

# The Third Sunday after Epiphany Blessing and Sending of Quilts for Refugees

10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist January 23, 2022

#### Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you to worship today via Zoom!

#### **About Our Worship Today**

#### **Receiving Holy Communion**

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal because Christ invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like to participate in Holy Communion, you are invited to prepare a small bit of bread of any sort, and wine or juice if they are accessible to you, creating sacred space.

#### This Week's Commemorations

#### **Conversion of Paul**

#### Tuesday, January 25, 2022

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

# Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries Wednesday, January 26, 2022

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

# Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith Thursday, January 27, 2022

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**P:** Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly + All may make the sign of the cross.

#### **Pre-service Music**

Variations on How Brightly Beams the Morning Star
By Manz, Buxtehude and Pachelbel

#### Gathering

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

  → one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
- A Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- A (UNMUTE) we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe

in the glory of your Son born among us,

and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news:

In  $\pm$  Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ,

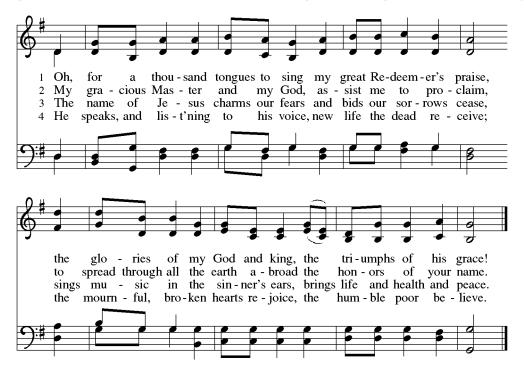
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

#### A Amen.

#### **Gathering Song**

# "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (AZMON)" ELW Hymnal p. 886

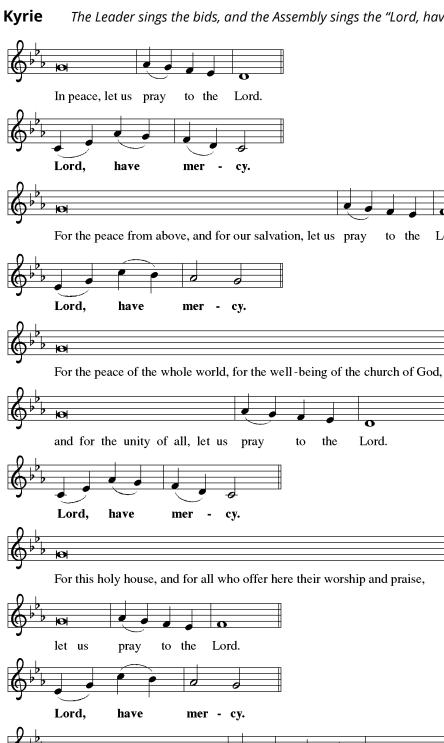


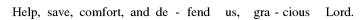
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

# Greeting

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

Lord.







#### **Prayer of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- A **Q** And also with you.

Pause for a moment of silence...

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Word: God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

#### **Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

R A reading from Nehemiah.

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

#### Psalm 19

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through. The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses. All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:

ELW Psalm Tone 3, 3 Sharps



#### Refrain:



<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- <sup>I</sup> ry of God, and the sky proclaims its <sup>I</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no <sup>1</sup> words or language, and their voices <sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out <sup>1</sup> of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to <sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of <sup>|</sup> it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous <sup>1</sup> altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- <sup>|</sup> vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is <sup>|</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>|</sup> in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

R A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed

in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

R Word of God, word of life.

#### A Thanks be to God!

# **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel Luke 4:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

#### A Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

#### A Praise to you, O Christ!

#### Sermon

#### Time of Silence

A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



# **Blessing and Sending of Quilts for Refugees**

All are invited to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing (even if you're online).

P God, our neighbors around the world need hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

#### A Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

P God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for these quilts. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and offer them dignity and healing.

## A Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

P God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

# A Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

P God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

#### A Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

P God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they know your goodness. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Go now and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### A Amen.

# The Apostle's Creed

- L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- A 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.

#### **Prayers of the People** (a) the Responses

- L The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.
- L You reveal yourself in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

Let hope and strength flow through our leaders of faith and justice. We pray for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, our pastor Mark, our president Grace, our council, and anti-racism task force. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living under oppression or those living with pain, especially Steve Andes, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Jim Jung, Susan Knohl, Judith Kratochvil, John and Nancy Lang, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak, Lloyd Stivers, Grace and Alex, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L God of grace,

#### A hear our prayer.

L In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn, especially Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries; and Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

# A hear our prayer.

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### A Amen.

#### Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

# A Name And Also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

# **Meal:** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...

#### Offering

An offering for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need. You scan this code with your smartphone camera to make your financial offering online.



# Offering Music "O Morning Star" By Hugo Distler

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy.

Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! Tell the story! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! OPur joy by all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!

Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

# **Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.** 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### **Dialogue**

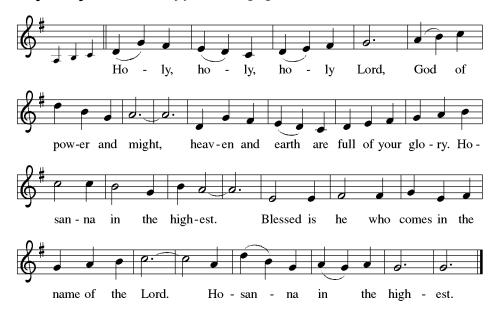
- P The Lord be with you.
- A Name And Also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- A We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **Preface** The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn::

#### **Holy, Holy**, **Holy** *The Assembly joins in singing:*



Hymnal, p. 108

#### Thanksgiving at the Table

P Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

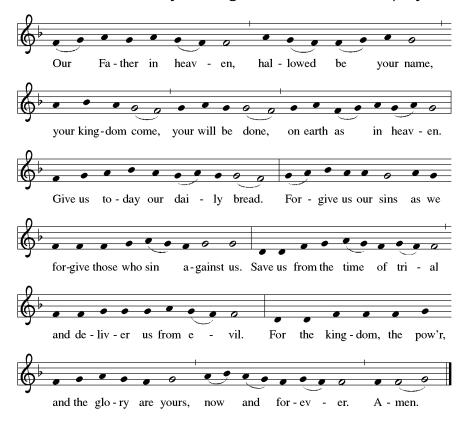
in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

# A A Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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



# The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

- P Come to God's table, There is a place for you and enough for all!
- A 

  Thanks be to God!

# **Distribution of Holy Communion**

- P This is the body of Christ, given for you. *All communing may partake of the bread*
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. *All communing may drink of their cup.*

# **Blessing after Communion**

- P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.
- A Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
 Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

#### A Amen.

# **Sending Song**

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (NETTLETON)" H

Hymnal 843



#### **Blessing**

- P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, 士 bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever!
- A 

  Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

- L Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news
- A 

  Thanks be to God!

#### **Postlude**

Variations on How Brightly Beams the Morning Star By Manz, Buxtehude and Pachelbel

# $Serving\ in\ worship\ today...$

| Presiding Minister | The Rev. Mark Sloss                                |
|--------------------|--|
|                    | Linda Edlunc                                       |
|                    | Sara Krentz  |
|                    | Steve Warner                                       |
|                    | Greg Humme   |
|                    | James Morehead                                     |
|                    | Kit McCarthy                                       |
| •                  | Grace Yarnofi                                      |
|                    | Tom Couch, Kevin McDaniel, Tyler Heyl, Mark Kearns |

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# **Upcoming Events –** for details see the weekly e-blast, *Immanuel Newsfeeds*, or the website Calendar at <a href="https://www.immanuelevanston.org">www.immanuelevanston.org</a>.

| Sunday, Jan. 23    | Budget Meeting                    | 1:00 pm  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Tuesday, Jan. 25   | Midweek Adult Spiritual Formation | 7:00 pm  |
| Wednesday, Jan. 26 | Choir Practice                    | 7:30 pm  |
| Thursday, Jan. 27  | Wilmette Band Practice            | 7:30 pm  |
| Sunday, Jan. 30    | Feeding Our Faith Discussion      | 9:00 am  |
|                    | Sunday Virtual Worship            | 10:30 am |
|                    | Annual Meeting                    | 1:00 pm  |
|                    | North Shore Squares               | 2:00 pm  |

# Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

| The Rev. Mark Sloss   | Pastor                        |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Grace Yarnoff   |                               |
| Melisa Larson   | Congregation Vice President   |
| Scott Romans  | Congregation Secretary        |
| Susan Ross  | Congregation Treasurer        |
| Dana Barron, Tom Couch, Linda Edlund, Bert Mount, Jim Skelton, Steve Warner | Congregation Council Members  |
| Mary Ann Kearns   | Financial Secretary           |
| Elizabeth Stegner   | Assistant Financial Secretary |
| James Morehead  | Music Director                |
| Greg Hummel   | Organist                      |
| Laurie Stivers  | Associate Organist            |
| Christine Kraemer   | Associate Organist            |
| Jane Kaihatsu   | Parish Administrator          |

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