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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PRELUDE: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"arr. Michael Burkhardt
 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright".....arr. Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ACS p. 29

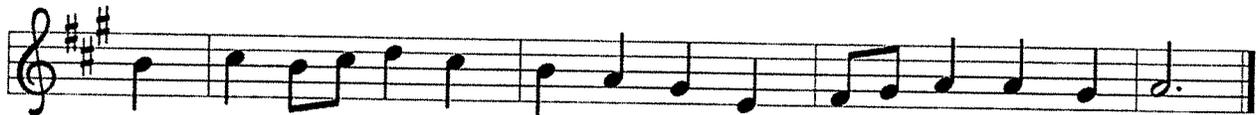
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 creator of the stars of night,
 companion at the evening table,
 breath over the deep waters.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW 314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

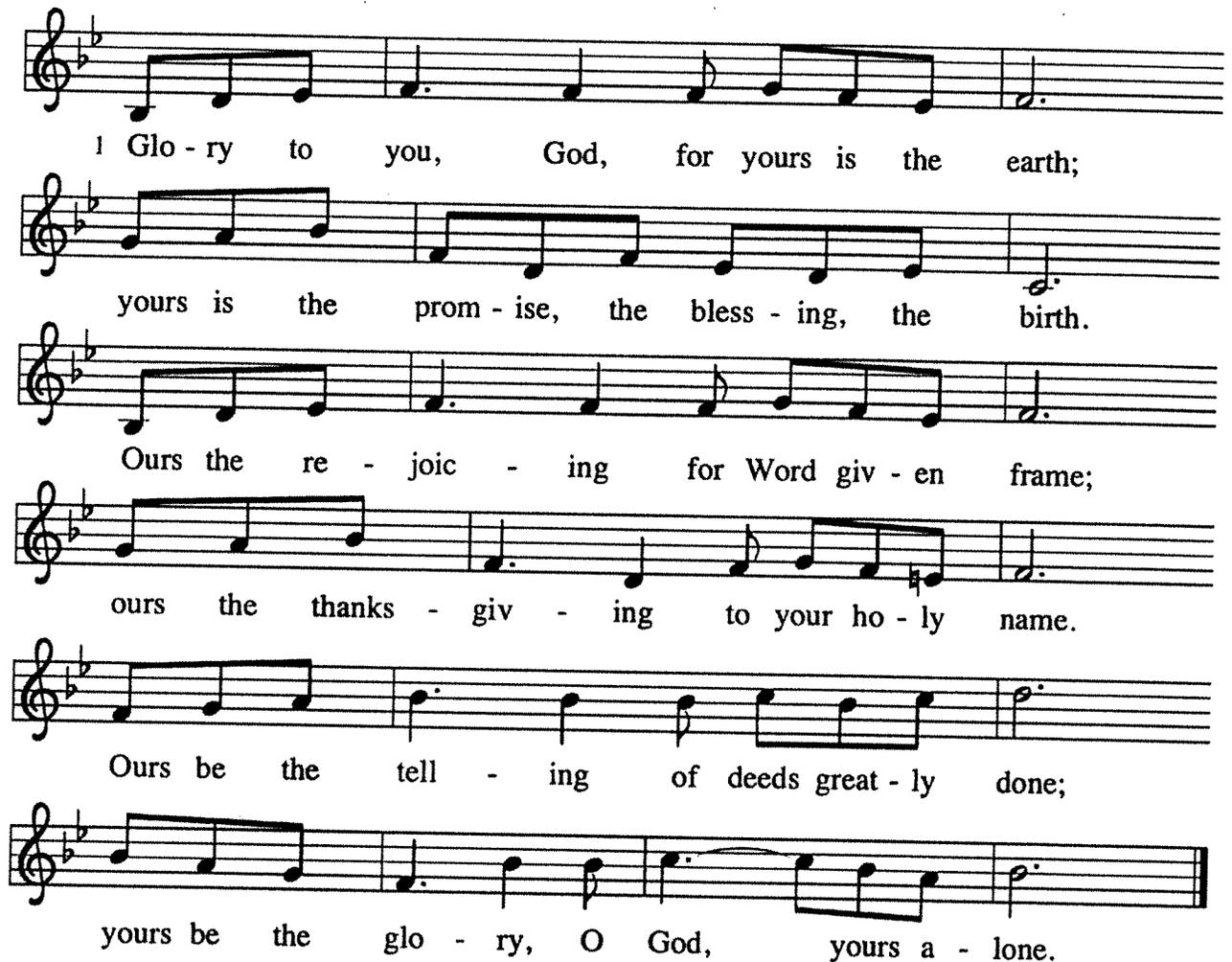
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GREETING: ELW p. 98

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to You, Lord"ACS p. :



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

L: A Reading from first Corinthians

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS p. 33



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

L: A reading from the Gospel of John

C: Glory to You, O Lord

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which

translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of our Lord
 C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMONPastor Nathan Lyl

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" ELW 30
 8:30-Choir Only on Stanza 1

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.

5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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**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.**

**OFFERING MUSIC: (8:30) “The Silent Stars Shine Down”.....arr. Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir**

Anthem Text

The silent stars shine down on us with bright but
sightless eye, unmindful of our little earth, of us who
live and die. Are we but grains of stranded sand
beside a cosmic sea that lie unvalued and unseen
in such immensity?

We see that star the wise men see and hope again
is stirred. We track the footprints left in time by your
incarnate Word. We see them climb a lonely hill
where Love is left to die-the Love that formed the
farthest star and hears the faintest cry.

Creator of all stars, you came to grace our transient
race. In Christ you spoke a word that broke the
silences of space. Still through that word you call our
hearts to know that we are known, to trust we do not
walk through time unvalued and alone.

O Christ, the bright and morning Star whose radi-
ance does not fade, whose glory filled the universe
before the planets played: come, heal our hearts of
blinding doubt till faith shall end in sight. Shine down
upon our darkened earth and conquer sin’s long
night. Shine down upon our darkened earth.

(10:30) “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” arr. Charles Callahan

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text “give”
to 218-210-7853 and click the link. The pink envelopes in January support the
St. John’s Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance
go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation
envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and
place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose
“pink envelopes” from the dropdown menu and write “Youth Assistance Fund” in the
note box.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: Merciful God,

C: **Receive Our Prayer**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

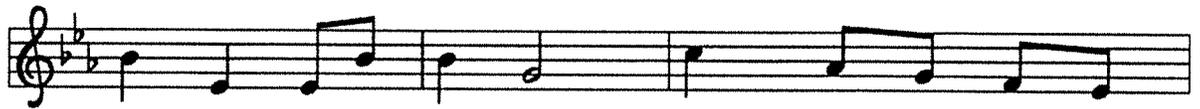
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our god

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLYACS p. 3



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



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

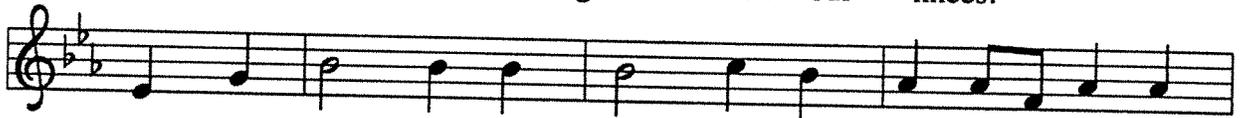
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together"..... ELW 47



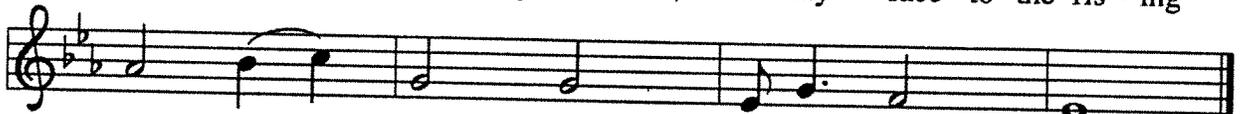
1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" ELW 31;



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad-ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,

Hymn cont. on next pg.

Star Words: Epiphany 2026

The use of star words, also called "star gifts," is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. Each star word has a unique intention word, or guiding word, and is written or printed on paper stars. These paper stars are then arranged, most commonly face down, on a table or in a basket. During the worship service, individuals are invited to draw a word at random, and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. Individuals are often encouraged to place their star word somewhere they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

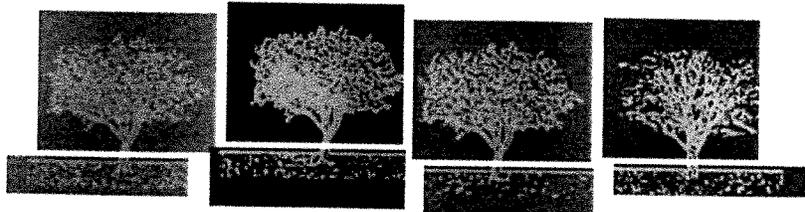
Why star words?

- The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.
- We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
- We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.
- We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.
- By not looking or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not us that are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:
Sunday, January 25th, 11:45 am**

Please plan to attend our 2026 Annual Meeting to reflect on St. John's ministry in 2025, look ahead to 2026, and consider a vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget.

All confirmed members of St. John's are voting members, and are encouraged to attend. Watch for the 2025 Annual Report to become available by January 16, and plan to attend a Budget Preview session during ACE on Sunday, January 18th between services to become familiar and ask questions. Submissions to be included in the Annual Report are due to the office no later than TODAY.



ANNUAL MEETING

Announcements:

1. **ACE Today, January 18, 9:35-10:15:**
2026 Budget Preview - The Church Council will present and answer your questions on the proposed budget for 2026. Annual Reports are available to pick up in the Narthex.
2. **More than Just Lunch** will be going to the Minneapolis Art Institute on the **17th of February**. It will be a Guided Tour of their permanent collection. Our tour is at 10:30 and the cost is \$10. We need at least ten people to attend to have \$10 admission. We will **meet at church at 9:30**. We will return to the Lowry restaurant for lunch. Sign up on the sheet near the coat racks.
3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 2**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
6. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on February 12**
Where: Highview Hills
7. During **January Pink Envelope** designated gifts will support the Youth Assistance Fund. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support the Youth Assistance Fund please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!

8. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 19.**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

9. **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings , 7-8am St. John's Conference Room**

"It's back!" for some and "It's new!" for others. Pastor Nathan will be leading a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study with men in mind as we enter the new year. Topics will vary throughout the year, but you can mark your calendars for Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. Join via Zoom with this QR code:



10. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

11. Are you looking for community, encouragement, and a place to exhale? MomCo at St. John's is a welcoming space for **ALL moms** — whether you're parenting littles, tweens or teens, — to connect, grow, and be refreshed. We meet on the **second and fourth Sundays of each month from 3:00–5:00 PM**, and **childcare is provided**. Each gathering includes meaningful conversation, practical tools for everyday life, and a chance to build friendships with other moms who understand both the joy and the challenge of the journey. We would love for you to join us!

Upcoming Meetings

January 11 – *Kindness for Your Body*

January 25 – *Building Resourcefulness in Kids*

February 8 – *Prioritizing Your Marriage*

February 22 – *Awkward Friendships*

To learn more about MomCo and what we're about, visit themom.co/home. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting — there's a place for you here.

Location: Near the kitchen

Childcare provided

Registration: \$80 — includes

- MomCo International membership
- Subscription to *MomCo Magazine*
- Crafts and guest speakers
- Snacks at each meeting
- Childcare



**MAKE
IT
AWKWARD**

Scholarships are available if needed.

To join, simply **scan the QR code** — and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.

12. **St. John's to Host Luther College's Nordic Choir in Concert - Sunday, January 25th at 4 pm**

We are thrilled to announce that St. John's will be hosting a concert of Luther's Nordic Choir. This is a ticketed event; tickets will be sold directly through Luther College online. During the concert, a free-will donation for Messiah Community Food Shelf will be gathered. This concert will be open to the public - invite your friends and neighbors!



To buy tickets, scan the QR code and select "Nordic Choir Tour Lakeville, MN."

13. **January 25 Bake Sale!** On Sunday January 25th, our Luther Crest Campers and Mission trip participants will be hosting a bake sale. It will be open from 8:00am-1:00pm and 3:30pm-5:30pm. We will have lefse, Scandinavian treats, and Valentine's Day cookie kits!

14. With the new year, we have **updated sign up links** for worship helpers and have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

Readers



Worship
Coordinators



Clickers



15. **Parenting Littles: It's Just a Phase.** Sunday, February 1, 9:35 am in Mark classroom
The Parenting Littles group is a get-together for parents and caregivers to connect, grow, and share insights as we care for the kids God has entrusted to us. For this session, Pastor Nathan will present "It's Just a Phase", a framework for spiritual development for your kids in all the "phases" of infancy through adulthood based on social and emotional developmental research and best practices.

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Marvin Larson (8:30), Eric Engwall (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30), Wright & Olson families (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers..... Kathy Ziller, Ginger Gustafson, Tricia Murphy (8:30)
Barry Fick, Amanda Boe, Pam Haukoos (10:30)
Sound TechRandy Franzen (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)
Clicker Team Kay Halvorson (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Dan Nelson (8:30), Peter and Pam Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee ServersGinger Gustafson, Kathy Ziller

Those Serving Next Week:

OrganistKaren Olson
Lector Larry Westfield (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up Liz Westfield
Communion Servers.....Liz Westfield, Dan Nelson, Larry Westfield (8:30),
Lynn Coldren, Dave Coldren, Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Usher Team Leader.....Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Sound TechDanny Barth (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker.....Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator.....(8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers..... Dan & Kris Nelson

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