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Service of Prayer and Preaching

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

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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

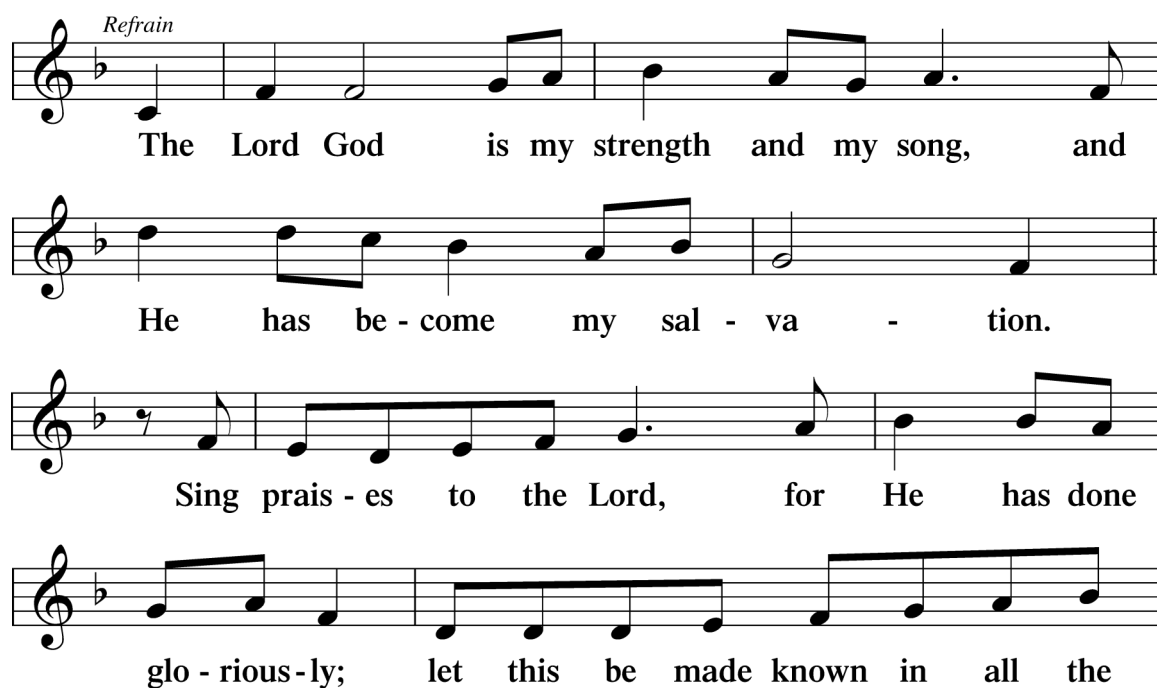
Old Testament Canticle

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



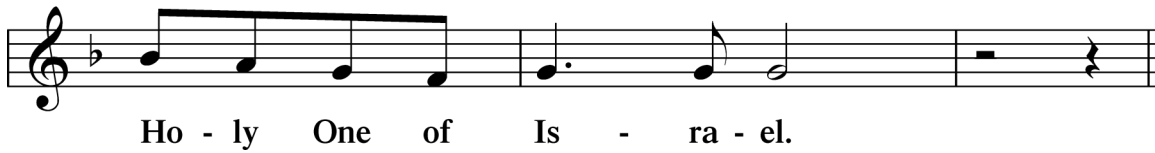
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



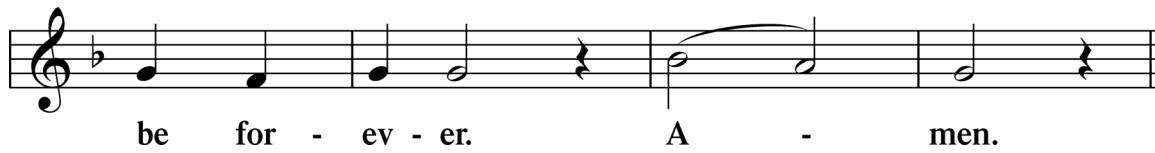
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 138

- ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart; *
before the gods I | sing your praise;
- ²**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness, *
for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.**
- ³On the day I called, you | answered me; *
my strength of soul | you increased.
- ⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD, *
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**
- ⁵and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD, *
for great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly, *
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life; *
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand de- | livers me.
- ⁸**The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me; *
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.**
- 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

L A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fourteenth chapter.

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

L A reading from the Gospel of Luke, the fifth chapter.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now

on you will be catching men.”¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsoy

LSB 263

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hymn of the Day

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

- 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.

Catechism Reading: The First Commandment

LSB 321

What is the First Commandment?

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Sermon

“Fishers of Men”

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Hymn

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

Tune: The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

LSB 266

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

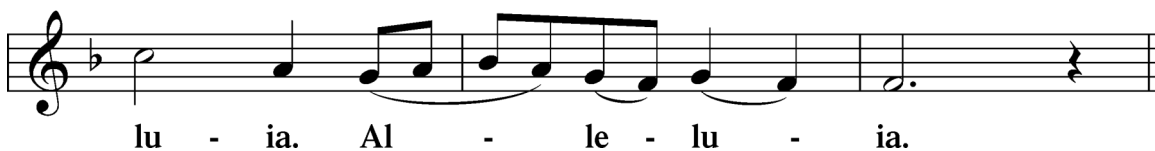


sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: Pastors Winkel, Peace, Thomasboro
Tuesday: Elders, 7pm
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30pm
Thursday: Service at Gilman, 10:45am
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	2/9/25	2/16/25
Elder	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Chris Shroeder Marilyn Reeves
Sound Board	Patty Bruens	Neil Rieches
Greeters	Mary Kamin Paula Justice	Justin and Jan Lavicka
Acolyte	Jackson Lavicka	Evelyn Morts
Head Usher	Elders	Elders
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORIES were placed in mailboxes last week. If you have any changes throughout the year, please let Renee know and that update will be placed in the newsletter. If you misplace your copy throughout the year, reach out to Renee for another copy.

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: If you can help with ushering this month, 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 will serve from 11a – 12:45p. Freewill donation will benefit their Youth Group.

TASTE OF DEUTSCHLAND DINNER AND DANCING will be held at Immanuel Lutheran in Danville on Saturday, February 22. Join us from 4-6:30pm for an evening of brats, sauerkraut, potatoes and green beans, along with live music. More information is on the bulletin board.

2025 MARTIN+KATIE CONFERENCE will be held at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 21st. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>.

Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 28, and Saturday night, March 29! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 30.

THANK YOU to Pastor and Renee for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast this morning in praise and thanksgiving to the Baptismal Anniversaries of Pastor, Anna, and Renee this past week.

A YEAR IN THE CONFESSIONS: Last month, we started a year of reading in the Formula of Concord, the last of the Lutheran Confessions. A reading sheet was in last month's newsletter. If you need a new sheet, there are some on the rack in the narthex. Take this sheet and stick it in your Book of Concord. If you need a Book of Concord, the church has copies available on the bookshelf in the Fellowship Hall—ask Pastor if you can't find them. All are encouraged to take part in this reading to be reminded what it truly means to be Lutheran. May you be encouraged in your faith through this reading.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God’s Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Logan Smith	Tuesday
Shelle Franke	Wednesday
Chris Rieches	Thursday
Kiaria Wright	Thursday
John Lee	Friday
Dawn Teig	Saturday
Debbie Wright	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Cory and Mary Bushong Tuesday *(30 years)*

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:

Phil Raddatz, upcoming heart surgert
Dave Lucht, recovering from hospitalization
Joyce Williams, broken wrist
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

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. John in Green Valley and James Sansom her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton their vacancy 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 February 2, 2024

Mahlah began her week by visiting at First Presbyterian Church in Watseka. Her handler was Susan Yergler and ministry partner was Rod Yergler. This was a first visit, by invitation, and the welcome was warm.



Tuesday brought a regular visit to Westminster Village in West Lafayette, and to Saint Anthony's in Lafayette, both with Diane Costello as handler.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit Autumn Fields and Heritage Health in Hoopston on Friday, with Sheila Selk as handler. Friday evening Mahlah was to attend the Night to Shine in Champaign, with Kami Kimmel as handler.

Looking back to January, we have pictures from the 22nd and the 24th to share.



Remember to email Mahlah at 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.

