

*Prelude – Handbells – Majesty/How Majestic Is Your Name
& Welcome*

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and
blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for ignoring the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For our self-serving ambition, and disregard for the needs of
others: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For the times we have not clung to the hope you promise us or
to our identity as your children, but have fallen for temptations
of fear and discontent. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness are sure.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **C: AMEN**

C: *Gathering Hymn:*

“All Are Welcome”

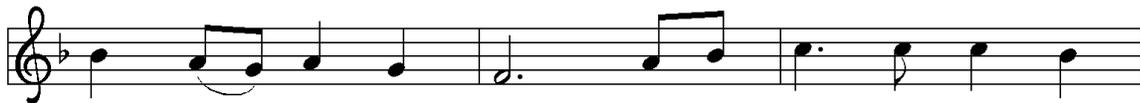
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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**Greeting & Call to Worship*

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

C: And also with you.

A: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ

**Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord Christ, and let us see you. Let your light flood the darkness of this world and send your Spirit to guide us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to

Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (Read in Unison)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

**³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-41

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is

he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.”¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open

your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

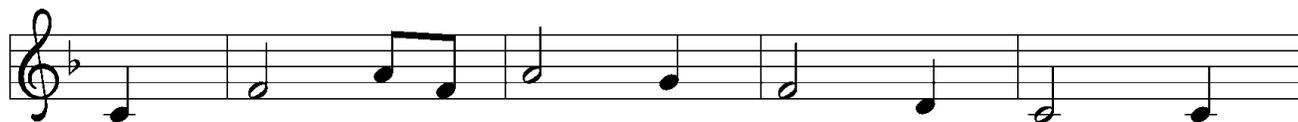
³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

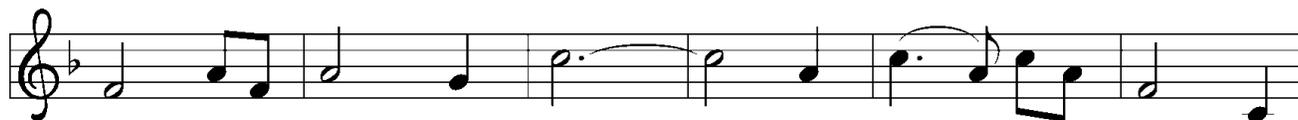
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Installation of Council Members

Those who are being installed may come forward at the conclusion of the hymn of the day.

The assembly is seated.

P: The following people have been elected by this congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

Each of you have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

And you are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices
to which you have been *elected*?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.
The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses
them.*

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this
congregation.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in
peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
Amen.

Let us welcome these fellow members as leaders in our
congregation and thank them for their service.

The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess the belief that we share in this family of faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers

A: Lord, guide your church. Lead all who call on your name to represent you well and to exemplify the love and peace of your kingdom that all may know you and your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our provider, protect this planet that you made good. Bring relief to all in harm's way and sustain your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of peace, we plead for peace on Earth. Bring restoration to all the innocent who are affected by war. Guard over members of the military and all who work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of healing, care for those who feel unimportant, those who are experiencing bigotry and prejudice, and any who suffer in any way, especially Bob, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, David, Depsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Zach, Shannon, Ken, and the family of Diana. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creator of all, we praise you for the thousands of types of flowers, plants, trees, animals, and humans. You made different shapes, sizes, textures, and colors, which all display your glory. Make us treasure the differences that you made. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Give us faith to live in hope until we, too, dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: "Come Now, You Blessed"

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: Emily R. Brink, b. 1940

Text c. 1992 GIA Publications, Inc. Music c. 1994 Faith Alive Christian Resources

**Offertory Prayer*

P: O God, take what we offer and use it for good.

In this holy meal fill us with your presence that we may share
your love in this place. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we celebrate your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer (Sung)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us to-day 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 pow'r and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Invitation to Communion

P: We invite our assistants to come forward to prepare.

Come to the table of mercy. Join the feast of Salvation.

Holy Communion

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal or you
may come forward for a blessing.)*

Communion Hymn: "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"



Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your



bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for



Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Text: South African; English text Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick
Music: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigabi
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****Post Communion Blessing***

****Benediction***

***Sending Hymn:** “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” ELW 520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

***Bob, Gary, Linda, Jamie, Ann, David, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Zach,
Shannon, Ken, the family of Diana***

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Assisting Minister: Noah Raines
Bell Choir Director: Jane Ross
Reader: Heather Blough
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Communion Assistant: Duane Eggeman
Altar Care: Ernie Buyok
Ushers/Greeters: Tim Preston & Alvin Rehm
Bread Baker: Lyn Miller



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This Week

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| Sunday: | Worship Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday: | <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> Packing & Delivering St. Patrick's Day Boxes | 9:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday: | Quilting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Meal Choir Handbells | 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Next Sunday: | Worship Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. |

Upcoming & Announcements

St. Patrick's Day Boxes: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for St. Patrick's Day box recipients. Sign-up sheets are also available for food donations, packers, and drivers. Boxes will be packed and delivered Monday, March 16th at 9am. Please contact Pastor Kristy or Robin with any questions.

People to People: Needed items: small cans of canned chicken, canned fruit, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and ravioli, instant mashed potatoes, and dry cat and dog food. Thanks!

Canned Food: If you have extra that you can share, consider bringing canned food to place in the food box located in the church drive. If the food box is full you may place your food on the back table in the small fellowship hall. We will use this food to refill the box throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity.

National Day of Quilting: National day of quilting is Saturday, March 21. To celebrate, we are going to work on the Lutheran World Relief comforters from 9am-11am on that day. Clear your calendars and join us! If you can tie a knot, you can do this.

Yard Work Service Project: We will be helping someone in need with yard work on April 11th from 10am-12pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. More information to come.

Church Yard Sale: Our annual yard sale will take place Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers are needed to work -
Shifts are from 8am-10am and 10am-12pm.
We also need donations of items to sell. Bring us your stuff!

Sneaker Impact: We are collecting clean, used sneakers for Sneaker Impact: a company who collects and ships sneakers to local merchants in developing countries. Bring in your used sneakers if you would like to help!

Holy Week Schedule: Holy Week is quickly approaching. Our schedule of services is as follows:

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday – 7pm

April 3rd – Good Friday – 7pm

April 5th – Easter Sunday – 9:30am – followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages.



Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

Wednesday Night Meals

March 18 – Kitchen Committee Casserole, Salad and Dessert

March 25 – Boneless Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and Dessert

| Serving in March In-Person | 3/1 | 3/8 | 3/15 | 3/22 | 3/29 (Palm Sunday) |
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| Lay Reader | Mark Miller | Pam Root | Heather Blough | Brad Stumpp | N/A |
| Assisting Minister | Adrienne Karlen | Hans Kwee | Noah Raines | Pam Root | Lynn Moomaw |
| Greeters/ Ushers | Duane & Robin Eggeman | David Svegel Ernie Buyok | Tim Preston Alvin Rehm | Jason Mast Larry Allen | Bob Race Pat Badger |
| Communion Assistant | Tim Preston | Nancy Carr | Duane Eggeman | Lyn Miller | Aleena Mast |
| Altar Care | Rex Raff | Duane Eggeman | Ernie Buyok | Tim Preston | Larry Allen |
| Bread Baker | Lyn Miller | Lyn Miller | Lyn Miller | Lyn Miller | Lyn Miller |

Act of Kindness for the Week: Write encouraging messages in chalk on the sidewalk