

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025 9:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

(803) 787-4413

3909 Forest Drive, Columbia, SC 29204 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 A.M.- 4:30 p.M.; Fri 9 A.M.-2:00 p.M. WWW.GSLC.COM



WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our "Friendship Register" providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

NURSERY The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take

their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY, Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

A PRAYER BOX is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at www.gslc.com.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP, our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at www.gslc.com for links to these services.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God's blessings.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is pastor@gslc.com.

+ GATHERING +

As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.

Prelude

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Congregation stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen. God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

> The congregation turns to face the cross in procession, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God. N 705 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

GATHERING HYMN 705

- God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

FIRST READING Congregation sits. A reading from Jeremiah. ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me. "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and vou shall speak whatever I command vou. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. **PSALM 71:1-6** ¹ In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to I me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe; you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.

⁵ For you are my hope, ¹O Lord GOD,

my confidence since | I was young.

⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have ¹ been my strength;

my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

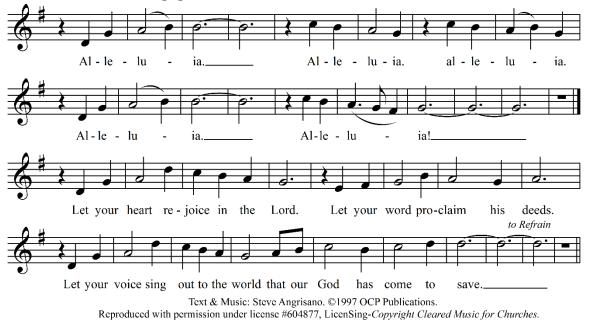
¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Congregation stands.



GOSPEL

LUKE 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 514 Congregation stands.

- O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.

PASTOR MARY M. FINKLEA

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O Word of God Incarnate

It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Congregation kneels or sits.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness, especially those whom we name now aloud and silently. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of growth, you nurture and feed us. Grant spiritual growth to all who long for knowledge and wisdom. May places like Camp Kinard and Coastal Retreat Center provide time and space for visitors to grow in grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE Congregation stands.

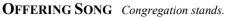
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

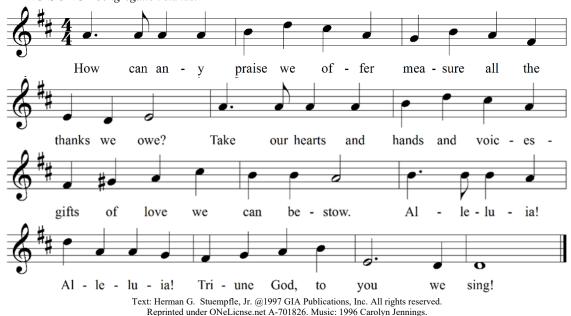
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OFFERING Congregation sits. ANTHEM

Lord, Let Us Listen

HOBBY



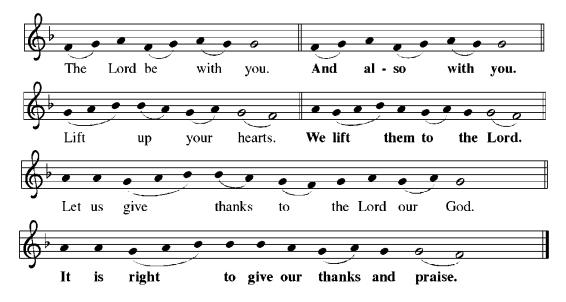


OFFERING PRAYER

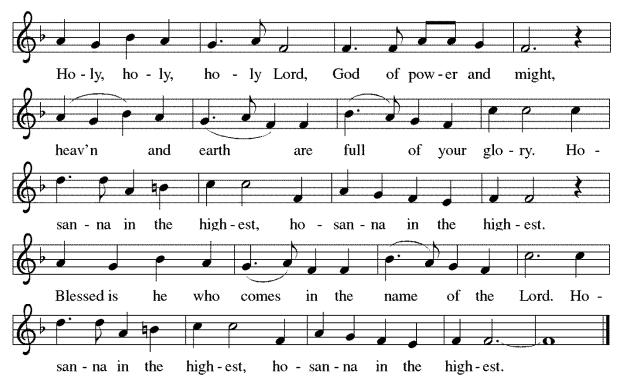
Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

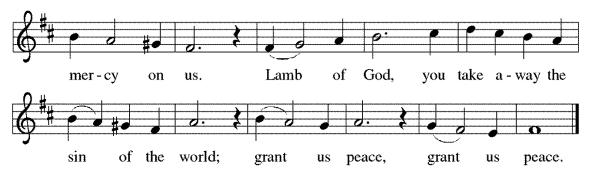
The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION Congregation sits.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN 644

ALTHOUGH I SPEAK WITH ANGEL'S TONGUE

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS Congregation stands.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen**.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

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SENDING HYMN 668

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is

OZION. HASTE

love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above. *Refrain*

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace; let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,

through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O ZION, HASTE

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan Harmony – Billie Jones The Heritage at Lowman – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt Merrill Gardens – Mary Clare McAbee The Palmettos – Sara Loyd Rice Estate – Grace Boozer Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Justine Parker

JANUARY 26, 2025 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Worship Service: <u>104</u>

104 Sunday School: **41**

*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,325 *Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$4,544

OTHER MISCELEAR LOUS OTTERRINGS				
Lutheran World Relief – California Fires	\$100	Social Ministry Monthly Focus – Woodyard Fund	\$100	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$130	Sunday School Children & Youth	\$20	
Food Pantry	\$30	Offering Envelope Collection	\$15	
2025 Congregational Retreat	\$75	Memorial Fund		
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$105	VANCO – Processing fee	\$7	

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Sid Havird to the Glory of God and in memory of his father Cy Havird.

THE ALTAR ROSE is given by Deb Embrey to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mom, Beryl, on her February birthday.

GUEST PASTOR – Rev. Mary M. Finklea lives in Florence, SC with her husband, Wade. She is a graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and served as the pastor of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Florence for 12 years. She currently serves as the Community and Congregation Engagement Coordinator for South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers and loves connecting people with outdoor ministry. Her work in the community includes having served on the boards of Francis Marion University, Lutheran Services Carolinas, and the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation. She is the former president of Women in Philanthropy and enjoys encouraging generosity.

She is a native of Charleston, SC; she graduated from First Baptist Church School, and has a long family heritage at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Wade and Pastor Mary welcome college baseball players into their home every summer to play for the Florence Flamingoes. She loves to travel and is very excited to be here!

75th CHARTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION – Be sure to be here on Sunday, **February 9, 9:30 a.m.**, for the 75th anniversary celebration of the signing of Good Shepherd's charter. Invite your families and friends to be with us. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. And as we continue to celebrate, former bishop and pastor Herman Yoos will be with us on Sunday, February 16. Mark your calendar to be here to welcome him to our pulpit that day!

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Packets from the month's council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month's council meeting minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY bulletins are due by 12 noon each Wednesday. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR – on the web page at www.gslc.com for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

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LECTOR COMMUNION ASST ACOLYTE CRUCIFER ALTAR GUILD TABULATORS CC PERSON OF MONTH

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Sid Havird, Alice Buckner, Chris Herrmann, Mary Stallings
Virginia Morris
Charlene Fink
Blake Gross
Savannah Gross
Mary Stallings, Verna Sawyer
Steve Steck, Lavina Chandler **'H** Sid Havird

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

February 2	 GSLC Congregational Retreat (Lutheridge) 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor) No Confirmation Class 10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113) 	
	11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)	
February 4	11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)	
February 5	8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study	
	5:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 1)	
	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)	
February 6	10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB)	
February 8	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Council Retreat & Orientation (FAB)	
February 9	February 9 75 th Anniversary Celebration of Charter Signing	
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)	
	10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, Parlor)	
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)	
	10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)	
	10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)	
	11:05-11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)	
	11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)	

2025 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



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Deb Bodie Sid Havird David Lucas Kate Ferlauto Barbara Nagy Deb Whitlow Richard Inman Mary Margaret Hoy Becky Shealy Chris Herrmann

<u>COMMITTEE</u> TERM ENDS

Communication	2025
Evangelism	2026
Finance	2026
Gifts	2026
Learning	2025
Parish Life	2026
Property	2025
Social Ministry	2026
Worship Life	2026
Youth & Children	2025

OUR MISSION

We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

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