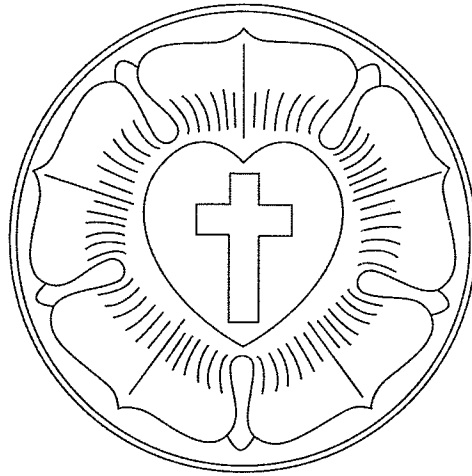


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."*



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**Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024
10:00 AM**

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Reflections in the River" Keesecker

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments of God to His people:
You shall have no other gods.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Matt. 28:19, Ps. 103:2-3, John 20:22-23, Eph. 2:4-5)

LBW P. 56

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

(John 20:22-23)

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "In the Hour of Trial"

LBW # 106

(Psalm 149:1-4)

(Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

LBW P. 57

(2 Cor. 13:13)

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

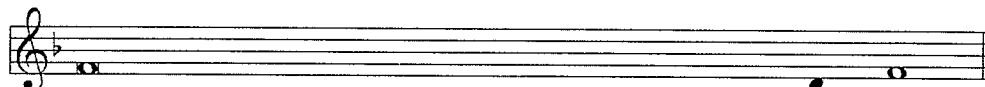
C And also with you.

* **THE KYRIE** (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30)

LBW P. 57




A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



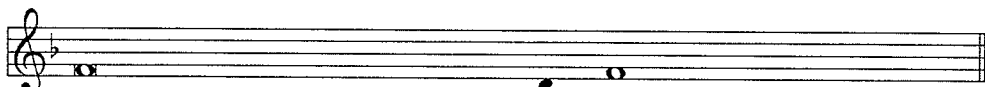
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



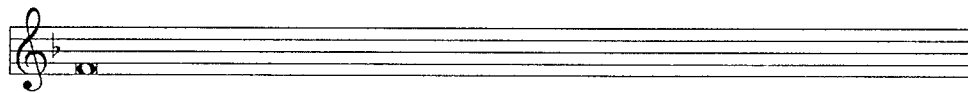
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



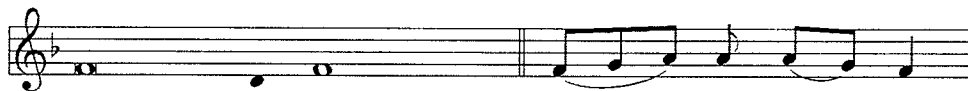
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



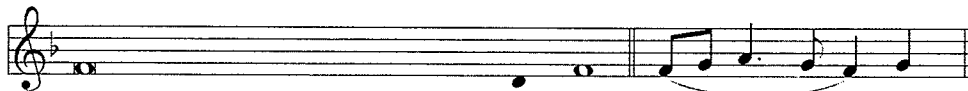
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ 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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of

nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 141 from Holden Evening Prayer
See insert

Marty Haugen

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (ESV)

℣ The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**



☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

* GOSPEL

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Mark 8:31-38**

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

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" **LBW # 307**
(Green book)

*** THE NICENE CREED** **LBW P. 64**

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

LBW P. 65

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Print Thine Image Pure and Holy" Genevan Psalter

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

*** THE OFFERTORY**

Create in Me a Clean Heart"

WOV # 732

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
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*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 67

P Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

* THE HOLY COMMUNION

LBW P. 68

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

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 him thanks and praise.**

* THE PREFACE

LBW P. 68

(Psalm 36:4)

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW P. 69

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)



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**

LBW P. 69

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

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.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

(Matt. 6:9-13)

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

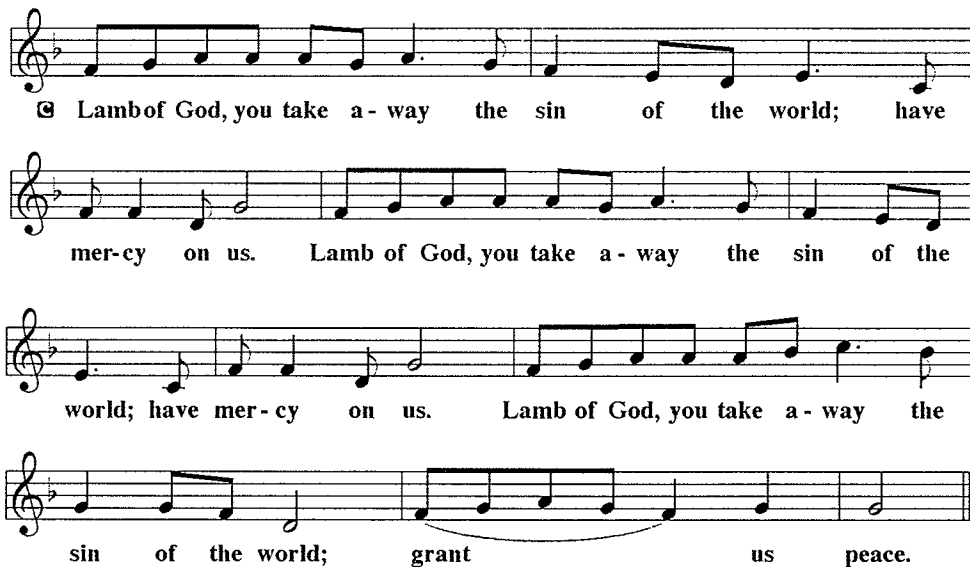
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

*** FRACTION**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Lamb of God"
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

LBW P. 72



♩ 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Received the Living God"

WOV # 700

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

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

C Amen

* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Lord, now you let your servant go”

LBW P. 93



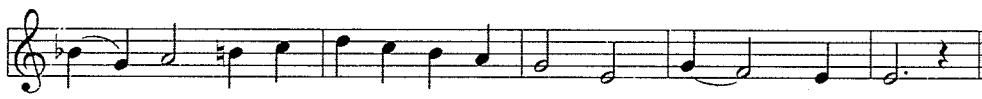
Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



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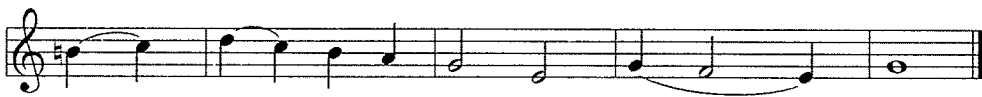
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Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

P Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P 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.

C Amen (*Sing in a three fold Amen*)

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

LBW # 492

(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

LBW P. 74

(Luke 7:50)

P Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Joyce Doster, Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, David Linn, Diane Morris, Jennifer Kuhfeldt (Laurel Kluck's niece), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), family of Ruth Rudy

Salem's Treasurer is asking for a church member to step forward to learn the bookkeeping practice of the Church. This request is not to take over the duties of the Treasurer, but to assist/fill-in when the Treasurer is absent. The duties can include making weekly bank deposits, signing of expense checks, preparation of bi-weekly payroll, and monthly/quarterly/annual reporting. If interested, please contact Dennis Kluck at church service, telephoning 717-330-5370, or email dkluck@ptd.net. Oh, by the way, pay and benefits are fantastic...gratitude means everything.

Managing Motherhood needs:

- Diapers, size 6
- Pull ups, 3T-4T, 4T-5%
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Sanitary napkins, regular and super

Salem Lutheran Church bus trip to historic Williamsport PA on Wednesday, May 15 including Clyde Peelings Reptiland, lunch at Genetti Hotel's Windows on 4th, guided drive down Millionaire's Row, narrated cruise on Hiawatha paddleboat and wine tasting at Four Friends Vineyard. Reservations are due April 3. Reservation forms can be found in the Pipeline and in the narthex or lobby. If you have questions, call Stephanie Frymyer 717-682-9697.

Salem Lutheran Preschool is now taking registrations for Fall 2024. 3 and 4 year old classes are available. To register or for more information, call or email the church office. 717-733-6646 office@salemephrata.org

Winter Spaghetti/Game Night

Save the Date! Saturday March 23, 2024 will be the first annual "Salem ELC Spaghetti and Game Night." Come for dinner 5:30 to 7:00 and then stay for fun and games (everyone should bring games to share and enjoy) till 9:00. Some ride sharing will be available for those who can't drive at night. Singles, families, couples, all welcome. This fellowship activity will be open to all members and you are encouraged to invite guests and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex: there will be no charge to anyone, but you must sign up.

Please call/text Rod Orth at 215-431-8437 or email me at rodorth@aol.com if you could help. Volunteers for cooking or serving are needed.

First Quarter Bible Study:

In an effort to connect with more folks for Bible Study we are going to try something new. Bible Study is moving to Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will gather online and study the Word together. A link to Zoom will be sent out each week. If you do not have a computer you can call in and listen and participate as well.

Wednesday 28 February 2024 Why do we do what we do in the divine service?

Part 2 7:00 PM

Wednesday 6 March 2024 why do we do what we do in the divine service?

Part 3 7:00 PM

Wednesday 13 March 2024 Why do we do what we do in the Divine Service?

Part 4 7:00PM

Wednesday 20 March 2024 Why do we do what we do in the divine service?

Part 5 and conclusion 7:00 PM

Join us for Bible Study from the comfort of your own home. The Zoom Link has been sent via email. If you do not have a computer you can still join us by telephone at 7:00 PM.

The phone numbers are not toll free so you will be charged for the call if you don't have unlimited long distance calling (such as with your cell phone).

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Lent Event 2024: The Journey to Easter

On Saturday 23 March, from 10-12:30, we will be conducting a Lent Event at Salem for ages 3-9. We have a leader confirmed for each activity but **WE REALLY NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

Eight volunteers (we have 2) to serve as “shepherds” leading small groups of children from activity to activity and assisting the craft and games leaders as needed. If you are age 10 to 110, please consider helping us for 2.5 hours at this Christian Education event!

Spreading the word to friends, family, and neighbors to register their 3-9 year-olds by 18 March. Registration (by calling the church office) is very important so we are prepared with enough food and craft materials!

To volunteer, please talk to Connie Kirby, Eddie Adams, Edie Sweigart, or Deb Hansell!



Easter Lilies

Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Lilies @ \$8.50 \$ _____

If you would like to place a lily in church in celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord, please fill out this form by February 29. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church. After Sunday, March 31 you are asked to take your lily home to enjoy or share with someone.

Greeter	Stephanie Frymyer and Lisa Borry
Acolyte	Sebastien Francois
Usher	Peter Shiffer
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Dennis Kluck
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
Clean up	Stephanie and Mike Frymyer

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Building Oversight Committee MP
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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