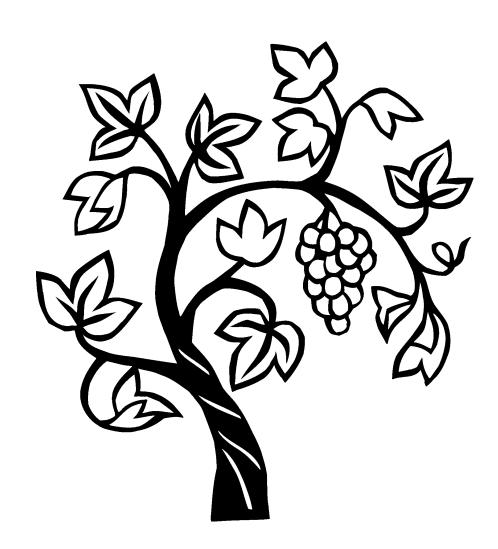
# Fifth Weekend of Easter Saturday, April 27, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2024, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



# MIDVALE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to **PRAISE, LIVE** and **SHARE** God's love.

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#### Welcome to all - We're glad you're here!

**Connect with Midvale!** Cards are available in the seatback holders. If you are new to our worship, have a prayer request, an address change, would like a pastor to call, or would like to get involved in any of our ministries, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated during each worship service. Jesus, who is present in this meal, welcomes ALL; there is a place for YOU at our Lord's table! In this meal, we receive the grace and love of God, and we are connected with one another in God's mission. More information about how to receive communion is printed in the order of worship following the Lord's Prayer.

**Worshiping with children** - All children are welcome in worship! To support families in worship, there are children's worship bags inside the entrances to the Sanctuary with quiet activities. Children's bulletins for both pre-readers and readers are available on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary. There is a Cry Room along the right-hand side of the Sanctuary and an unstaffed nursery with an audio connection to worship down the main hallway past the restrooms. Some families find sitting towards the front so children have a good view of worship works well.

Large Print bulletins are available.

**T-Coil Hearing Loop** is installed inside our worship center. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system without having to use a separate device. For those without T-coil equipped hearing aids, Loop Listener headphones are available from the ushers.



Midvale Community Lutheran Church welcomes all because Jesus welcomes all.

With you here, we are closer to who God is calling us to be.

If you've felt excluded or harmed in any way, you are welcome here.

Your gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are welcome here.

Your family, children, friends, and partner are welcome here.

Your abilities, culture, socioeconomic circumstances, race, and religious background are welcome here.

Here you will find an affirming community committed to racial equity and welcoming of all.

We strive for all people to experience God's abundance.

In Christ, you are loved. **Welcome!** 



Midvale is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.



## GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**



**Sacrament of Baptism for Aiden Alan Niewiadomski** (5:00)

Pastor: Let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

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

Assembly: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly: 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.

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

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Assembly: **And also with you.** 

#### **Baptism of Aiden Alan**

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized into the Christian family.

Assembly: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we

share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing

God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### **Call to Worship** (8:00 & 10:30)

#### Psalm 71:15-21, 23

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

<sup>15</sup>My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

<sup>16</sup>I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

<sup>17</sup>O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

<sup>18</sup>So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

Your power <sup>19</sup>and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

<sup>20</sup>You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.
<sup>21</sup>You will increase my honor,

and comfort me once again.

<sup>23</sup>My lips will shout for joy
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have rescued.

#### **Gathering Song #375**

#### Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó



- 2 La Magdalena fue a llorarlo y Cristo se le apareció; le pidió ir a sus hermanos con un encargo que le dio. Estribillo
- 3 A los discípulos, de tarde, Cristo también se presentó. Les enseño las cinco heridas; dando la paz los saludó. Estribillo
- 4 Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro; y ver, pidió, para creer. Cristo volvió, le dijo: "Mira, palpa mi herida y ten fe." Estribillo

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#### **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.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

**Children's Message** (8:00 & 10:30)

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent into the world God's only Son so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because we have been given of God's own Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has

sent the Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

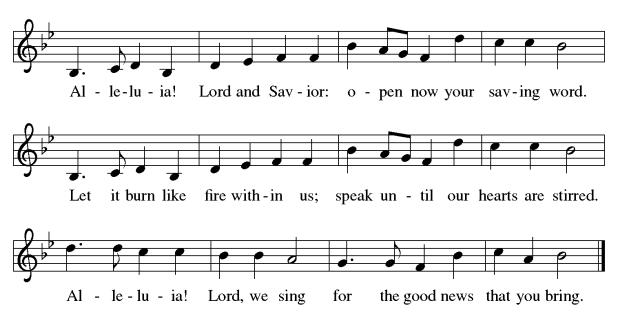
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as the Son is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because God first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

Word of God, word of life.

#### Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

## **Gospel Acclamation**



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

#### Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>My Father removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit my Father prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

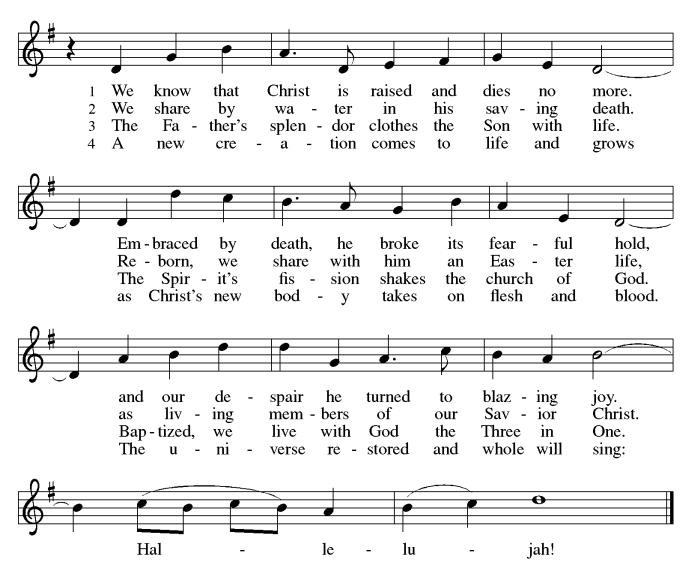
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *The assembly is seated.* 

#### Sermon

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

#### Hymn of the Day #449

#### We Know That Christ Is Raised



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#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Initially and after each petition the congregation responds.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As we share the peace of Christ, we extend the reconciliation we have received from Christ to one another. Respecting the comfort and health of all in our community, please use a verbal greeting, a raising of the hand, a handshake, or hug, based on the consent of each person.

The assembly is seated.

**Build to Serve: Grow in Love Inspiration Moment** 

"Have Faith" Toni Swandby

**Build to Serve: Grow in Love Prayer** 

Gracious and creative God,

We are yours, made in your image and claimed by your love. So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, that we embrace your future. Inspire us to use all of who we are for your glory and for the good of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and envelopes are available in the seatback holders. In addition to the offerings collected today, we recognize the offerings given by mail and electronically. All donations are a sign of giving our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts.

For those that would like to donate online, here is the QR code to the giving page of our website:



#### **Offering Prayer**

Risen One,
You call us

You call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.



**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Instrumental music is played as the table is set. (5:00 & 8:00)

Special Music (10:30)

An Easter Acclamation

Brad Nix Adult Choir Nancy Linder, piano

The assembly stands.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Dialogue**

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.

#### **Words of Institution**

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.** 

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love. **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**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion is offered with bread or gluten free cracker, and wine or juice. To receive the sacrament, please approach the altar as directed by the ushers.

- To receive the bread, hold your hands open and the server will break off a piece of bread and place it in your hands.
- To receive a gluten free cracker, approach the altar with your hands at your side. Say to the server that you would like a gluten free cracker. The server will hold out the tray of crackers and invite you to take one from the tray.
- To receive wine or juice, move to the next server and take a cup from the communion tray; there is red wine and light-colored juice available in each tray. Place your empty cup in the basket.

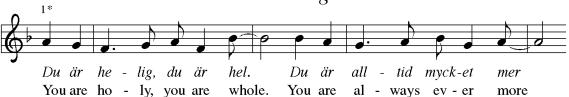
Children not yet receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing. Children can indicate their wish for a blessing by keeping their hands down at their sides. The server will make a sign of the cross and bless them in Jesus' name.

If it is difficult for you to come forward, or, if for any reason you prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. The pastor will bring communion to you after those coming forward have received communion.

#### **Communion Hymn #525**

# You Are Holy







nån - sin kan för - stå, ev - er un-der - stand. You are hand. than we al ways at



Bless-ed are you com-ing Bless - ed are you com-ing here near.



blir till sig - na-de vår jord, bröd på vår to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.









<sup>\*</sup> May be sung in canon.

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#### **Communion Hymn**

#### Now the Feast and Celebration



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#### **Communion Hymn - Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

#### Alleluia No. 1

Words and Music by Donald E. Fishel



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Amen.

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Shepherding God,
You have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

The assembly stands.



**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# Blessing Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

→ bless you now and always.

Amen.

#### Sending Song #452

# Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



- Christ shall give you - wake, O rise from death, and light; sleep-er,
- earth he bring and fear re - lease. To us came to from sin on
- bod y 3 There is one and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; 4
- us Christ lived, for died. us he and con-quered in the strife.



learn his love, its SO give the Spir - it's to Lord, one faith, and one with kind and gen - tle wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height. ver - y bond of peace. u - ni - ty, the God who made us bap - tism, one one hearts for - give God in Christ for - gave. as and Christ shall give you life. forth in faith,

all.

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#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### **Postlude**

**Baptized** at the 5:00 p.m. worship service is Aiden Alan Niewiadomski, son of Kyle Niewiadomski and Kimberly Klein-Niewiadomski. Witnesses for Aiden Alan are Karley and Paul Klein.

**Altar flowers** are given by Linda Sime in memory of Russell Frisinger's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a piece of cherry pie for dessert, Dad!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Inspiration bags available**. Some of our inspiration visitors were not able to deliver the bags to all their addresses. If you did not receive an inspiration bag on April 7, there are extra bags in the church office. Please stop by to pick one up during office hours or when you come for worship.

**Just Bakery, April 28.** Sales are from 8:30-11:45am in the Gathering Space. Just Bakery is a 12-week educational and vocational training initiative of JustDane. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, justice involved, lack of education, and/or a lack of work history or skills). All proceeds from Just Bakery sales are reinvested into the program. Thank you for supporting Just Bakery!

**Adult Education Sunday at 9:15am.** Adult Forum will be offered simultaneously both in person in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. You do not need to register to participate. Reference our weekly newsletter, *The Moments*, for the Zoom link. The same link will be used for all sessions.



- April 28 An Introduction to Spiritual Gifts Roots in Scripture (Part 1 of 2) with Pastor Ken Smith and Nelse Grundvig
- May 5 Spiritual Gifts Inventory and Reflection (Part 2 of 2) with Pastor Ken Smith and Nelse Grundvig

#### Worship schedule

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (also on Facebook Live)
- Sunday at 10:30am
- Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15am

**Prospective & new member information session, May 19.** If you are interested in becoming a member of Midvale Community Lutheran Church or would like more information about our ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. Information is also available on our website. We would love to have you join us in our mission to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of those in our community and all the world.

**Triangle Ministry Meal Program, May 6 – More volunteers needed!** The Triangle Community is the second largest public housing project in the state of Wisconsin and is actually part of our neighborhood, located in the triangle created by Regent, West Washington, and Park streets on Madison's near west side. Midvale Community Lutheran partners with other congregations in Madison to support the Triangle Community Ministry which sponsors a Monday evening meal program each week in an area where food insecurity is an important issue.

Pastor Ken and the Social Ministry Committee would like to invite those interested to join them in preparing and serving a meal for sixty people on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. They will purchase chicken for the main course, but need volunteers for salad, side dishes, dessert, milk, etc. as well as set up, serving, and clean-up. Dishes could be prepared and brought to church for them to take over to the Triangle on that day. If you can help, please reach out to Ben Kempinen, Pastor Ken kens@midvalelutheran.org, or the church office (info@midvalelutheran.org or 608-238-7119).

**New - Yoga classes offered at Midvale – beginning May 7.** The first session is six weeks on Tuesdays at 10:00am from May 7 - June 11 in the Youth Room. Join a 45-minute gentle-ish yoga class led by Midvale member Marie Nordeng. The cost is \$50 for the six-week session. Scholarships are available. To sign up, see the link in the weekly newsletter or contact the church office at <a href="mailto:info@midvalelutheran.org">info@midvalelutheran.org</a> or 608-238-7119.

**Seniors With Spirit luncheon, May 14.** Seniors with Spirit will meet on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch followed by a program on downsizing. Our speakers are Kate Wagner, a professional organizer from *Renewal by Kate*, and Edith and Richard Hachsteller, who make several trips each year taking donations to Kentucky. There will also be a handout of sources to help in downsizing, liquidating and making transitions. Lunch will be free, but donations are welcome. Sign up ahead of time is not necessary, but helpful for planning the food, especially for vegetarian or gluten free requests. Register using the QR Code or contact the office at <a href="info@midvalelutheran.org">info@midvalelutheran.org</a> or (608) 238-7119. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or neighbor.

End of Sunday School year celebration, May 19. Please join us at Westmorland Park at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate the end of our Sunday school year. ALL are invited to celebrate by having informal play & fellowship time as well as a cupcake decorating station. We invite parents, grandparents, older & younger siblings, leaders & all who want to have fun (even if you didn't attend Sunday school with us). We will go to the park even if it's a bit cool so dress according to the weather. In the event of inclement weather, we will have our party at church on the 2nd floor. Please contact Marita Herkert-Oakland if you have questions: <a href="mailto:childrensministry@midvalelutheran.org">childrensministry@midvalelutheran.org</a>.

**Worship hike at Picnic Point, May 19.** Gather from 10:30-10:45am at the Picnic Point entry. You can park in UW Lot 130, next to the entrance. All are welcome for this short hike and worship with prayers and Holy Communion. Regular worship will be offered in the Sanctuary at 10:30am as well.

#### THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

	Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Blake Rohrer
5:00	Greeter	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Lector	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Communion Assistant	Karen Diemer-Toney
	Ushers	Don Pierstorff, Gary Grummer, Frank Erdman, Sue Cotten
8:00	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Lector	Jen Davel
	Communion Assistants	Bread: Jen Davel Wine: Nan Thompson, Mark Thompson
	Ushers	Jon Langsdorf, Brad Chapiewsky, Phil Simon, Tom Lovett
	AV Technician	Jay Wians
	Livestream Moderator	Laurie Stensland
10:30	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Percussionists	Marita Herkert Oakland, Randy Schultz, Cheryl Krull, Miles Oakland
	Lector	Kay Bloedorn
	Communion Assistants	Bread: Cheryl Krull Wine: Susan Knowles, Julie Walsh
	Ushers	Doug Leslie, Ben Kempinen, Wayne Stallings, Sandy Stallings
	Director of Music Ministry	Laura Svaren
	Adult Choir Director	Kathy Otterson
	Chancel Guild	Linda Crane, Pete Crane, Mark Bangsberg, Jackie Bangsberg, Cheryl Krull

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