### **Active Grace 30-Day Challenge**

A person can do almost anything for 30 days. Even documentaries have been made that are guided by this premise. So, we figure it would make for a great challenge for Lent. We will use the first week of Lent for people to discern a good individual challenge and then we will begin together on March 16th and continue through April 14th. The challenge is simple, try something different for 30 days. This is not about giving something up, but rather about adding something for 30 days. It could also be adding something or taking on a goal like reading, or walking, or praying every day, or even putting something into savings. **What is something that you have always wanted to either do more or not at all? Lent would be a great time to start.**

**Lutheran Lakeside Camp news:** Volunteers are needed to help with the remodel of the camp house. The camp needs help tearing down walls to get ready for putting in new high-comfort rooms, and they can save on carpentry costs if some of the walls can be taken down before the contractor begins. Dates volunteers are needed are March 29, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 13, and May 14. Contact Carolyn Fritsch at [Carolyn@lutheranlakeside.com](mailto:Carolyn@lutheranlakeside.com) or 712-336-2109 so that lunch can be ready for you. Also, note the quilt auction date of April 5. It will be held at St. Mark's in Sioux City.

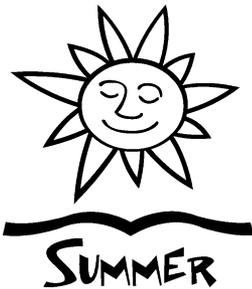


**NCAA Bracket Fundraiser**

March Madness is approaching! Selection happens on March 16th. So, do you feel lucky? Local and regional charities hope so! We will hold the church pool again this year. There will

be a \$5 entry fee and the winner will choose which charity will receive the pool monies. Last year, Sue Anderson won and was able to give the \$210 pool to Visiting Nurse Services. So far we have given away a total of \$460 through this annual charity!

Brackets will be available in the church office or you can print your own. To enter, simply fill out a bracket and turn it in to the church office between Sunday, March 16 and 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20 with the \$5 entry fee. You should also note your chosen charity when you turn in the bracket. You could also scan your bracket and send it to [revschmidt@live.com](mailto:revschmidt@live.com) Please either include cash, or make the check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with NCAA in the memo field.



**It's time to start thinking about summer!** VBS registration forms are now available both on our website in the links section, and in the Gathering Hall. The week for 3-5 year olds is June 9-13, and for grades K-5 is June 23-27. Pick up a flyer and share it with your friends. The program is free to all, but you *must* pre-register by the deadline. Register early before spaces fill. See you at the "Workshop of Wonders"!

**March 9, 2014**

**John 11:1-44**

**Key Verses:** “[Jesus] cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’” John 11:43-44

**Time:** 30-33 CE

**Background:** Mary and Martha were friends and followers of Jesus. Jesus’ decision to delay his journey two more days, knowing Lazarus was dying, was to show God’s glory. (They believed a person’s spirit remained for three days after death, so Lazarus’ four days meant he was really, truly dead.) Still, even knowing he was going to raise Lazarus, Jesus was moved to tears. His emotion showed that he (and God, perhaps) is not unmoved by our plight. Martha and Mary were both upset with Jesus for delaying his return. Both had faith that he could have prevented Lazarus’ death, even though neither could have foreseen the miracle of his resurrection. This was the last of seven signs in John’s gospel that Jesus performed for God’s glory.

**Community:** Where do you see your community gather to support one another in times of grief or suffering? How does community support contribute to the healing process? How does the community witness to miracles or celebrations when they occur, and what difference do their stories make to the community at large?

**At Home:** If you are in need of a miracle, ask boldly for one. Be open to God’s response.

**Read This Week:**

Monday, Mar 10, *The Bread from Heaven*, John 6:22-34

Tuesday, Mar 11, *The Words of Eternal Life*, John 6:60-71

Wednesday, Mar 12, *The Unbelief of Jesus’ Brothers*, John 7:1-9

Thursday, Mar 13, *Jesus at the Festival of Booths*, John 7:10-24

Friday, Mar 14, *Is This the Christ?* John 7:25-31

Saturday, Mar 15, *Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus*, John 7:32-36

**Next Week:** Sunday, Mar 16, *Foot Washing*, John 13:1-17

## Welcome to Grace!

**Pastor** – Rev. Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – 8:15 John Farver, Jim Rundle, Jon Rissman 10:45 Lonnie and Diane Jessen, Norm Trentmann, Jay Wangerin 6:30 Wednesday: Jay Wangerin, Kevin Krause

**Children's Sermon** – Stephanie Johnson

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Mary Helt 10:45 Denny Rehder

**Lector** – 8:15 Ro Zimany 10:45 Amy Schmler

**Communion servers** – 10:45 Barb Burley, Charlotte Nielsen, Ellen Wonderlin, Lori Fry

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Isaac and Lydia McCleary

**Altar Guild** – Cindy Peeler, Loree Nelson

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman and Mike Carney

10:45 Jeff Farrell and Tom McCleary

Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> : 6:30pm Alex Davik and Chuck Denton

**Coffee** – Karen Taylor



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