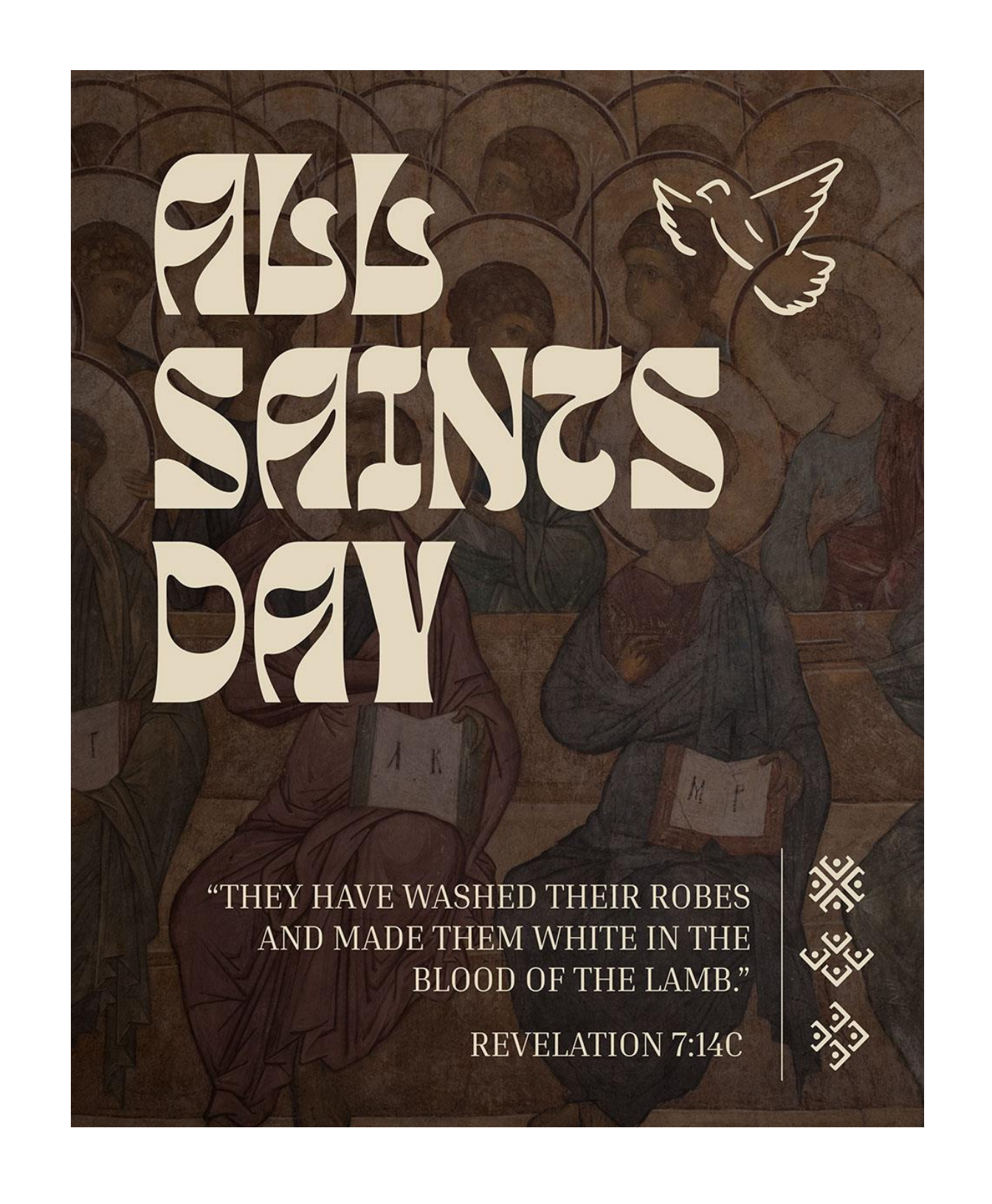


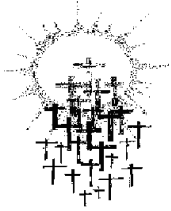


ALL SAINTS DAY

“THEY HAVE WASHED THEIR ROBES
AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE
BLOOD OF THE LAMB.”

REVELATION 7:14C





PRELUDE:

“For All the Saints

~Arr. Brian Childers

Jubilate Handbell Choir

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

LSB 671

Alt. tune: Hymn to Joy



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long.



All a - round the clouds are brea - king; Soon the storms of time shall cease;



In God's like- ness we a - wa- ken, Know-ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding; All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading; Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders, Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
P: **Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.**

L: Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
P: **Well done, My servant!**

L: Jesus, You, You alone, deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within
Your Story;

P: **Past, present, future—You, the same forever—**

All: **You fail us never!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Holy God, in baptism You make sinners to be saints and declare those guilty before the law to be holy before You.
- P:** **Yet Holy Lord we, Your redeemed people, sealed with Your Spirit, given a new identity as the holy children of God through Your only Son, confess that we have not constantly lived a holy life**
- L:** and that we are by nature a fallen and broken people who have sinned against You, O Holy Lord.
- P:** **Like saints gone before us who now rest from their labors and gather around Your throne, we too come for refuge to Your infinite mercy and grace, for we have sinned against You O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, in love, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Now for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
- L:** Rejoice! For the sake of Jesus Christ you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to God! For He, who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, has called me here to declare that your sins are forgiven in His name, the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- P:** **Give to Your church on earth Your light and Your peace; and grant us Your Spirit that we might follow Your blessed saints who rest from their labors—as we too live lives of faithfulness and joyful service, until with them we receive the crown of life and also hear those words,**
- L:** “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Revelation 7:9-17*

After these things I saw a large crowd from every nation, tribe, people, and language. No one was able to count how many people there were. They were standing in front of the throne and the lamb. They were wearing white robes, holding palm branches in their hands, and crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne with the leaders and the four living creatures. They bowed in front of the throne with their faces touching the ground, worshiped God, and said,

"Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength
be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One of the leaders asked me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I answered him, "Sir, you know."
Then he told me,

"These are the people who are coming out of the terrible suffering.
They have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the lamb.
That is why they are in front of the throne of God.
They serve Him day and night in His temple.
The one who sits on the throne will spread His tent over them.
They will never be hungry or thirsty again.
Neither the sun nor any burning heat will ever overcome them.
The lamb in the center near the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs filled with the water of life,
and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."-GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "A New Jerusalem Arise"
 ~Kyle Pederson

Bethany Choir

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3

Consider this: The Father has given us His love. He loves us so much that we are actually called God's dear children. And that's what we are. For this reason, the world

doesn't recognize us, and it didn't recognize Him either. Dear friends, now we are God's children. What we will be isn't completely clear yet. We do know that when Christ appears we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. So all people who have this confidence in Christ keep themselves pure, as Christ is pure. -GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up a mountain and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them:

"Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless.
The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
Blessed are those who mourn.
They will be comforted.
Blessed are those who are gentle.
They will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God's approval.
They will be satisfied.
Blessed are those who show mercy.
They will be treated mercifully.
Blessed are those whose thoughts are pure.
They will see God.
Blessed are those who make peace.
They will be called God's children.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of.
The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

"Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you, lie, and say all kinds of evil things about you because of Me.

Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven!
The prophets who lived before you were persecuted in these ways. - GW®

SERMON HYMN:

“For All the Saints”

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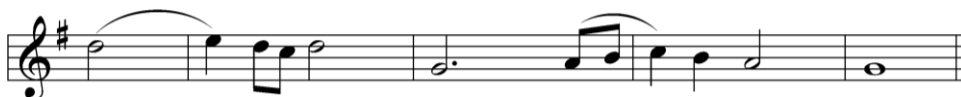
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

MESSAGE: “Face Down” Revelation 7:2-17

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"For All the Saints"

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5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through



Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war-riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Almighty Lord who has given us every good and perfect gift

P: Use these our gifts to fund and support ministry so that all who hunger and thirst for righteousness may be filled. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *there will be a brief moment of silence between petitions*

- L:** Lord Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, direct us to follow Your servant way so that all may know and experience Your Love.
- L:** Lord of the nations, You raise up leaders to govern that good may be praised and evil punished. Give a spirit of wisdom and clear vision to those who cast ballots and those who are elected to positions of leadership among us.
- L:** God of great compassion, bless those who struggle with poverty, lack of employment or housing; comfort those who mourn and are having difficulty in making hard decisions.
- L:** Protect Your people, O Lord, who face persecution for Your name's sake. Let Your Spirit fill them and direct them to remember the saints before who sacrificed much and faced even death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. Grant that their witness leads the enemies of Your church to true repentance and move them to trust in Your Son, our Savior Jesus, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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; 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.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone, and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

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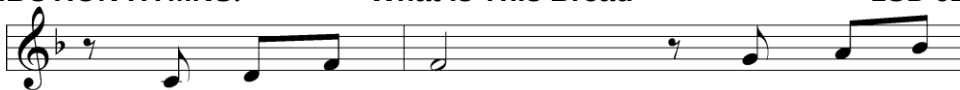
For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.

In our 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

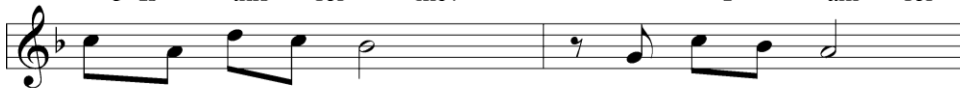
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“What is This Bread”

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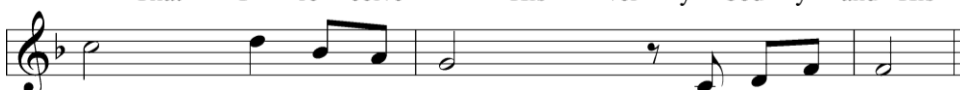
1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace	Of	life	and	love	un - til	I		
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“All Things New”

Bethany Choir

~Elaine Hagenberg

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD:

[L]: O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of Your love at work in the world. As we pause and give You thanks for these, Your servants, who have been transferred to the Church Triumphant this year, we praise You because we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Yet, even as we name these who have gone before us, we also thank You Heavenly Father for others whose names we never knew but who too showed the world the meaning of life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

✠ Roll Call of Bethany's Dearly Departed Saints ✠

Those transferred to the Church Triumphant this past year.



Geraldine Talsma
December 14, 2024



Shirley Sisson
February 13, 2025



Patt Demetri
April 12, 2025



Jerry Swanson
April 6, 2025



Joyce Klenner
May 2, 2025



Marjorie Lorenz
May 13, 2025



Tom Mooney
June 20, 2025



Sandra Bohen
June 27, 2025



Roger Crabb
June 27, 2025



Matthew Bunnett
June 15, 2025



Barbara Pollock
July 17, 2025



Jerry Glenn
September 12, 2025



Chuck Meyer
September 30, 2025

BENEDICTION:

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

P: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"

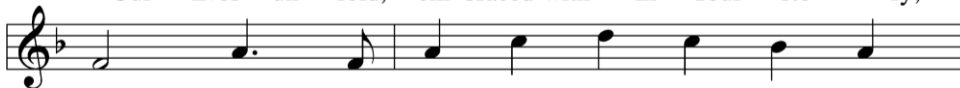
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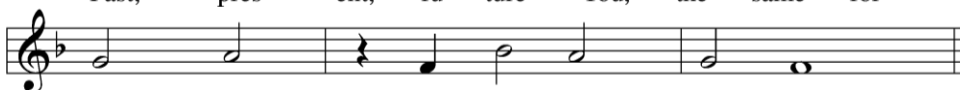
1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,
 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are send - ing,
 6 You, Je - sus, You a - lone de - serve all glo - ry!



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;
 On paths un - marked, eyes blind as to their end - ing;
 Our lives un - fold, em - braced with - in Your sto - ry;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -
 Not know - ing where we go, but that You
 Past, pres - ent, fu - ture— You, the same for -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.
 lead us— With grace pre - cede us.
 ev - er— You fail us nev - er!

POSTLUDE



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Acolyte 8:00...Ben Culley
Lector 8:00...Lily Craft
Liturgist...Pastor John Alwood
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman
Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

9:30...David Akins

Crucifer 8:00...Timothy O'Conner
11:00...Ashlyn Bowman
Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Children's Message...Karl Fink



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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ Celebrating 55 years of marriage ~

~ Michael and Deborah Castlen





Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ In celebration of Olivia's Baptismal Birthday ~

~ by The Flattley Family



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(July 1 thru Sept. 30) offerings: \$329,491

Same period last year offerings: \$291,013

Average Sunday morning worship attendance Q1 2025

342 per Sunday

Average Sunday morning worship attendance Q1 2024

330 per Sunday



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Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
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