

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Presentation of our Lord

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# Divine Service Setting One

## Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

## “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

*LSB 610*



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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## Invocation

*LSB 151*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 84

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*  
O | LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts | of the LORD;\***  
**my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the | living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may | lay her young,\*  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King | and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

<sup>6</sup>**As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a | place of springs;\***  
**the early rain also covers | it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>They go from | strength to strength;\*  
each one appears before God in | Zion.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;\***  
**give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, | O God;\*  
look on the face of your a- | noointed!

<sup>10</sup>**For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand | elsewhere.\***

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

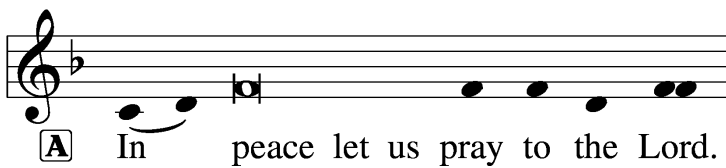
<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk up- | rightly.

<sup>12</sup>O | LORD of hosts,\*  
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## Kyrie

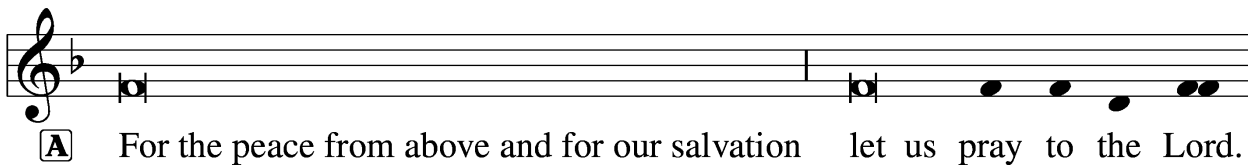
LSB 152



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



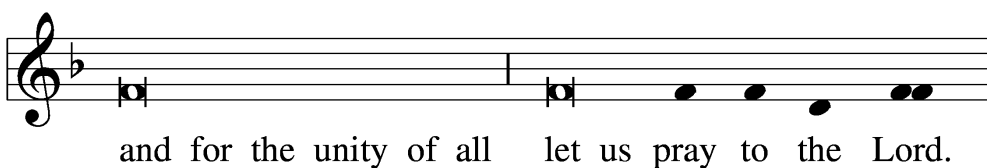
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



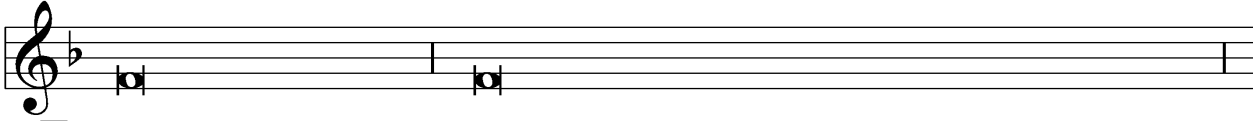
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



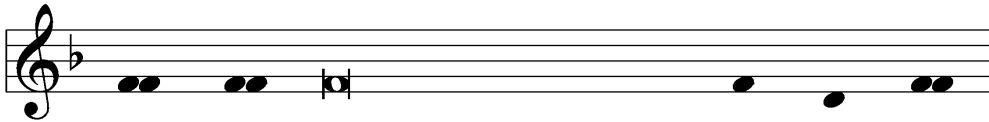
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



*Refrain*

**☐** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



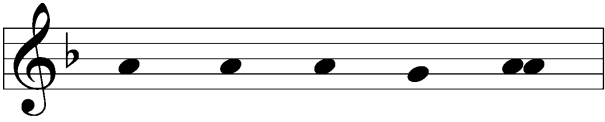
*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 1:21-28*

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 157

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the  
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly  
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a  
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents  
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren  
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond  
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!  
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.  
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:  
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly  
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'ings Crest - ed  
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of  
 “Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y  
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -  
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would  
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of



gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.  
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.  
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.  
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you.”

- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven  
 Known by saints around the throne,  
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,  
 Lives to love and feed His own.  
 From His riven side forever  
 Flows the purest stream of love,  
 Love that robes us with the raiment  
 Worn by all who feast above.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
 Gone the age of sacrifice;  
 Ours the time of grace and favor,  
 Ours the call to paradise!  
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
 Only You can cover sin—  
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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## Sermon

## “Jesus Helps Abraham’s Offspring”

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy

### Offertory

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

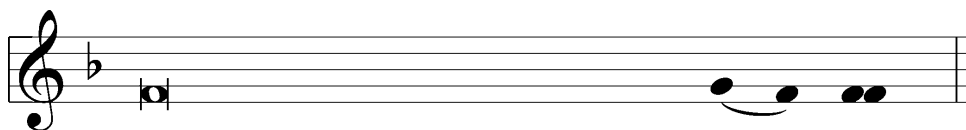
**Lord’s Prayer**

- 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.

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



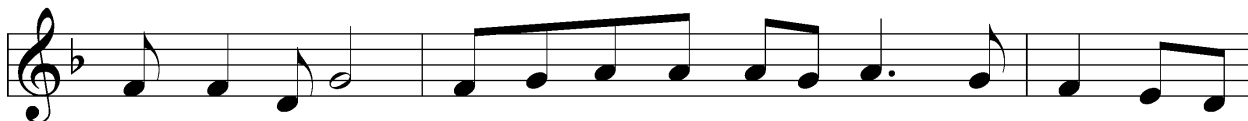
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Prayer Before Communing

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Distribution Hymns

### “The Lamb”

LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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# “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 10am  
**Wednesday:** *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation, 4:30pm  
**Wednesday:** Fellowship Meal, 6pm  
**Saturday:** Men's Breakfast, 8am  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>2/2/25</b>	<b>2/9/25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Jim Winder	Neil Rieches
<b>Organist</b>	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Neil and Courtney Rieches	Patrick and Dawn Teig
<b>Sound Board</b>	Dean Lingley	Patty Bruens
<b>Greeters</b>	Jake and Olivia Harms	Mary Kamin Paula Justice
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ellie Schwartz	Jackson Lavicka
<b>Head Usher</b>	Elders	Elders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP** is Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will have a Chili Cook Off. Dust off the chili recipes and let Renee know if you are willing to make a pot of your favorite chili. Or, you can supply shredded cheese and crackers. For dessert we will have King Cake (or at least the Minton version of this New Orleans sweet treat.)

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is Saturday at 8am. Dennis Selk is our host as we conclude our study of Psalms of the Messiah. This month we will look at Psalm 144. All men are welcome to join us for study and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to nurture relationships with Pastor and other men of the congregation.

**MISPRINT IN THE NEWSLETTER** for the Radio Monitors. Monitors for February 9 are Patrick and Dawn Teig. Monitors for February 16 are Chris Schroeder and Marilyn Reeves. Sorry for the confusion.

**USHER HELP:** We have both February and March that we do not have a Head Usher. If you can help either of these months, let Renee know. If you can just help a few Sundays, please let the Elder that morning know you will help him.

**PRAIRIEVIEW ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, February 23 at 2pm. Meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Clifton, IL. All are invited to attend as we look back at 2024.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, SCHWER** will host a Spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 16. They were serve from 11a – 12:45p. Freewill donation will benefit their Youth Group.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** “All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Justin Kindle	Tuesday
Maryanne Anderson	Thursday
Gene Reeves	Thursday
Patrick Teig	Thursday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
John Lee  
Nancy Tobeck  
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Joyce Williams, broken wrist  
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** for Christopher Kruse, community member, whose cancer scan is clear!

### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes  
Delmer Henrichs  
Arlene Hines  
Dorothy Knake  
Joann Sloan  
Brenda St. Peter

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** St. Peter in East Peoria and Brian Pape her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Trinity in Cissna Park and St. John in Ash Grove and Dale Fjordbotten their pastor.

**Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA

Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of January 26, 2025*

Mahlah's week began with a visit to Trinity Church in Ashkum, with Kami Kimmel as her handler for the day. She found lots of friends of all ages.



On Monday Mahlah visited the Iroquois Resident Home and the ARC in Watseka. Susan Yergler was handler, and Trudy Bell and Brenna Johnson were ministry partners.



Tuesday was an Indiana day for Mahlah as she and handler Diane Costello visited two locations. First it was the Jennie E. Caldwell Home in Earl Park, and then Autumn Trace Assisted Living in Kentland. The first is a residence for retired ladies, and it was a first visit. The second is a fairly new facility still open to receiving more residents.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit the South Newton Elementary School on Thursday with Diane Costello as handler for the day.

Remember to email Mahlah at [Mahlah@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Mahlah@K9Comfort.org) if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.