

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Life Sunday Observance

January 17/18, 2026

5:00 PM, 8:00/10:30 AM

Welcome to Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again. If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, vadams@zionharvester.org, in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

Children's Messages

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service. Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

Nursery and Cry Room

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Decorum

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



Prayer and Preaching

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Prelude

5:00/8:00, *Christ the Word of God Incarnate* – arr. Mark Hayes

10:30, *Father Welcomes All His Children* – arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

5:00, Preschool Singing

Stand

Sharing of the Peace

This ancient but significant gesture in worship is a tradition rooted in Scripture. It embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and mouths in the ways of peace.

From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. “Peace be with you” is a greeting that Jesus himself used with his disciples after He had risen from the dead (Luke 24:36). The apostle Paul opened each of his letters with the words “Grace and peace be with you” (Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2).

When we share the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).



Opening Hymn: 606 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

Baptism

10:30, Harvey Matteson Ray

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

L Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Psalm 84:10

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

Psalm 25:4

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

John 17:17

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

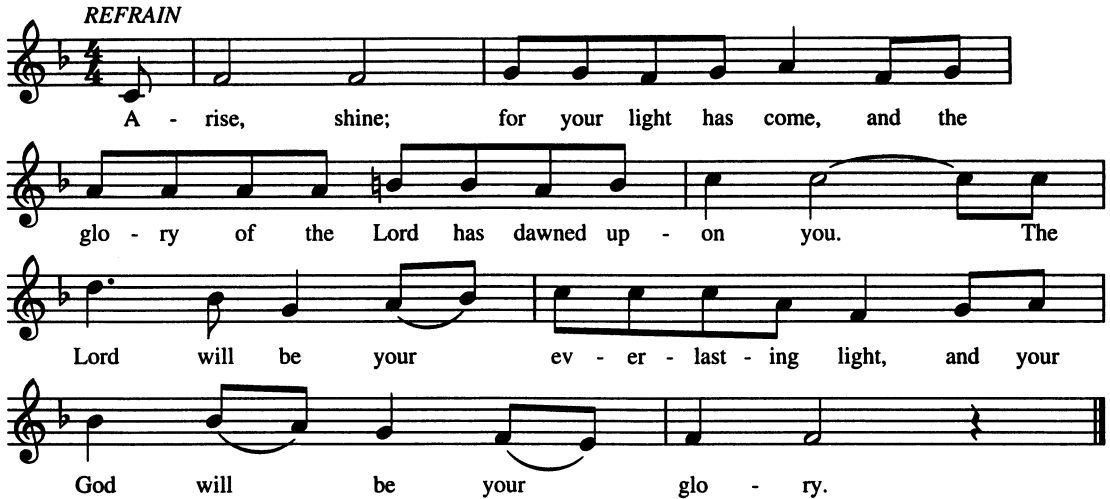
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Old Testament Canticle: The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11, 14, 18-19

REFRAIN



A - rise, shine; for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. The
Lord will be your ev - er - last - ing light, and your
God will be your glo - ry.

C Refrain

- A** For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples;
But over you the Lord will arise, and His glory will appear upon you.
Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they never will be shut.

C Refrain

- A** They will call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

C Refrain

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The Servant of the LORD

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: I Waited Patiently

Psalm 40:1-11 (paraphrase)

Refrain

He has put a new song in - to my mouth, a
hymn of praise to our God. Those a - round will wit- ness
God's ho - ly work and put their trust in the Lord.

A Refrain

C Refrain

A I waited patiently for God; He turned to me and heard my cry.
He took me from the slimy pit: He pulled me from the mud and mire.
Upon solid rock He planted my feet: a place I could stand that made me secure.

C Refrain

A You bless all those who trust in you, who follow what you do and say.
Great wonders you have done for us and great the plans that you have laid.
Were I to recount or quantify them their sum would exceed what I could declare.

C Refrain

A Not sacrifice nor offering do you desire from me, O Lord,
but ears to listen to your word, to live my life as you direct.
For I have desired to live in your will: establish your law and rule in my heart.

C Refrain

A Your righteousness I have declared, I openly proclaim your praise.
Your goodness I have magnified and will continue to each day.
So do not withhold your mercy from me, set guard over me your truth and your love.

C Refrain

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Greeting

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon 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.

Thanksgiving

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gospel

John 1:29–42a

Behold, the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, 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 before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsoy

Psalm 119:89; Psalm 26:8; Luke 11:28

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Apostles' Creed [5:00/8:00]

A We confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Hymn of the Day: 540 - Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 1-3



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.

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Children's Message

Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.

Hymn of the Day: 540 - Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 4-6



4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
 Δ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born

lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
 from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,

Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good
 Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and

Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
 to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
 ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the

God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.
 to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.
 Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon

New Testament Canticle: Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Refrain



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of God, re -
joic - ing in God, my Sav-ior. The Ho - ly One has
raised me up, I live in God's love and fa - vor.

C Refrain

- A** The Mighty One works great things in me: My soul rejoices in God.
All faithful servants God's mercy shall see:
My soul rejoices, sings and rejoices, gladly rejoices in God.

C Refrain

- A** The arm of God is justice and might: My soul rejoices in God.
God puts the proud and the scheming to flight:
My soul rejoices, sings and rejoices, gladly rejoices in God.

C Refrain

- A** God topples every tyrant and crown: My soul rejoices in God.
The lowly raised and the mighty brought down:
My soul rejoices, sings and rejoices, gladly rejoices in God.

C Refrain

- A** With wondrous things, God's banquet is spread: My soul rejoices in God.
The rich go hungry, the hungry are fed:
My soul rejoices, sings and rejoices, gladly rejoices in God.

C Refrain

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Offering

*Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks.
At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.*

5:00, Christ the Word of God Incarnate – arr. Carol Tourquist

8:00, Come Follow Me the Savior Spake – arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Come, follow Me, the Savior spake,
All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying,
I am the Way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and it's temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal.

*Text: Johann Scheffler (1668), tr. Charles W. Schaeffer (1813-1896) alt.
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10:30, Christ the Word of God Incarnate – arr. Susan Nelson

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

- L** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Luther's Evening Prayer

Saturday

*Commissioned by Zion Lutheran Church and School of Harvester, Missouri in celebration of Reformation 500
and in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ His dear Son.*

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

I thank You, my heav'n - ly Fa - ther, through Je - sus Christ, Your dear
Son, that You have kept me this day. I pray that You for -
give me for all the wrong that I have done this day. For in - to Your hands I com -
mend my - self; my bo - dy and soul and all things. Let Your ho - ly an - gel be
with me, that the e - vil foe may have no pow - er ov - er me. I
thank You, my heav'n - ly Fa - ther, through Je - sus Christ, Your dear Son, that
You have kept me this day. I pray that You for - give me for
all the wrong that I have done this day. Keep me this night. A - men.

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Luther's Morning Prayer

Sunday

*Commissioned by Zion Lutheran Church and School of Harvester, Missouri in celebration of Reformation 500
and in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ His dear Son.*



I thank you, my heav'n - ly Fa - ther, through Je - sus Christ, Your dear
Son, that You have kept me from all dan - ger. Keep me from sin and
e - vil, that all I do in life may please You. For in - to Your hands I com -
mend my - self; my bo - dy and soul and all things. Let Your ho - ly an - gel be
with me, that the e - vil foe may have no pow - er ov - er me. I
thank You, my heav'n - ly Fa - ther, through Je - sus Christ, Your dear Son, that
You have kept me from all dan - ger. Keep me from sin and ev - il, that
all I do in life may please You. A - men. A - - men.

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Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

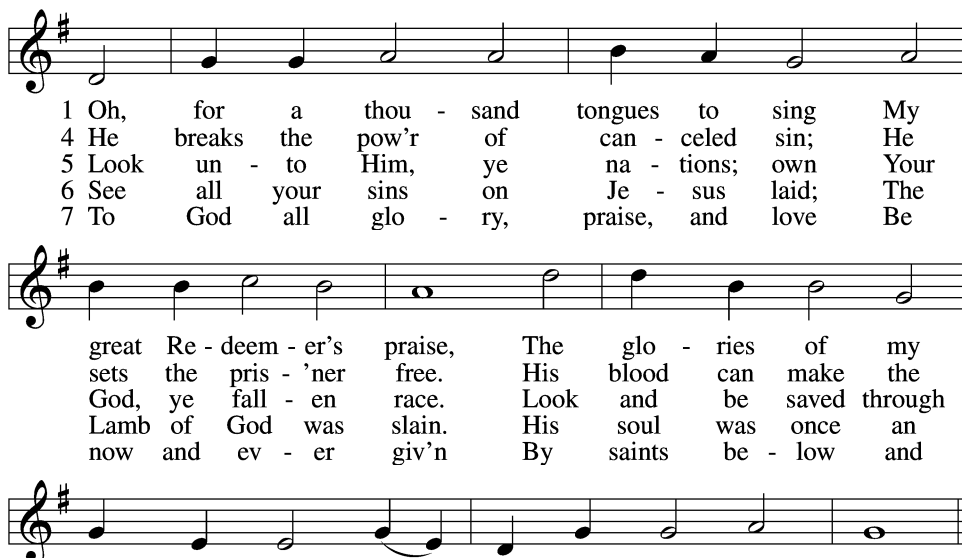
- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 528 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

sts. 1, 4–7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your
6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.

Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

Postlude

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – arr. Anna Laura Page

Participants

Preacher:		Rev. Mike Fiebert
Liturgist:	8:00/10:30	Rev. Mark Rouland
Children's Message:		Amanda Helmkamp
Organist:		Karen Roche
Soloist:	5:00	Abby Farnsworth
	10:30	Ashley Craig
Choir:	8:00	Men's Chorus
Handbells:	10:30	Jubilate Ringers
Lay Readers:	5:00	Butch Powley
	8:00	Sue Bredow
	10:30	John Jameson
Acolytes:	5:00	Ryan Shrable, Gus Phipps
	8:00	Ashley Kuhlmann, Rosie Coffman
	10:30	Hannah Braswell, Charlotte Bleser
Elder:	5:00	Rob Halterman
	8:00	Andrew Streuter
	10:30	Dan Kuntz
Ushers:	5:00	Ray Barker Team
	8:00	Jim Koeneman Team
	10:30	Tim Edinger Team

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Krauss in memory of her husband, Kent.

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