

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*Worship begins and ends with music.
The assembly is invited into the practice of silence at these times.*

At the *, please rise in body and spirit Congregation responses are in **bold**

✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

***GREETING**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



The Prayer of the Day uses images from the day's lessons to point us toward the scripture readings

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

✝ WORD ✝

READING FROM THE FIRST TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 91:1-2, 9-16



You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” R**
Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**
You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES: Romans 10:8b-13

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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*The Gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, which is the Body of Christ
The Word is proclaimed, and Christ is present in our midst*

***GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Hymn of the Day serves as a congregational response to the sermon

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

As Your Spirit in the Desert

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1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.
wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.
wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.
wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.
wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

In the Prayers, we ask God for all that we need, and we encounter "mercy as wide as the cross"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

In response to the Gospel, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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 power of 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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. Tend to those close to our hearts, especially **Angelo** Neufeld,

Abel Halim, **Adam** Tocci, **Arvind** Raja, **Barbara** Fitzpatrick, **Betsy** Hogberg, **Brad** Gentry, **Camille** Conway, **Chris** Canning, **Chui Yuk** Lee, **Curt** Blodgett, **the family of Daniel Lee**, **Denise** and **Bill**, **Dewi** Immanuel, **Donald** Belleville, **Edith** Blodgett, **Gail** Weston-Roberts, **Gayle** Jaffe, **Giovanna** Ferretti, **Joy** Honen, **Karin** Gustafson, **Katharine** Anastasia, **Kay** Bolles, **Kwai Lin** Chan, **Linda** Lydecker, **Loretta** Larraga, **Marjean** Miller, **Mary** and **Earl** Kunstman, **Mary Jane** Young, **Mary** Rife, **Matt** M, **Norma** Nail, **Phillip** Liu, **Polly** Weston, **Richard** Hurst, **Richard** Krueger, **Robin** Hurst, **Russell** Pollard, **Sanchin** Wang, **Shannon** Ripp, **Steven** Chartier, **Steven** Chin, and **Susan** Gentry. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For what else does this community pray, aloud or in your hearts?

Silence is kept

The assembly is invited to speak additional prayer concerns aloud

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



We bring to God the offering of our entire lives: our time, our talent, and our possessions, recognizing that they are all gifts from God

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*This prayer is a pivot from the Word portion of worship,
pointing us toward the Communion Table*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sanctus/Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and'. The second staff continues with 'God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your'. The third staff has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff says 'Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff reads 'Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The sixth and final staff concludes with 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

On the night of his arrest,
our Sovereign Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

AGNUS DEI/LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all those who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table.

Bread is offered and placed in the hands of the partaker. A gluten-free wafer option is available. Wine may be received from the Common Cup (drinking chalice) or in individual, pre-poured cups. Grape juice is available in pre-poured cups. The usher will direct you to the table by whole row and you will gather at the table as a group.

Please return your used glasses to the trays on either side of the sanctuary as you return to your seat. If you would like to have communion brought to you, please inform one of the greeters.



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



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COMMUNION MUSIC

***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Another pivot point, this prayer takes us from the table and points us toward the world into which we are about to be sent

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Sovereign and
Savior. **Amen.**

*Having had an encounter with the living Christ, we are sent back into the world
not as individuals, but as a powerful collective: The Body of Christ*

✠ SENDING ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte

COMMEMORATIONS

Monday, March 10 | Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Wednesday, March 12 | Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, acknowledge and honor the Massachusetts and Nipmuc Tribes, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning. We acknowledge and honor the Praying Indians of Natick who settled in Natick, built a church near us, became proprietors of lands in Natick, and were dispossessed of these lands. We honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The beginning of Lent
2. 40 days before Easter
3. Burned palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday
4. Repentance and mourning for sins
5. Spiritual preparation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
6. The Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus
7. 40 days
8. It represents the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness
9. Fish
10. All of the above
11. As long as you wish
12. The forehead
13. Not mentioned

A LITTLE ABOUT LENT

Definition | Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

A Very Brief History | The term “Lent” originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “spring.” This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as a period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus, Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

A Few Notes on Current Practice | The appointed liturgical color for Lent is purple because purple has long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross.

Currently, the ancient understanding of Lent as both a time for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal is being rediscovered in Lutheran rites and practice. Many congregations hold mid-week services during Lent and a baptismal renewal theme is particularly appropriate for these.

Many congregations refrain from speaking or singing the word “alleluia” during Lent. “Burying” the alleluia occurs at the conclusion of worship on Transfiguration Sunday and it is restored at either the Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday. A Lenten acclamation replaces the alleluia verse in preparation for hearing the Gospel (See ELW pg. 103 for one example).

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

SUNDAY	Mar 9	10:00	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Lent I)
		11:15	Fellowship Hour
		2:00	Allegro Recital
MONDAY	Mar 10	8:00 – 1:00	Office Hours
TUESDAY	Mar 11	10:00 – 12:00	Office Hours
		1:00 – 3:00	Pergola Recital Rehearsal: Sanctuary
		7:00 pm – 8:30	SLAA 12-Step Group: Pentecost
WEDNESDAY	Mar 12	10:00 – 12:00	Office Hours
		1:00 – 3:00	Pergola Recital Rehearsal: Sanctuary
		7:30 pm – 8:30	Prayer Group: Easter
THURSDAY	Mar 13	8:00 – 1:00	Office Hours
		10:00	Bible Study
		11:30	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 pm	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 pm – 8:45	Clean and Serene: Memorial
FRIDAY	Mar 14	8:00 – 1:00	Office Hours
		8:00 pm – 9:30	SLAA Augustinian Fellowship: Pentecost
SATURDAY	Mar 15	4:00 – 5:30	Bell Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	Mar 16	10:00	Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament (Lent II)
		11:30	Fellowship Hour
		3:00 – 5:00	Pergola Recital: Sanctuary/Fellowship

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 13 @ 10 am: Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 pm: Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 18 @ 7:30 pm: Good Friday

Saturday, April 19 TBD: Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 20 @ 10 am: Easter Sunday

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rev. Christophor Gilbert, Pastor
Lima Jamir, Music Director
Kim Petot, Bell Choir Director

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assisting Minister	Phil Roberts
Communion Assistant	Mary Avalos
Reader	Jenn Garofolo
Cantor	Celeste Larson
Altar Guild	Sophia Chan and Robin Hurst
Greeters	Deb Bianco and Pamela Bathen
Tellers	Hilding Hedberg and John Whitlock
Broadcast Team	Comlanvi Agbodjinou and Rolf Larson
Fellowship Hosts	Carol Virshbo and Judy White

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