

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan. 29 & Feb. 2, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Jesus reveals himself as the prophet sent from God.

This is the Fourth Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The readings during the Epiphany season carry forward the emphasis in the readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the theme of Jesus revealing himself to us as God and Savior. In Christmas and Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works; thus there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which itself is always seen as his work and not ours.

LITURGY: Common Service

CW pg. 15

OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

PRELUDE MUSIC: Largo Handel

Psalm XIX Marcello

Air Bach (Violin by Pastor Sitzman)

OPENING HYMN: CW 281

WORD OF GOD



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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

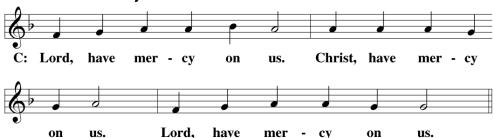


CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me. ⁵Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. ⁶But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!" ⁷The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me: There! I have now placed my words in your mouth. ¹⁰Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. (EHV)

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW 78 p. 95



Psalm tone *



O my people, hear my <u>teaching</u>;* listen to the words <u>of</u> my mouth.

I will utter things <u>from</u> of old,*
what we have heard and what our fathers have <u>told</u> us.

We will not hide them from our <u>chil</u>dren;* we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds <u>of</u> the LORD.

Refrain



Psalm tone *

The LORD decreed statutes for <u>Ja</u>cob* and established the law in <u>Is</u>rael,

so the next generation would <u>know</u> them,* and they in turn would tell their <u>chil</u>dren.

Then they would put their <u>trust</u> in God* and would not forget his deeds but would keep <u>his</u> commands.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

²⁷ You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it. ²⁸ And God appointed in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then miracles, healing gifts, helpful acts, leadership abilities, kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? ³⁰ Do all have healing gifts? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But eagerly seek the greater gifts. And now, I am going to show you a more excellent way. ¹³ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵ It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away

with. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. ¹³ So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)





Luke 4:20-32

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." ²² They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?" ²³ He told them, "Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself!' Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum." ²⁴ And he said, "Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. ²⁶ Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. ²⁹ They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way. ³¹ He went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. ³² They were amazed by his teaching, because his message had authority. (EHV)



NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

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,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

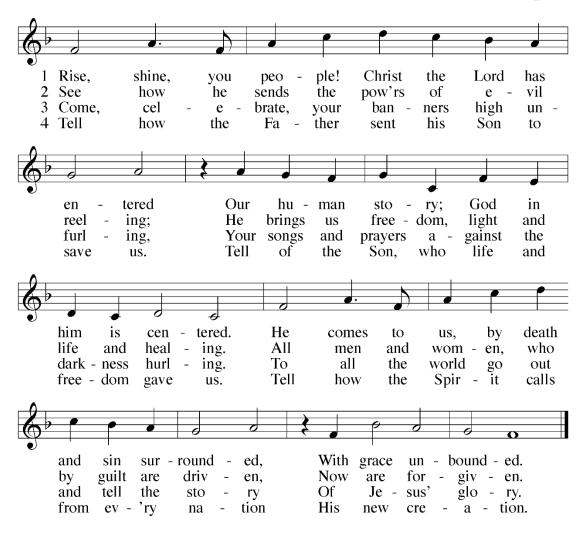
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 556 "Rise, Shine, You People"

556

Rise, Shine, You People



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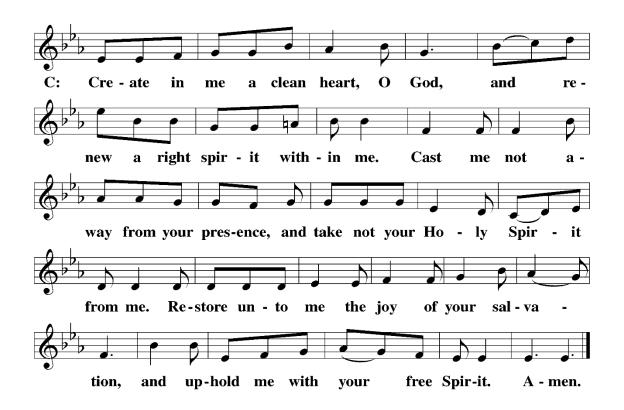
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SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Find Your Purpose in Christ



OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: O God My Faithful God Bach

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

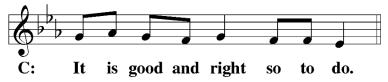
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



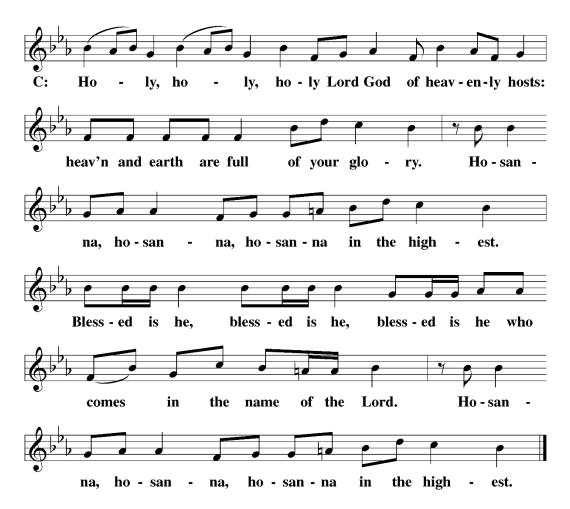
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

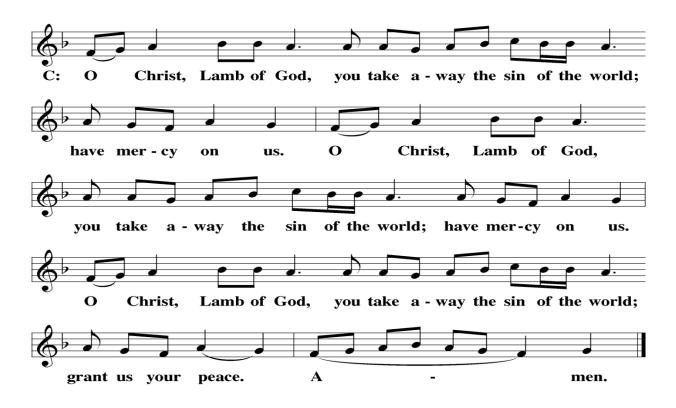
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 311

CW 490

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
 Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
 At your feet I cry, my Maker:
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven
 For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

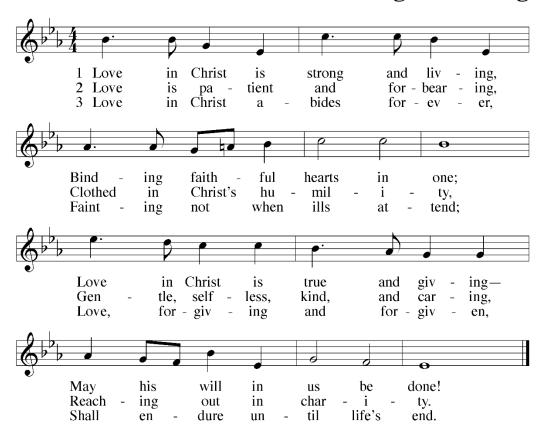
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CHRISTIAN LOVE

490 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



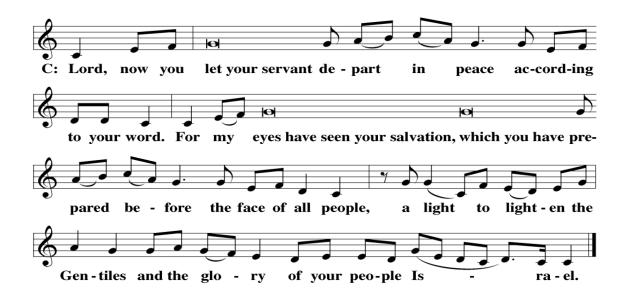
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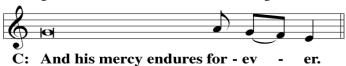
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SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

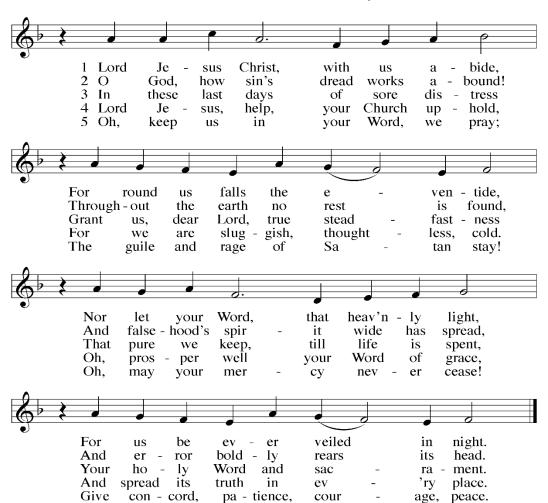


Closing Hymn: CW 541

CHURCH

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Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too. So hear us, Lord, and keep us true, Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord, And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

Text: Geistliche Psalmen, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite. Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

Postlude Music: Jubilation Handel

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETING— The Joint Call committee was led to call Pastor Benjamin Kempfert to be the Associate Pastor. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his call.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING: A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th to call for a Preschool Director/Teacher. Watch the bulletin for the time of the meeting.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith is holding a Christian Book Study – Living the Chocolate Life. Everyone is invited to join for two Sundays on February 9th & 23rd from 2-4 pm. Each meeting will involve discussing two chapters of the book, enjoying fellowship and tasting chocolates.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2024 Contribution statements are available in the church office. Please pick up your statements as soon as possible. If they haven't been picked up by Thurs., Feb. 6th we will mail them out, however, it is very expensive.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Outreach Committee has some questions they would like to ask congregation members and visitors alike:

- Did you visit a new church over the holidays?
- Did you feel a little nervous walking through the doors for the first time?
- Did someone welcome you with a smile?
- Would you like visitors to Zion to feel warmly welcomed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to learn more about Zion's new Greeter Program. Please use the sign-up sheet, and there will be orientation/training on Sunday, February 2nd.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Zion will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, February 5th from 12:30-6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate please go online to register or stop in the day of the blood drive. Thank you for helping out this need in our community.

FRIENDS IN FAITH WORK BEE- Friends In Faith will host a work bee on Sunday, February 16, following Bible Class. We will be arranging pots of Easter Lilies for the upcoming Easter season and refurbishing our potted Poinsettias that decorate the back of our church at Christmas time. PLEASE JOIN US! No crafting experience needed. Many helping hands will make our task quick and easy!

Zion's Sweetheart – Daddy Daughter Dance: Zion school is having their annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 22nd from 5-7:00 p.m. There is more information on the back table along with the form to fill out to purchase tickets. Please come and enjoy.

BOTTLE DRIVE: Our Congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support the ministry of New Beginnings—A Home for Mothers. New Beginnings is a WELS-based ministry that helps single mothers pave the way to self-sufficiency in a Christ-centered home. We will give gifts of LOVE to support the mothers and babies they serve. The bottle drive display is located in the back of the church and the school hallway. The fundraising effort is going to run from January 1st through

February 23rd. Pick up a baby bottle, take it home and have everyone in your household fill it with their spare change. On Sunday, February 23rd please make sure all bottles are returned so we can send the money to New Beginnings. Thank you.

ZION SCHOOL BI-ANNUAL AUCTION: It is that time again for Zion School CEA to hold its auction. This auction helps fund many activities, school sport uniforms, classroom supplies and even the curtains in the gym. This year the auction is on Sunday, March 2nd. If you would like to donate any NEW items, homemade items or baked goods, please pick up a slip at the back of the sanctuary and turn into the office. Thank you.

ZION FINE ARTS FAIR: Zion's annual fine arts fair will be held on Sunday, March 9th from 12-2. Not only are only members invited to attend they are invited to submit art! If you have any works of art to display, please have them to the office between Monday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 6. Make sure to label your art with your name. If you are interested in performing a musical piece, dance or reading, please email Stacey Sordahl at ssordahl@zionmonroe.org or send a text to (248) 345-3525. Suggested items to display – paintings, sketches, crafts, photography, sculptures, poetry, and short stories.

STEWARDSHIP GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY: Zion is in need of members who would be willing to input the attendance information into Church 360 following the service each week. Training will be provided and this is something that can be done from home. We hope that if we get five or six people to help it would have to be done once every month to month and a half. If interested, please reach out to Rob Krueger at 734-770-1149.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Greeter Orientation

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood drive

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

2:00 p.m. Friends in Faith – Living the Chocolate Life Devotional

February Volunteers

	Jan. 29 & Feb. 2	Feb. 5 & 9	Feb. 12 & 16	Feb. 19 & 23	Feb. 26 & Mar. 2
Altar Guild			Linda Selvidge		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny
Ushers	Jan. 29 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Feb. 2 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling	Feb. 5 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Feb. 9 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson William Robinson	Feb. 12 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Feb. 16 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Feb. 19 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Feb. 23 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Feb. 26 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier March 2 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	<u>Jan. 29</u> Alan Bober		Feb. 12 Ken Vagt		<u>Feb. 26</u> Alan Bober
	<u>Feb. 2</u> Erich Freiny Ron Krueger		<u>Feb. 16</u> Jeremy Robinson Jeff Heusman		March 2 Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier