

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshiping with us for years. We extend a special welcome to the family of Miles Wenzel, baptized today.

Welcome

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

Worship Aids

In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an * and bold type denotes the congregation's response. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin, except for the hymns which are found in the back third of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship under your seat. You are encouraged to join us in praying, singing, sharing the peace, and receiving Holy Communion as you feel moved. Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Children in Worship

We welcome all children to worship with us—including full participation in Holy Communion. Whether talking, crying, laughing, or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful sounds of praise. God put the wiggle in children, and we rejoice! Our Prayer Pond in the sanctuary and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Activity bags are available in the narthex. Children's bulletins are also available.

A Note About Our Livestream Service

Today's 8:30 a.m. service is livestreamed. Most rearrow seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

A Few Requests

We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service.

Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors.

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sins, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess our pride and our fear of failure. We confess our neglect of others and our neglect of self. We confess how much we hoard and how little we give. We confess our great doubts and our little faith. But you are faithful. You are generous. You give of yourself completely. Help us to trust that this is enough and to follow where you lead. Amen.

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, in the name of +Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN Christ, the Life of All the Living

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Christ, the Life of All the Living

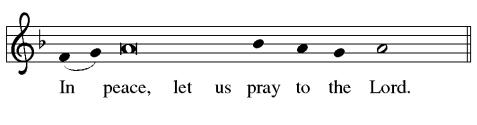


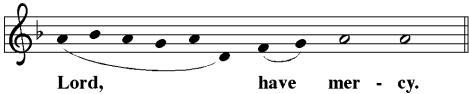
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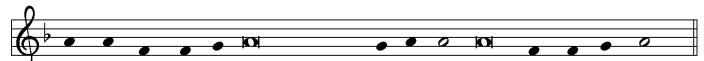
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

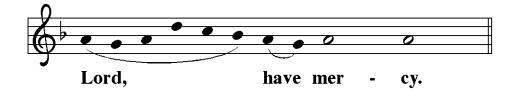
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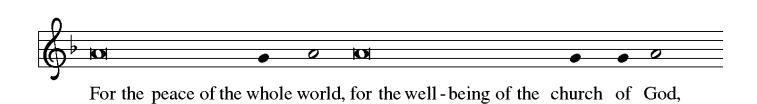


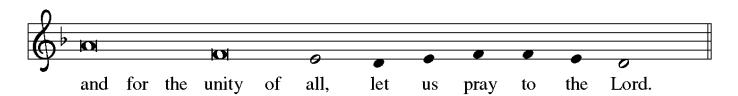


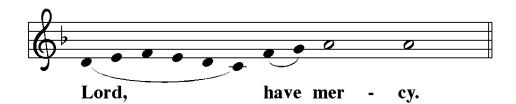


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



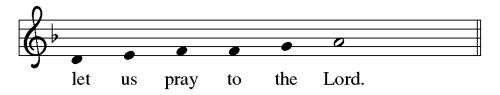


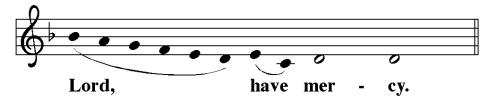




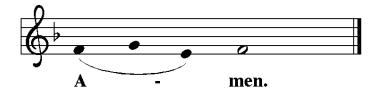


For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,









*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers

in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

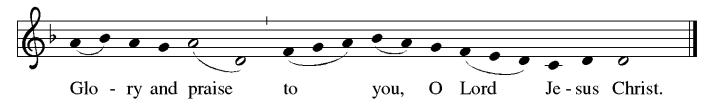
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL John 12:1-8 NRSV, emended P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The

house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Adrianne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY
Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW#685

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Patmos, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

8:30 a.m. APOSTLES' CREED A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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. 11 a.m. HOLY BAPTISM ELW page 227

During the baptism, the congregation joins the baptismal party in a profession of faith:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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 presider leads the congregation in thanksgiving at the font:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The congregation shares a welcome:

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

As the newly baptized is introduced to the congregation, all sing:

HYMN Jesus Loves Me ELW#595

Jesus Loves Me!



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

OFFERING

Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service. These pads and pencils are sanitized at the end of each service.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the door or you can also give on our website (stlconline.org). St. Thomas collects gifts to support our mission of sharing, living, and celebrating God's grace with all people. We support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners.

8:30 a.m. ANTHEM Offertory John Ness Beck

11 a.m. ORGAN IMPROVISATION

*OFFERTORY HYMN Create in Me a Clean Heart

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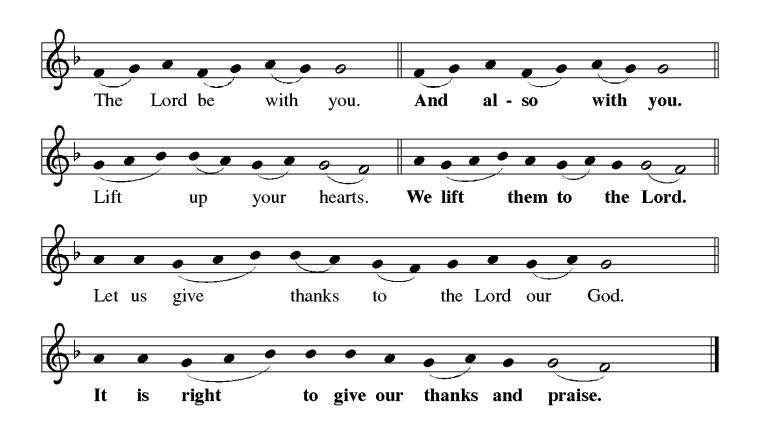
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

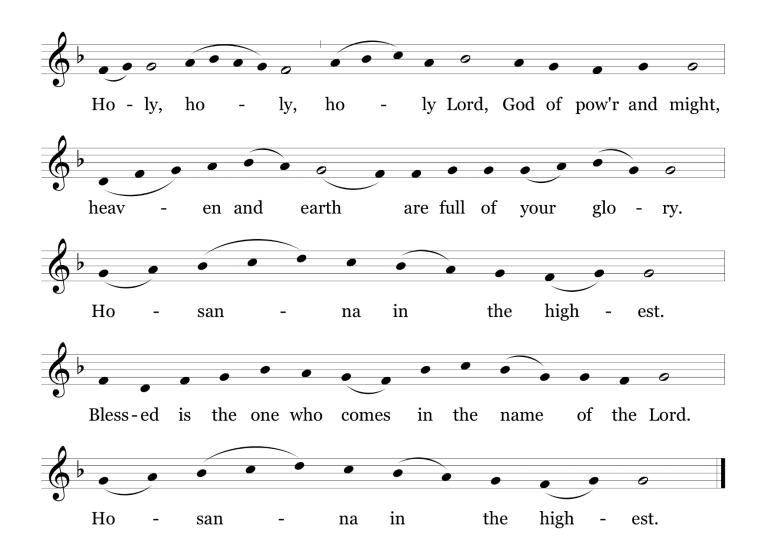
C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The thanksgiving may include this acclamation.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete.

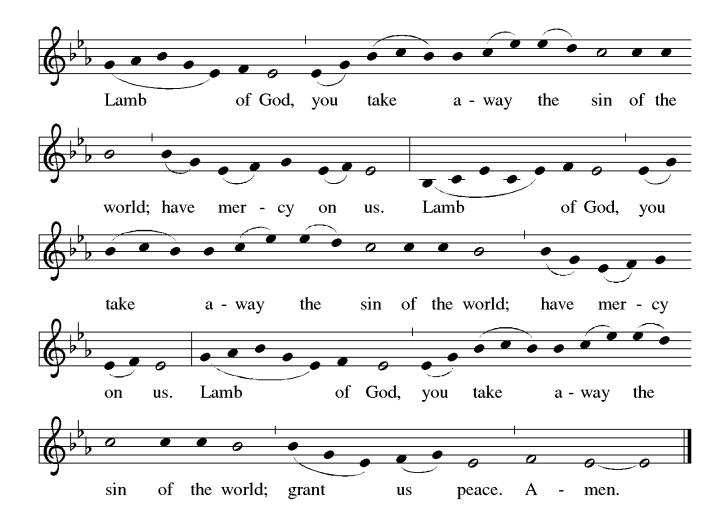
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers are offered with pink wine or red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

ELW#750

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



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Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, +bless you this day and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW#335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

We depart in peace to continue our worship in lives of witness to Christ's love in work, play, service, and care for creation.

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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas Sunday April 3

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages

11 a.m. Worship

Noon Congregational Meeting

Monday April 4

7 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday April 5

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday April 6

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

7 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday April 7

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday April 10

Sunday of the Passion

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship

4 p.m. Junior High School

at Winslow Woods Parks

Announcements

Congregational Meeting Today
There is Special Congregational Meeting
today following the 11 a.m. service to consider an
additional solar array at St. Thomas that will help the
congregation achieve net zero energy usage (that is,
the amount of energy we produce for the year will be
equal to the amount of energy we need for the
year). A full plan for the array was sent to the
congregation via email on Monday. Those who wish
to join the meeting via Zoom may do so at this link:
https://bit.ly/3JIP7D2

Women's Bible Study

All are welcome to join St. Thomas Women's Bible Study. Our next Meeting is **April 10 at 9:45 a.m.** (between services) in room 17 (off the kitchen). For more information contact Kari Esarey at kesarey@mccsc.edu or kariesarey@gmail.com

Junior High Group

All junior high students are invited to join us next **Sunday, April 10 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.** We will gather with junior high students from First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church at Winslow Woods Park. We will have time to get to know each other, have a lesson connecting creation care with our faith and time to hang out. Please let Pastor Lecia know if you plan to join us by Thursday, April 7!

Midweek Worship

The last Prayer at Noon on Zoom and Evening Prayer services for Lent will be on Wednesday, April 6. Zoom link: https://bit.ly/3HZ9J2H

Holy Week Passion Sunday, April 10

Beginning with the Liturgy of the Palms, hear the story of Jesus's Passion - his final supper, his trial, his crucifixion, and burial - and celebrate Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Hear about Jesus's final supper with his disciple and worship with foot washing and Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

Stations of the Cross, a visible telling of Jesus's trial and death, will be available 9 a.m.-8 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

At 7 p.m. join us for worship to hear the story, honor the cross, and pray for the world God loves.

Easter Vigil, April 16

At this family-friendly service, we'll light a new fire, celebrate the mystery of the night Christ was raised from the dead, hear stories about God's saving work, and celebrate communion. This 7 p.m. service is entirely outdoors and will end with a fun celebration. After worship, we'll enjoy s'mores around the fire and an Easter Egg hunt.

Resurrection of Our Lord, April 17

Join us as we sing Alleluia and celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

All Creation Sings

Today is the final Sunday to donate a hymnal In Honor of or In Memory of a loved one. A generous donor has offered to purchase the remaining hymnals. Thank you to everyone who donated a copy.

Easter Breakfast

St. Thomas Youth are hosting the annual Easter Breakfast on **Sunday**, **April 17** between services (9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.). Tickets are available for a donation on April 3 or 10 in the Narthex between services, or you can purchase tickets online; suggested donation is \$5-10 per person. If you would like to take your breakfast to go, please let the youth know when purchasing your ticket. We will have a to-go box prepared for you to pick up on April 17. Online donations link: https://stlconline.org/donate-to-st-thomas-ministries/

Easter Lilies

You are invited to purchase a lily for adding beauty to the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday**. Lilies will be available to take home following the 11 a.m. worship service, or in the days following Easter. 15 lilies are available for purchase at a cost of **\$14 each**. Please use the bulletin board in the narthex to sign up. Envelopes are available for you to pay by check.

Intergenerational Adult-Confirmation Class
On Sundays April 3 and April 10, Deacon Allison
Ward will continue leading a combined class of
confirmation students and adults as they look deeply
at the Lord's Prayer. Our combined classes provide
space for adults and students to build relationships
and learn from each other. Adults get to hear the
questions that today's youth are asking while
students get to see adults engaged in life-long faith
formation. This class will meet in the conference
room.

LWR Support for Ukraine

Thank you to our generous congregation. We donated \$10,696.22 to LWR's work in Ukraine and among Ukrainian refugees.

Electronics Recycling Day - correction

Cook, Inc. is holding its annual electronic recycling day on **April 30.** An earlier version of our April Newsletter had the wrong date. Please note this event will be on **Saturday**, **April 30**.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns
Elif Ogan, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Anne Smith,
Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu,
Audrey Alpers, Deborah O'Brien, Casey-Marie, Mike
Ost, Seth Lahn, Erin Wyatt, Bob Osborn, Gwen Powell,
Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber,
Patty Pedersen, Ken Pedersen, Jan Coulter, Judy
Louise, and Matilde Coc Chocoj Bac.

Contact the church office for inclusion in this list of concerns and to be included in the Sunday prayers.

A separate, confidential prayer chain is also available. Contact **Susan Colston** at skcolston@aol.com to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Jean Brown, Charlene Braun

Bread/Wine: Lynn & Ute Coyne

8:30 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lector: Debbie Selk

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Greeters: Drew & Amy Balcam

Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

11 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Lyman Hitchcock

Lector: Gloria Hitchcock

Ushers/Greeters: Phil May, Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Gretchen Moehlmann



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