

**First Weekend in Lent**  
**Sunday, February 18, 2024, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Worship Band**



**MIDVALE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of  
believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to  
**PRAISE, LIVE** and **SHARE** God's love.

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## Welcome to all - We're glad you're here!

**Connect with Midvale!** Cards are available in the seatback holders. If you are new to our worship, have a prayer request, an address change, would like a pastor to call, or would like to get involved in any of our ministries, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated during each worship service. Jesus, who is present in this meal, welcomes ALL; there is a place for YOU at our Lord's table! In this meal, we receive the grace and love of God, and we are connected with one another in God's mission. More information about how to receive communion is printed in the order of worship following the Lord's Prayer.

**Worshiping with children** - All children are welcome in worship! To support families in worship, there are children's worship bags inside the entrances to the Sanctuary with quiet activities. Children's bulletins for both pre-readers and readers are available on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary. There is a Cry Room along the right-hand side of the Sanctuary and an unstaffed nursery with an audio connection to worship down the main hallway past the restrooms. Some families find sitting towards the front so children have a good view of worship works well.

**Large Print** bulletins are available.

**T-Coil Hearing Loop** is installed inside our worship center. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system without having to use a separate device. For those without T-coil equipped hearing aids, Loop Listener headphones are available from the ushers.



Midvale Community Lutheran Church welcomes all because Jesus welcomes all.  
With you here, we are closer to who God is calling us to be.  
If you've felt excluded or harmed in any way, you are welcome here.  
Your gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are welcome here.  
Your family, children, friends, and partner are welcome here.  
Your abilities, culture, socioeconomic circumstances, race, and  
religious background are welcome here.  
Here you will find an affirming community committed to racial equity  
and welcoming of all.  
We strive for all people to experience God's abundance.

In Christ, you are loved.

**Welcome!**



*Midvale is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.*

*Midvale's Lent our paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit): Purple, the color of Lent, reminds us of the royalty of Christ. The pastors' stoles and paraments were designed specifically for Midvale and sewn by Palestinian Christian women in Bethlehem. The green in the olive tree symbolizes the life given through the death and resurrection of Christ and also reminds us of the growth in faith that we seek during the season of Lent.*



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

**Prelude**

*Dust We Are And Shall Return*

David Gungor & John Arndt

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*The assembly stands.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

The assembly stands.

# Gathering Song - Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

P. Barrett  
J. Ingram  
C. Tomlin

## Verses



1. It all comes down to this, \_
2. It all comes down to this, \_
3. Years from now we'll see \_



\_ what You re - quire of me: \_ Love my neigh - bor as my -  
 \_ to be your hands and feet, \_ good news to all the  
 \_ the fruit our hands have sown. \_ Faith, just like a seed, \_

## Chorus



\_ self, \_ and You a - bove all things. \_ Act just - ly, \_ love  
 World, \_ the truth will set us free. \_  
 \_ the on - ly way it grows.



mer - cy, \_ walk hum - bly \_ with You, God. \_ In all things, \_ in



all ways, \_ walk hum - bly \_ with You, God. \_

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## Greeting

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

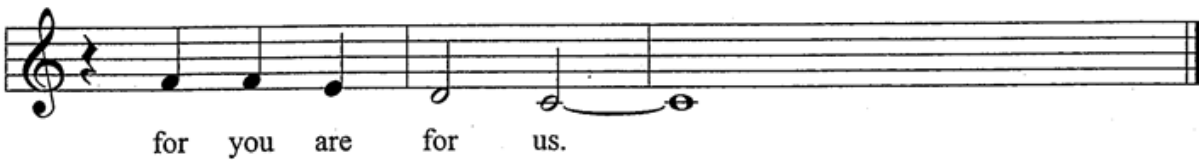
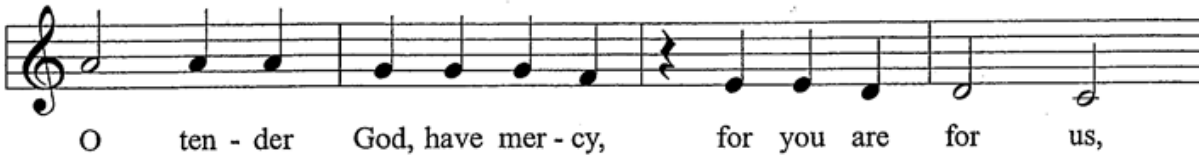
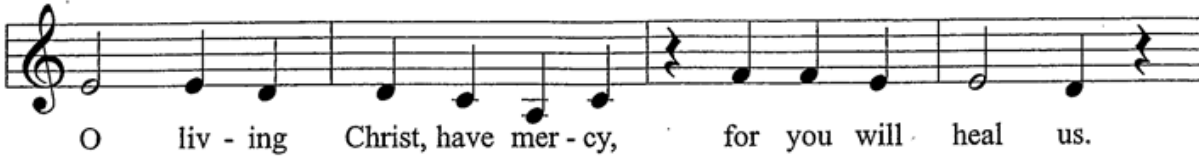
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie - O Tender God, Have Mercy

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Sung response:*



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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Sung response.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Sung response:*

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

*Sung response:*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*



**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

## Children's Message

### Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Worship band sings once through. Assembly joins in on the second time through.*

### **HELP US O LORD**

Larry Olson

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O - pen our hearts to  
feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

## **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the dominion of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Hymn of the Day

## When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## Prayers of Intercession

*At the beginning, middle and end of the prayers, the congregation sings.*

Hear us, O God.

Romans 8:26

### THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US

Larry Olson

The Spir- it in- ter- cedes for us with sighs too deep for words to ex- press oh, oh, oh.

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Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and envelopes are available in the seatback holders. In addition to the offerings collected today, we recognize the offerings given by mail and electronically. All donations are a sign of giving our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts.*

*For those that would like to donate online, here is the QR code to the giving page of our website:*



## Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.  
Amen.**



**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Special Music

(8:00)

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Tammy Waldrop  
Handbell Choir

(10:30)

*Centering Prayer*

Paul Zach, Kate Bluett  
Worship Band

*The assembly stands.*

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

### **Words of Institution**

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*The assembly is seated.*

*Holy Communion is offered with bread or gluten free cracker and wine or juice. To receive the sacrament, please approach the altar as directed by the ushers.*

- *To receive the bread, hold your hands open and the server will break off a piece of bread and place it in your hands.*
- *To receive a gluten free cracker, approach the altar with your hands at your side. Say to the server that you would like a gluten free cracker. The server will hold out the tray of crackers and invite you to take one from the tray.*
- *To receive wine or juice, move to the next server and take a cup from the communion tray; there is red wine and light-colored juice available in each tray. Place your empty cup in the basket.*

*Children not yet receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing. Children can indicate their wish for a blessing by keeping their hands down at their sides. The server will make a sign of the cross and bless them in Jesus' name.*

*If it is difficult for you to come forward, or, if for any reason you prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. The pastor will bring communion to you after those coming forward have received communion.*

# Communion Hymn – Centering Prayer

Paul Zach, Kate Bluett



I wan-na be where my feet are.\_\_\_\_\_ I wan-na breathe the life a -



- round me. I wan-na lis - ten as my heart beats right on time. I wan-na



be where my feet are.\_\_\_\_\_ I chase my wor-ries, I flee my sor-rows, but what You  
I run to cap-ture the next ho - ri - zon, but what You



give me is now. So take my bur - dens and my to - mor - rows: I wan-na  
give me is here. I get no far - ther, and still I find You: I wan-na



be where my feet are.\_\_\_\_  
be where my feet are.\_\_\_\_

## Communion Hymn - Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken

*Sing 1st line twice, 2nd line twice, 1st line 3 more times.*



Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly Com - mun - ion, Three in One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly love.

## Communion Hymn - The Promise

Nan Macmillan



This gift You gave from the be-gin\_\_ - ing: warm light, dry land,



blue wa - ter brim\_\_ - ming. And more, from the earth there came a grow\_ - ing



from seed to bloom,\_ all the while you\_ were sow\_\_ - ing. It was love,\_



\_\_ love,\_\_ giv-en in\_\_ the wa\_\_ - ter, and\_ peace, God's\_ peace,



writ - ten in\_ the let\_\_ - ters of the earth, God's\_ earth, giv-en with\_ a prom - ise.



Can we keep it? \_\_\_\_\_

Can we keep it? \_\_\_\_\_

*The assembly stands.*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Embodied God,

**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.**

**With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,**

**empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors**

**and touch the world with your love.**

**Amen.**



**SENDING**    *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

Beloved,

we are God's own people,

holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,

shower you with mercy,

fill you with courage,

and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**





## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Reprise of *Dust We Are And Shall Return* David Gungor & John Arndt

**Baptized** at the 5:00 a.m. worship service is Eloise Jade Benoy, daughter of Ryan and Megan Benoy. Sponsors for Eloise Jade are Morgan and Jeff Norton.

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Margo and Irene Slater by Maribeth and Kirk Malnor, friends of the Slater family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship schedule

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (also on Facebook Live)
- Sunday at 10:30am
- Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15am

**Adult Education Sunday at 9:15am.** Adult Forum will be offered simultaneously both in person in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. You do not need to register to participate. Reference our weekly newsletter, *The Moments*, for the Zoom link. The same link will be used for all sessions.



- **February 18** – “Political Rhetoric and the Biblical Message” with Pastor Larry Pinnow (last of a two-part presentation)
- **February 25** – Practicing Community in a Divided World with Troy M. Troftgruben, Wartburg Theological Seminary

**Lenten devotionals.** Sign up to receive daily reflections written by members of our own congregation. This is a beautiful way to connect and see how God is working and challenging us through the lives and stories of those around us.

- Go to our homepage: [midvalelutheran.org](http://midvalelutheran.org)
- Scroll down toward the bottom of the page to find “Stay Connected”
- Enter email and name, check the “Lenten Devotionals” box and hit “Subscribe”
- Receive one reflection to your email daily, all throughout Lent!

Note: If you have already contacted the office for a printed copy of the devotional, please see the table in the Gathering Space. Look for the one with your name.

## Wednesdays during Lent

### **February 21 - March 20**

Small groups, meal and worship

10:15-11:15am - Where You Belong small groups

11:30am Midday prayer service

12:00pm Lunch

5:30-6:15pm Soup Supper

6:15-7:15pm Where You Belong small groups

7:30pm Holden Evening Prayer in person and on Facebook Live

**"Where You Belong" - Lent small groups for you!** You are invited to join a small group on Wednesdays for five weeks beginning February 21. Small groups are a meaningful way to connect with others and explore your questions and connect faith to your daily life. Make a five-week commitment and see what God's Spirit will be about in you!

Books are available on a table in the Gathering Space. A donation of \$5.00 per book is suggested. Couples doing the study together may choose to share a book.

Small groups will be offered Wednesdays, February 21 - March 21 at 10:15am and 6:15pm in person. To sign up, contact the church office ([info@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org) or 608-238-7119).

**Lent meals Wednesdays, February 21 - March 20 in the Fellowship Hall.** A free will offering will be taken to cover the meal costs for lunch and dinner. No RSVP is necessary. The meals are scheduled so that everyone who would like to do so can also participate in the small group study and Wednesday worship opportunities. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Enjoy this delicious light meal prepared by chef Joel Olson as you share fellowship with others. Supper will be served from 5:30-6:15pm. Enjoy a light soup supper.



**Donations for flowers and special music.** Each year from Palm Sunday through Easter, our worship and sanctuary are enhanced by special music, musicians, palms and flowers. Your donations make this possible! You can contribute using the designated envelopes on the Welcome Table, by sending a check to church and noting "Flowers and Music," or online at [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org) under the Worship tab. You may give your gift in honor or in memory of someone. Gifts received by March 24<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged in a special section of the Easter worship folders. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

**Food and Fellowship Groups begin in March - sign up today!** Get to know others in our church community while sharing a meal together at local restaurants. Groups of 6-8 people will be created. Each group will meet once a month for a meal out (no cooking or hosting required!). Then, after three months, the groups will be changed so you will meet new people. Any one is welcome, young or old, single or couple. Contact Laura Svaren at [lauras@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:lauras@midvalelutheran.org) or (608) 238-7119 by February 18<sup>th</sup> to be a part of the groups that begin in March.

**Midvale Men's Group lunch, February 20.** The Midvale Men's Group will be meeting for lunch at Middleton Sport Bowl, 6815 University Ave in Middleton, at 11:30am on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, need transportation, or need additional information, please contact Randy Schultz at [schzrk@att.net](mailto:schzrk@att.net) or Gene Nelson at [gcnmadison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gcnmadison@sbcglobal.net).

**Just Bakery returns, February 25.** Sales are from 8:30-11:45am in the Gathering Space. Just Bakery is a 12-week educational and vocational training initiative of JustDane. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, justice involved, lack of education, and/or a lack of work history or skills). All proceeds from Just Bakery sales are reinvested into the program. Thank you for supporting Just Bakery!

**Midvale Readers Book Club Online, February 27.** Join the Midvale Readers Book Club on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7pm on Zoom for a discussion of *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Contact Chris for the Zoom information to connect to the meeting at [Chrisann45@charter.net](mailto:Chrisann45@charter.net) or contact the church office at (608) 238-7119.

**Women's retreat: April 27-28, 2024 at Bethel Horizons, "Always Being Made New" – Registration is now open!** Would you relish time away in nature to get to know yourself, others from Midvale, deepen your spirituality, and experience the love of Christ? Please consider Midvale's women's retreat at Bethel Horizons overlooking the beautiful Driftless region near Dodgeville, Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. To sign up for the retreat, you can use the link in the weekly newsletter, *The Moments*; email Laura Svaren at [lauras@midvalelutheran.org](mailto:lauras@midvalelutheran.org); or call the church office at 608-238-7119. Deadline to register and prepay is Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New set-up for making coffee for Sunday Hospitality Time!** The old percolator has been retired and replaced with 2 new, fast Bunn Drip Coffee Makers. New instructions are posted above the counter, and the Volunteer Brochure has been updated! Consider hosting some Sunday - it's now easier than ever - and a great way to connect with others! Sign up online or on the sheet posted next to the office.

**Worship assistants needed – Signup is now available through May 2024.** Lectors, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes, and Chancel Guild volunteers are needed. Sign up using the links in “The Moments” weekly email newsletter or on the church website under the “Worship” tab – “Serving in Worship” section. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office.

**2024 altar flowers.** The 2024 altar flower chart is posted outside the church office. Reserve your special day. Flower arrangements are \$40. A reminder notice and remittance envelope will be sent to you prior to your selected date.

### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

	Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Katie Baardseth
	Worship Band	Marita Herkert-Oakland, piano & vocals Julie Walsh, vocals Emily Wegner, vocals Dave Lorenz, guitar Joe Irvin, guitar & harmonica Eric Herkert-Oakland, guitar & vocals Randy Schultz, percussion Brooke Richardson, flute Laura Svaren, percussion & vocals
8:00	Acolyte	Calvin Matzke
	Lector	Abby Matzke
	Communion Assistants	Bread: Gary Grummer Wine: Abby Matzke, Noah Matzke
	Ushers	Don Pierstorff, Gary Grummer, Frank Erdman, Sue Cotten
	AV Technician	Jay Wians
	Livestream Moderator	Toni Swandby
10:30	Lector	Jen Davel
	Communion Assistants	Bread: Gayle Perlberg Wine: Jen Davel, Enid Erdman
	Ushers	Jim Christenson, Alan White, Mark Swandby, Cheryl Krull, Mark Zager, Todd Peterson
	Director of Music Ministry	Laura Svaren
	Chancel Guild	Linda Crane, Barbara Dearth, Nan Thompson, Cheryl Krull, Gayle Perlberg
	Sunday Hospitality	The Kretschmann family

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