

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR**  
**NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**PRELUDE:** "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"..... J.S. Bach (Germain, 1685-1750)

**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.

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

**P:** Holy and gracious God,

**C:** we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed - but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.

**P:** As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

**C:** Amen.

**GATHERING SONG:** "Rise, Shine You People"..... ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un-bound-ed.  
wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en, now are for-giv-en.  
world go out and tell the sto-ry of Je-sus' glo-ry.  
Spir-it calls from ev-'ry na-tion God's new cre-a-tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003  
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**GREETING:**.....ELW p. 98

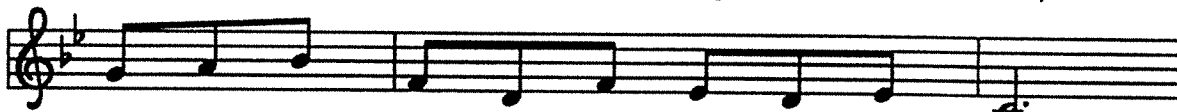
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "*Glory to You, Lord*".....ACS p. 31



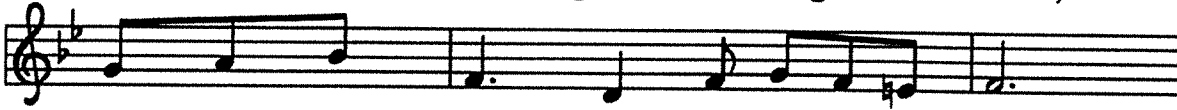
1 Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



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: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

L: A Reading from first Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Pastor Nathan Lyke

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ..... ACS p. 33



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

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

L: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON .....Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" ..... ELW 301



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no

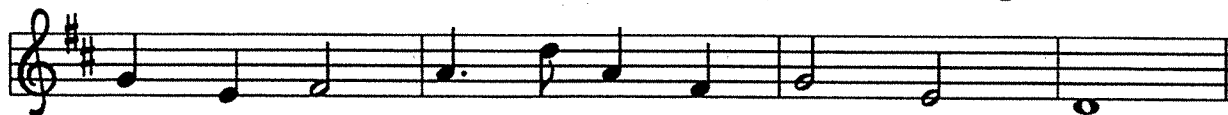


heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

Hymn cont. on next pg.



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

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.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.  
 Music: *DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ*, Danish, 19th cent.  
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## APOSTLES CREED..... ACS p. 17

**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) "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"..... Mark Bender**

(10:30) *"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.

**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, HOLY ..... ACS p. 36

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER.....ACs p. 39

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 THE TABLE

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table;  
 taste and see.

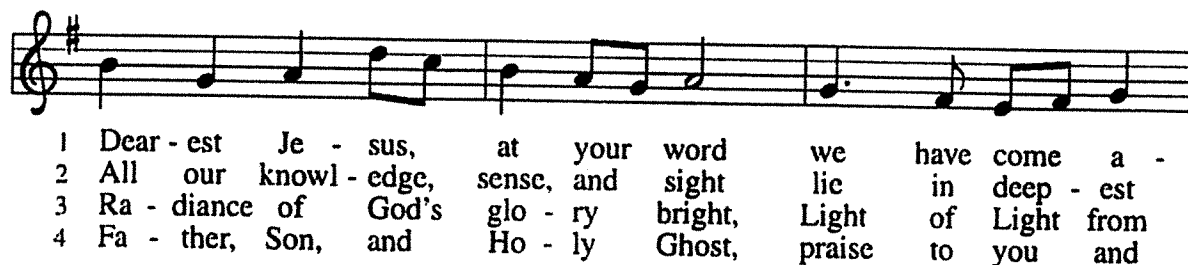
## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" .....ACS p. 40



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 HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word" ..... ELW 520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

Hymn cont. on next pg.



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred,  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

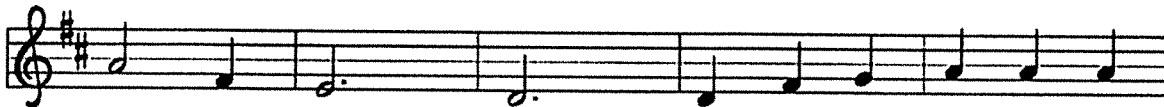
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Music: LIEBSE JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light".....ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

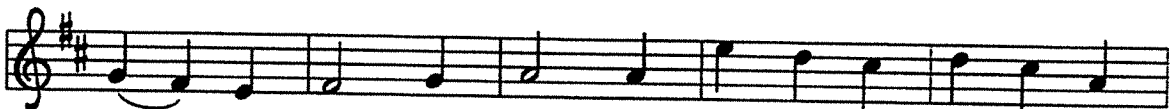


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

## DISMISSAL

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: "Rise, Shine, You People!" ..... Kevin Hildebrand (American b.1973)

## 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.

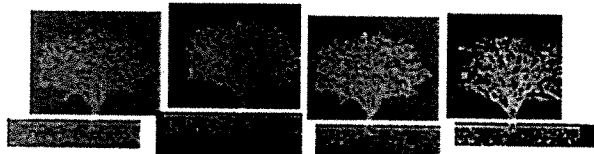
### Why star words?

- 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.



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Announcements:**

1. **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.
2. **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
3. **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
4. **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.
5. **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
6. 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!
7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Peter Gudel (contact: [pgudel@gmail.com](mailto:pgudel@gmail.com))  
**Meets:** 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 16**  
**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.

8. **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:



9. **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!!

10. 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](http://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

*Scholarships are available if needed.*

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



**MAKE  
IT  
AWKWARD**

11. **St. John's to Host Luther College's Nordic Choir in Concert - TODAY, 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."

12. **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!
13. 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  
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14. **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.....Karen 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 Tech ..... Danny Barth (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)  
Clicker..... (8:30), (10:30)  
Livestream Team.....Francine Capasso  
Worship Coordinator ..... John Hartwig (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)  
Coffee Servers..... Dan & Kris Nelson

### **Those Serving Next Week:**

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen  
Lector ..... (8:30), (10:30)  
Usher Team Leader ..... Lisa Horn (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)  
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Comer  
Communion Servers .....Jim Buckley, Tricia Murphy, Susan Van Thomme (8:30)  
Don Alberts, Jennifer Milbradt, Linda Nielsen (10:30)  
Sound Tech..... Randy Franzen (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)  
Clicker Team ..... Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)  
Livestream Team ..... Francine Capasso  
Worship Coordinator ..... (8:30), (10:30)  
Coffee Servers .....Boerschel Family

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