SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

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September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number. You're invited to speak the responses in bold print, and stand as is comfortable for you at the places indicated.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P God, our rock and refuge,
- C we pour out our hearts before you.
 We have known you but have not always loved you.
 We have wounded one another
 and sinned against you.
 We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
 dwelling in each of us.
 Remember your covenant.
 Renew your creation.
 Restore us,
 that we might proclaim your good news to all.
 Amen.
- P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
 God has spoken:
 The time of grace is now.
 In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
 By the authority of + Jesus Christ,
 your sins are forgiven.
 You are God's beloved.
- C Amen.

GATHERING SONG, Open Your Ears, O Faithful People, #519

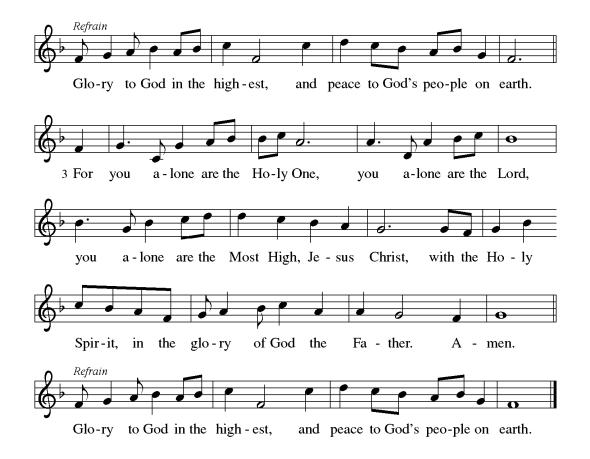


GREETING

- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Word

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Pew Bible page 153)

L A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Pew Bible page 930)

A A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Tt is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. *"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (Pew Bible page 812)

- P The holy gospel according to Mark.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY, Let the Whole Creation Cry, #876



- 1 Let the whole cre a tion cry, "Glo ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser-vants striv-ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom en, young and old, raise the an them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!" those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song. and let chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love; Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo-rious cir-cle draw; from the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho-rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice. all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!" "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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 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 INTERCESSION

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer or grieve especially the Jarosh family, Guy, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, Lynn, Joe, Brian, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A God who leads us into the future, be with our Call Committee as they discern the needs and gifts of this congregation. Bless all who will come our way to be considered as potential candidates. Prepare the heart and mind of the pastor you will send to be our leader. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Our offering is an act of worship. If you make your offering through Simply Giving, or regularly give on a non-weekly basis, you are invited to place a Simply Giving envelope in the offering plate when it is passed to you, as a reminder of the offering you have already made.

SPECIAL MUSIC/ANTHEM (11:00) Down to the River to Pray

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING SONG, Arise, Your Light Has Come! #314



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

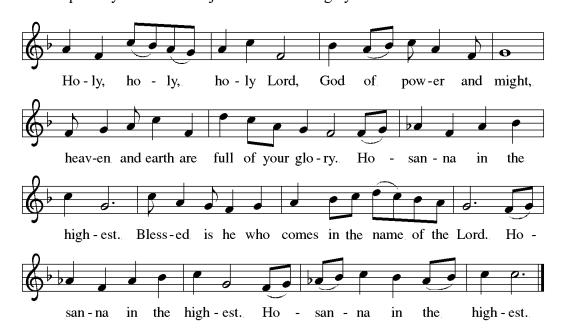
Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

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.

 By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.
- P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
 Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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;

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.

Invitation to Communion

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Sit

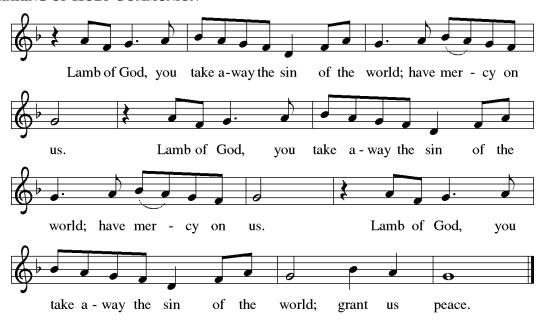
Instructions for Holy Communion

As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the third Communion Assistant on either side holding the pottery chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)

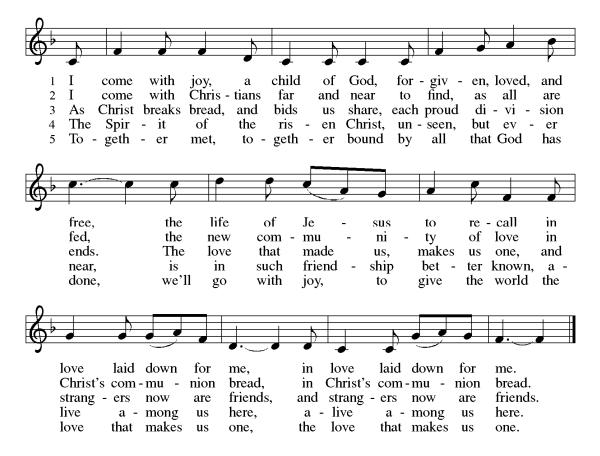
Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION





Communion Song, I Come with Joy, #482



Stand

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

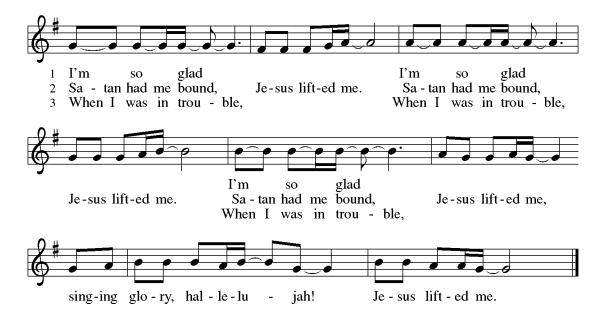
- A Let us pray.
 Giver of every gift,
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
 Raise us to life by your power
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,
 now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN, I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me, #860



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- C Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT "OUR REDEEMER"

SUNDAY, January 28, 2024, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am Worship

10:00am Growing in God

10:00am Annual Congregational Meeting

11:00am Worship

1:00pm New Members Class

4:30pm Youth Group (7th-12th)

6:30pm Crossroads

MONDAY, January 29, 2024

9:00am Noah's Ark Registration for New Families

TUESDAY, January 30, 2024

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2024

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 1, 2024

FRIDAY, February 2, 2024

SATURDAY, February 3, 2024

5:30pm Worship, Reception of New Members

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am Worship, Reception of New Members

10:00am Growing in God

11:00am Worship, Reception of New Members

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for the Jarosh family on the death of Mandy Jarosh, Guy Smith, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, Lynn Broman, Joe Maize, Brian Casper, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Dave Brewton, Pam Turner, Joan Dvorznak, Linda Day, Gary Lasher, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, Ray Keisling, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, Wendy Brosky, Anthony Orecchio, Tamara Brister, Heidi Garner, Carol Davelli, Dot Glidden, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Kayden Spencer, Larry Pansino, Lara Alderson, Mike Zgorliski, Ron Rieger, Kerwin Broman, Mike Engman, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, and Lydia Damoose.

The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to orlc@comcast.net.

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Lori Greene in memory of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Greene.

2024 Altar Flowers - The 2024 Flower Chart can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex (Lobby). The cost for the flowers remains at \$58.00 per week. Flowers are a great way to honor or remember a loved one. You are welcome to sign up for a week that has special meaning for you and either pay now or on the actual date.

Interested in Joining Our Redeemer? Maybe you would just like to learn more about the congregation?

There will be a new members class this afternoon, **Sunday**, **January 28 from 1-3pm**. The class will also be available for people who would simply like to know more about the congregation. Feel free to join the class. New members will be received on February 3 or 4.

Youth Group - All 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for Youth Group on Sunday, January 28 from 4:30-6:15pm. We'll make and eat dinner together (spaghetti!) and play games. Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Crossroads Confirmation - Crossroads Confirmation will meet on Sunday, January 28 from 6:30pm-8pm. Students are also invited to attend Youth Group from 4:30-6:15pm, and then stay for class.

Registration for Noah's Ark Preschool - Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens up to the public on **January 29**. The application packet can be found on the church's website: www.OurRedeemer-peters.org.

Lutherlyn Summer Camp - Registration for the summer of 2024 will open at 6:00am on **February 1**. Inform the church office when you register your child so that you may receive a campership from the church. The church must be notified by May 15.

Souper Bowl of Caring - The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat. Here at Our Redeemer, on the weekend of **February 10 & 11**, we will be collecting money after the worship services. All money collected will be given to The Food Pantry at Abiding Missions in Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

Family Friday - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday**, **February 9 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for a story, activities, and playtime as we learn about God's love! Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

Faithful Filmgoers will meet again on Friday, February 9. To be put on the email list to receive notification of the movie chosen, time and location, please email Steve D'Addieco at stevendaddieco@gmail.com. See you at the movies!

Dining Divas - The Dining Divas will meet for lunch on **Tuesday**, **February 27 at 12:30pm** at All American Bistro (1580 McLaughlin Run Rd, Upper St Clair). Ladies, even if you can't come every month, we welcome you whenever you can to join in the fun and fellowship.

Pub Theology - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday**, **February 27**.

VBS Planning - The weather is chilly, but it's time to start thinking about summer and our annual week of Vacation Bible School! A planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 29 at 7pm**. Bring your calendars - we'll be looking at dates as well as curriculum options.

Donations for City Mission & Blessings in a Backpack

The Service and Outreach Committee continues to collect everyday items that are needed by families in our area.

The City Mission reports needing all kinds of food, but particularly spaghetti sauce, noodles, cereal, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, Ramen noodles, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). The City Mission also is happy to receive gloves, mittens, and hats throughout the winter.

Blessings in a Backpack serving Ringgold Elementary School North is in need of microwavable cups of Chef Boyardee mac and cheese style pastas, applesauce or fruit cups/squeeze pouches, and snack size boxes of raisins.



Lent comes early this year! Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Pastor Kerri is offering a service for children that day at 11:35am in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday worship service for all will be offered at 12:15pm and 7:00pm. Both services include the Distribution of Ashes, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

Midweek Lenten Dinner and Worship will be held each Wednesday during Lent (February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20). The potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the Worship Service following in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite dish to share for dinner, but if you are running late, just grab the kids and feel free to come without a dish!

Our midweek theme this week will be, "Created for Community." The Worship Service will be around 40 minutes in length. While Lent is a time to pay attention to spiritual disciplines as individuals, it is also a time to deepen our sense of community. Through engagement with scripture and one another we will have the opportunity to hear God's word not only for ourselves but also for our community and the world.

Saturdays and Sundays in Lent

This year, in the Old Testament readings, we will be reminded of five covenants that God made with the people. In the Gospel readings, we will travel with Jesus from the time of his temptation in the wilderness, listen to his teachings about discipleship and arrive with him in Jerusalem for the final week of his earthly life.

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (JANUARY 28)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - Jack Binotto
LAY ASSISTANT - Ken Rigby
LECTOR - Terry Divelbliss
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Laura
Culp, Ruth Ann Lowery, Linda
Nickles, Phyllis Permar
GREETER - Karla Lance
USHERS - Dave Borra and Drew Lance
GIFT BEARER - Ella Binotto
ALTAR GUILD - Laura Culp and Susan
Loeser
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness

11:00am

ACOLYTE - Jaclyn Capezzuto LAY ASSISTANT - Maegan Bregenser LECTOR - Mary Helen Barr COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana and Jackie Beck, Barb Hrabar, Sue Lambert, Susan O'Brien, Sally Ruppel GREETER - Dani Mizia USHERS - Jim Doughty and Jim Mizia GIFT BEARER - Penny Mizia ALTAR GUILD - Sue Lambert and **Becky Long** POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger CAMERA - Sam Mizia TELLERS - Susan Loeser and John Yocca

NEXT SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 4)

9:00am

ACOLYTE - Sam Scher
LAY ASSISTANT - Laura Culp
LECTOR - Linda Nickles
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy
Bookhammer, Tina Borra, Karen
Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Linda
Nickles, Trudy Wagner
GREETER - Anne Scher
USHERS - Dave Borra, Dan and Sam
Scher
GIFT BEARER - Sophie Scher
ALTAR GUILD - Laura Culp and Susan
Loeser
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec

11:00am

ACOLYTES - Isaac and Owen
Hilderhoff
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize
LECTOR - Heather Morelli
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Eliana
and Jackie Beck, Becky Long, Keith
Mason, Heather Morelli, Gerda Moul
GREETERS - Hilderhoff Family
USHERS - Simon Beck and Doug Meley
GIFT BEARER - Titus Pomposelli
ALTAR GUILD - Volunteers
POWERPOINT - Meredith Pomposelli
CAMERA - Sam Mizia
TELLERS - Carol Locher and Martha
Rhone

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