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# Zion Lutheran Church

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## As We Gather

*Welcome! Together we will worship the Crucified, Risen, and Ascended Jesus. We, the believers at Zion, are glad to have you here. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ.*

## Service Notes . . .

**In Preparation for Worship:** Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we'll be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: **It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit.** All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

**THE OFFERING:** If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at Zion...you are our guest! Please remember to fill out the Friendship Book (located at the end of the Pew) and sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Quiet Time

Welcome

Sunday School singing. "Allelu" and "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

Invocation

P: Lord, today we recall your faithfulness.

Thank you that you walk with us every day, that you are with us in each moment. Thank you that your promises are true, and your goodness never fails us.

In this moment we come to you and we lay our lives before you.

May we worship and adore you with every fiber of our being.

May everything within us cry "Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come".

And so today we join with all those who worship and confess you as Lord, from generations past and present, and with all the angels that sing in heaven of your greatness and beauty.

**C: Lord we adore you. Lord we love you. Lord you are so precious to us.**

**Amen**

Call to Worship

**Song: "Great Is the Lord"**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just. By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true. By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice. Now lift up your voice,

Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just. By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true. By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory! Great are You Lord and worthy of praise!

Great are You Lord, I lift up my voice. I lift up my voice.

Great are you Lord. Great are you Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You.

**C: For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.**

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P: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**C: Amen**

**Song: "Glorify Thy Name"**

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Scripture Readings

**Genesis 45:3-15**

<sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him. (This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**)

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**1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42(ESV)**

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. (This is the Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**)

(Rise)

**Song: "Allelu!"**

**Chorus**

Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu, for the Lord is risen, it is true; Everybody sing Allelu!

**Verse 1**

God said He would send His Son, Allelu! Allelu!  
And salvation would be won. Alleluia!

**Chorus**

**Verse 2**

On the hard wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!  
suffered and He died for us, Alleluia!

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

Now we too can live anew, Allelu! Allelu!  
Live in Him need all we do, Alleluia!

**Chorus**

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**Luke 6:27-38(ESV)**

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

**Song: “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”**

**Verse 1:** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song, Praising the Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Verse 2:** Perfect submission perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3:** Perfect submission, all is at rest, I, in my Savior am happy and blest.  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**Refrain**

Pastor’s Message **Mercies Beyond the Choir** (Luke 6:27-38)

We confess our faith                      We Believe

**(The Apostle's Creed)**

We believe in God the Father, Maker of the universe,  
And in Christ His Son, our Savior come to us by virgin birth;  
We believe He died to save us bore our sins, was crucified.  
Then, from death, He rose victorious. Ascended to the Father's side.

We believe He sends His Spirit on His church with gifts of pow'r.  
God, His Word of truth affirming, sends us to the nations now;  
He will come again in glory, judge the living and the dead.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow before Him, then must ev'ry tongue confess.

Jesus, Lord of all.

Opportunity for offering:

**Offering response in song: He Has Made Me Glad**

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

**Song for Prayers: Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known;  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief.  
And oft escaped the tempers snare, by they return, sweet hour of prayer.

Prayers

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come Thy will be done, hallowed be Thy name.  
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be Thy name.  
And forgive all our debts, hallowed be Thy name.  
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed be Thy name.  
Lead us not into temptation, hallowed be Thy name.  
But deliver us from evil, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed be Thy name.  
Forever and ever, hallowed be Thy name.  
Amen, amen, amen, hallowed be Thy name.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed be Thy name.

Benediction

Sunday School Children excused

**Closing Song: There Is Power In The Blood**

Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

**Chorus:** There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the lamb.

Would you be free from the passion and pride?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide,  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

**Chorus**

Would you do service for Jesus, your King?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

**Chorus**

Announcements

*Join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following the service*

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We wish to welcome all visitors and guests to worship the Triune God with us. May He go with you during the week, and we invite you to worship with us again. Our restrooms are located near the East entrance door – across from the church mail boxes.

**“OUR PURPOSE IN ZION** is to be a growing, caring, community of believers in Christ who help strengthen one another through prayer and fellowship in Word and Sacrament to bring others to Christ”

**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the narthex. We ask that the activity bags be returned after the worship service. *Thank you!*

**A NURSERY** is provided on the lower level of the education unit for families with infants and small children; a television is available in the nursery, so you may listen and watch the worship service. There is a Changing Table located there.

**PERSONAL SOUND RECEIVERS:** If you have a hearing problem you may use Zion’s Personal Sound Receivers that can be found on the bulletin stand in the Narthex.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

Topic for today is, *“Not by Bread Alone”* Next week, *“Is God Everybody's Father?”*

Sermons can be heard on Sunday at:

6:05am @ WCCO 830AM

7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM –

*(Sermons are posted on our church website (worship/music page)*

<b><u>EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK</u></b>		
MON	9:00am	Weekly Women’s Bible Study
WED	9:00am	Quilting Group -Everyone is welcome
	6:30p	Jr. Confirmation (last one of the year)
SAT	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
SUN	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Sunday School

**“PRAYER CHAIN”** contact person is Gloria Irwin. Call her at 632-8044 or Lydia Posch @ 632-6228 for any prayer concerns or questions.



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:** The Family of Lonnie Davis, Ron & Lorraine Neuhring’s grandson, Zachary

**ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:**

2/10 Don and Ginny Fitch in memory of their daughter, Denise Ganz-Murray



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ February 16 & 17, 2019 (23/75 = 98)**



Current .....	\$2,162.00	Building Fund.....	\$144.00
Loose .....	\$213.00	Door Offering (Lutheran Hour) .....	\$290.00
Mission .....	\$27.00		
TOTAL OPERATING:.....	\$2,402.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS: .....	\$ 434.00
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES: .....	\$3,060.00	NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN.....	\$863.58

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – February 24**

Today in Sunday School, the students will learn that as Jesus came to the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40), He comes to us in our weakness, for we cannot by our own reason or strength come to Him. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us, keeping us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

\*\*\*The Sunday School children will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. worship service today. Following Sunday School, Zion’s Sunday School/Youth and families are invited to go to the Holiday Inn Express in Baxter for an afternoon of waterpark fun. Permission slips are required. Pizza will be served in the youth area after Sunday School.

**MITE BOX REMINDER**

If you have a filled mite box at home, please return it to church in the next few weeks, and then pick up a new box. At the national level, the LWML is working hard to fulfill the commitments for the 2017-2019 mission grants. Thank you for your help with these projects. Many Mites Make Many Missions!!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN FEBRUARY**

\*Women’s Weekly Bible study will meet on **Monday, February 25 (#13)** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will finish our study “1 Corinthians: One in Christ” on March 4 (#14). Due to a few missed weeks, the new study on the book of Amos is planned to begin on **March 11**.

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**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**



**LET'S GO TO**



**PAUL & GINNY  
GIBEN WILL SHARE  
THEIR PHOTOS**

**The Friendship  
Club**

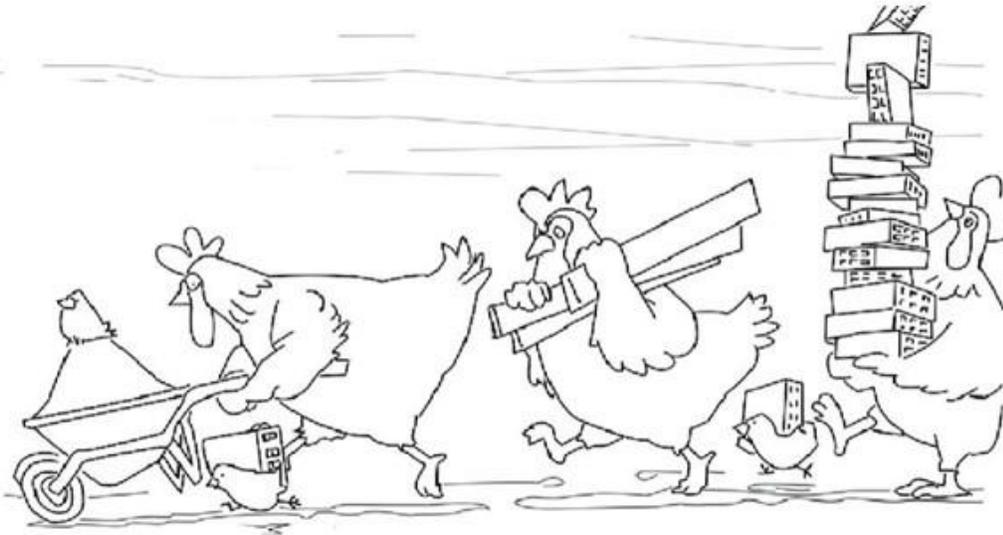


## **WATERPARK: Family Fun...**

**Holiday Inn Express in Baxter for a day of indoor waterpark fun.**



# **CHICKS FOR BRICKS**



**Tuesday, March 19th**

**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**411 Third Ave NE**

**Little Falls**

**Chicken – Ham – Mashed Potatoes – Stuffing  
– Gravy – Vegetables – Rolls – Dessert –  
Beverage**

Proceeds go to our new Fellowship Hall – \$8.00 per person suggested

**LENTEN DINNERS BEING SERVED FROM 5:00-6:00 P.M. (Service is at 6:30 p.m.)**

- March 6 – Youth: Spaghetti
- March 13 – Elders: Hungarian Goulash (beef stew)
- March 20 – ZLW: Wild Rice Soup
- March 27 – Evangelism: Soup & Sandwiches
- April 3 – Choir: Tacos/Taco Salad
- April 10 – Council: Sloppy Joes
- April 21 – Youth: Easter Breakfast



**EASTER FLOWERS-EASTER FLOWERS-EASTER FLOWERS**

Once again it is time to think about decorating the church for the joyous celebration of our risen Lord! The choices and prices for this year are listed below. No color guarantees. Also, cannot guarantee the hyacinth or tulip plants will be in bloom. Please have your order and money into church by **Sunday, April 7th**. You may drop an envelope into the church collection with your name, flower choice, and money enclosed or give your order and payment to Nancy Peterson. Thank you for helping us to celebrate the resurrection of our living God!

- Easter lily-\$12
- Asiatic lily-\$12
- Oriental/Lily-\$12
- Hydrangea-\$20
- Begonia-\$14
- Orchid-\$25
- Azalca-\$20
- Hyacinth-\$12
- Tulip-\$12
- Mums-\$12



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY****OVERFLOWING BLESSINGS**

- † **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children are singing at the beginning of worship TODAY at 9:00am. Classes will be held following the 9:00 worship in the education building. Closing will be in the sanctuary at 11:05am. Pizza party following Sunday school. Waterpark...
- † **WATERPARK:** Family Fun... We are planning a trip to the Holiday Inn Express in Baxter, MN for a day of indoor waterpark fun. **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 .... NOON – 3:00**  
 \*\*\*Sign-up/permission forms were sent home with Sunday School children (ask for another if you did not receive the form or it was misplaced). **ALL PARENTS ATTENDING MUST SIGN A RELEASE FORM AND LIST THE NAMES OF THEIR CHILDREN.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY --- Fund Raising and Support**

- † We currently have two youth and two adults who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2019. They are raising support through the following items...
  - **COOK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE - \$10.**
  - **ZION LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – ON SALE!!!! NOW ONLY \$7.50 EACH.** Limited sizes ... youth through adult.

**ADULT / FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

- † Tuesday Bible Study with Dan Hughes is on hold until March... watch bulletin for updates.
- † **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/zionlf](http://www.facebook.com/zionlf)
- † **STAY INFORMED ON OUR WEBPAGE:** [www.zionlf.com](http://www.zionlf.com)

**OUTREACH**

- † **MORRISON COUNTY FOOD SHELF** ... reminds you that March is Food Share Month and donations of food and cash are especially welcomed during March. During this campaign, the Food Shelf receives additional funds based on a portion of food and funds collected locally. Donations can be made online or directly to the Food Shelf at 912 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.W., Little Falls, MN 56345. We will be doing a door offering for the food shelf March 17. Thank you for any help you can give.
- † **CENTERSHOT** We are looking for a core group of 3 or 4 interested people who will make a commitment to be on the leadership team for this ministry. If this is something that you feel God is calling you to be involved in, please contact me, DCO Peter Keyes.
- † **BECOMING A WELCOMING CHURCH** Our evangelism team has been exploring ways to create a more welcoming environment at Zion. Please join us in making visitors feel at home with us. The process begins on the street. We have several parking lot options for our members to use. If you are able, park further away from the building and leave the spaces directly in front of the church for visitors to park. The unspoken message communicated is "We care about others."

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**Saturday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.**

Gary Hendrickson .....	Pastor .....	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes .....	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Mike Gohl .....	Elders.....	Craig Bohnsack
Peggy Dolney .....	Organist.....	Peggy Dolney
Duane Schmidt.....	Ushers .....	Ben Messinger & Bailey Dawson
Duane Schmidt.....	Readers .....	Dan Gilder
Judy Drewlow .....	Visitor Hosts .....	Carolyn Ganz
	Acolyte.....	Addison Bohnsack
	Choir Director .....	Jerry Knafla
	Handbell Directors.....	Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski

**Saturday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.**

Gary Hendrickson .....	Pastor .....	Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes .....	Director of Christian Outreach.....	Peter Keyes
Chris Roe.....	Elders.....	Sheldon Prozinski
Carol Prozinski .....	Organist.....	Carol Prozinski
Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson .....	Ushers ....	Eugene Doucette & Dennis Hollermann
Jennifer Hanson .....	Readers .....	Don Stover
Marie Holey .....	Visitor Hosts .....	Julie Doucette
	Acolyte.....	Madison Bates
	Choir Director .....	Jerry Knafla
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