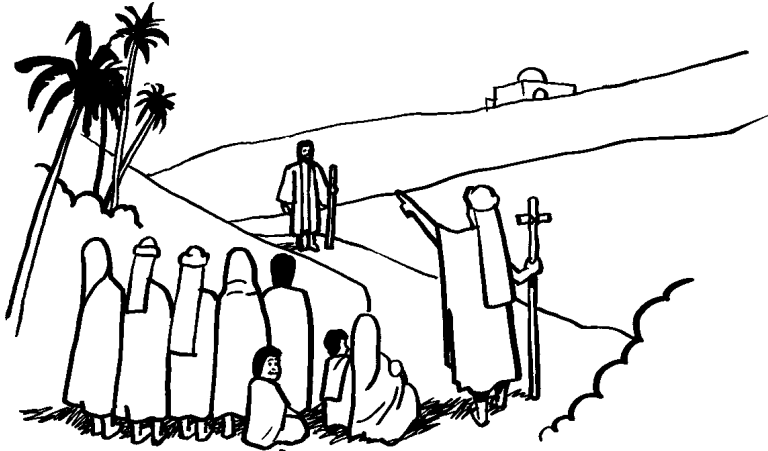


Welcome in the Name of Christ

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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**Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world
JN. 1:29**

January 15, 2023

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons
Renate Williams, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

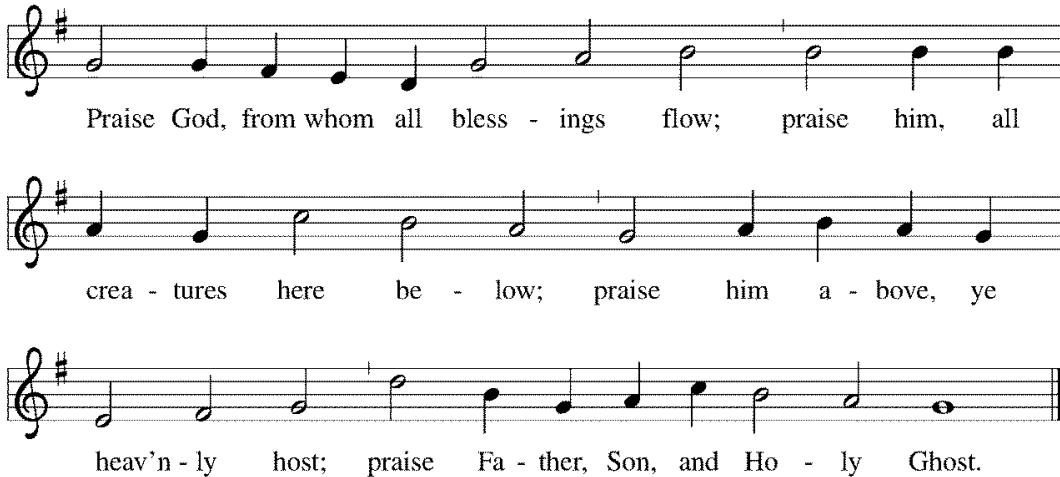
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

Prelude: In Strength and Service – Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Doxology #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign, of the cross, the sign, marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen.



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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APOSTOLIC 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.

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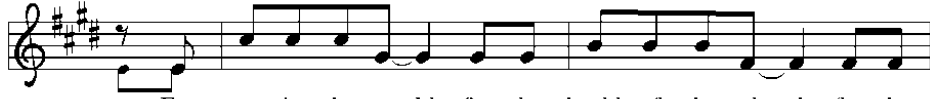
Refrain




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Psalm will be spoken responsively

PSALM: PSALM 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth**

from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

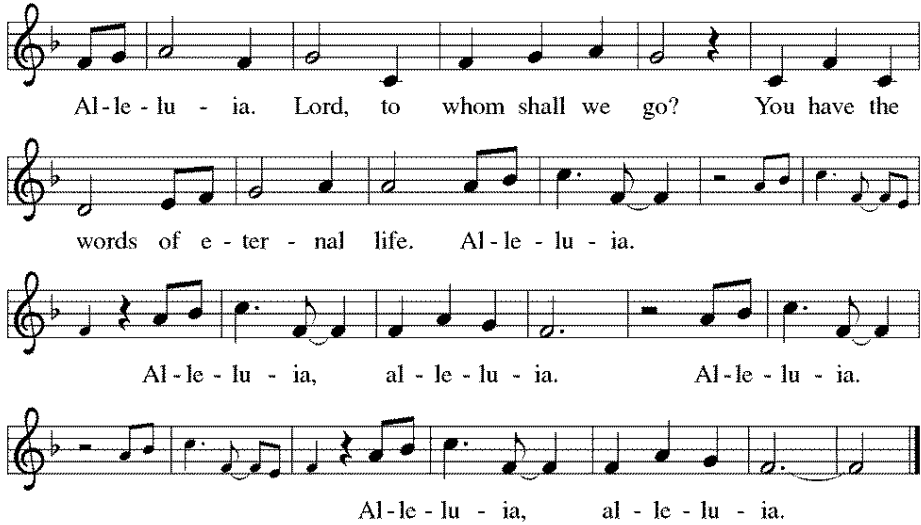
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands and sings to welcome the gospel



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is

the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

After the gospel is read,

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"LAMB OF GOD"

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Lamb of God
Your Only Son

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

**...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers,
Amen.

MEAL

An offering is gathered and the table is set. Appropriate music may also be offered. As the gifts are brought forward, the assembly stands for the prayer by the assisting deacon.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"The Peace of Christ" – Chime Choir [8:30]

"One Special Star" – Chancel Choir [11:00]

The assembly stands

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

DIALOG

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.

PREFACE

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

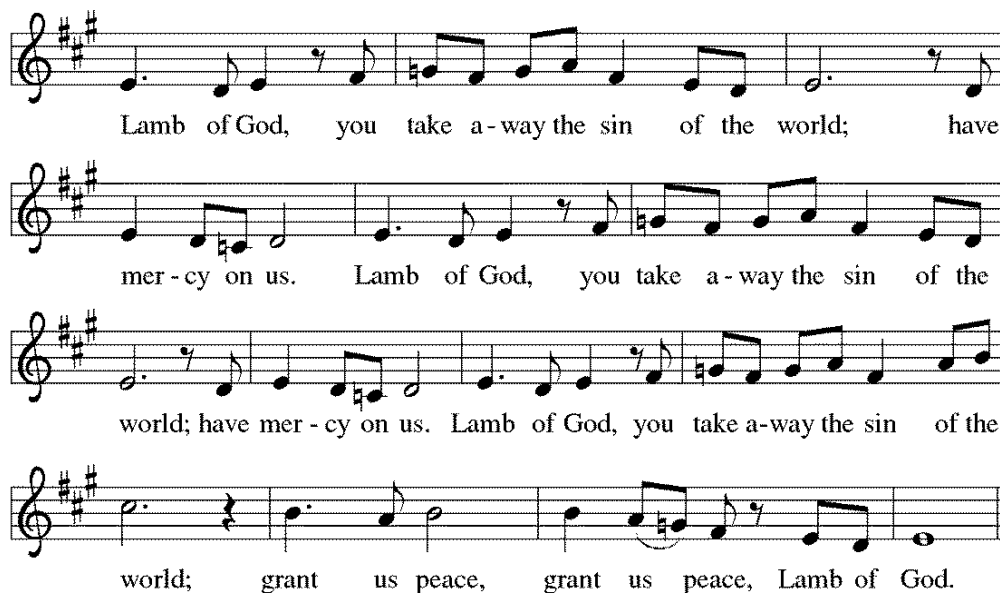
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

The assembly may be seated

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to commune. Children who are not yet communing will receive a blessing.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available. Wine is available by individual cup and a common cup. Grape juice is provided in the center ring of each tray. If you cannot eat the host, or if the grape juice is exhausted, be assured that you fully receive the Risen Lord and his forgiveness even in only one “element.” If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 754 Jesus, The Very Thought of You

ELW 737 He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW 661 I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 487 What Feast of Love

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

ELW 314

"ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!"



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” during worship. Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Bob Bonomo and Rick Mainster,
Lectors: Ann Neville and Vera Swade
Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Kathleen Swartz in memory of her daughter Amanda Caroline Swartz.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

“The Peace of Christ” – Chime Choir [8:30]
“One Special Star” - Chancel Choir [11:00]

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Otis Maxwell, Karen Benefiel, Steve Rhee, Roberta Hall, Janet Burfeindt, Lynn Bechdolt, Karis Geisteld, Bruce & Lyndsey Wilson, June Dreger-Parsons, Denise Costa, Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Rita Skillen, Karl Hertel, Heidi Rothmeyer, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Brian Brockschmidt, Carol McClune, Nancy O’Malley, Josie Ferrell, Judy Harper, Sarah and Harry Robertson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Donna & Craig Simpson, Paul Bradford, Daryl Hickman, Gloria Peterson, Christopher Hulbert, Donna Schwarz, Elaine Campoli, Eloise Fidell, Jean Burns, Muriel Bochnak, Bill Scott, Kathy Bernard, Anthony Corsino, Sandy Lapointe, Lori Pollard, Daniel, Ally Coraggio, Erin LaRoque, Madison Wolfe, Anastasia Peterson, Sol Asekun, Carol Wall.

Attendance last Sunday

Total:

General Offering: \$6,325.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
Prelude – Bell Choir

**MONDAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.- Security Meeting
1:30 p.m. – Social Ministry
6:30 p.m. - Bells
6:30 p.m. – Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - SOS
9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.–Quilters
6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Workday on
Grounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO ALL – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

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OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of MLK holiday. We will resume our normal work schedule Tuesday, January 17th.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch will NOT meet tomorrow. It will resume next Monday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Please see Pastor Koch for more information.

PRAYER TIME each Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we gather to pray for family, friends, loved ones and other requests.

QUILTERS will meet Wednesday, January 18 from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided. Contact Gerry Kauth at 352-637-2412 for more information.

ASK THE ELDER LAW ATTORNEY, with Mr. John Clardy, Attorney, on February 3, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Please sign up in the narthex so we may plan.

Also, we will have index cards for questions that you may fill out in advance or email to kmetz@embarqmail.com. For more information, please contact me, Kathy Metz, at 352-634-0985

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS are due no later than Sunday, February 5th. Please submit your report via email to gschurch@live.com or leave in the church office. If you are the chairperson of a standing committee, you are responsible for a report. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, February 19, 2023, following a single 10:00 a.m. worship service.

2023 PHONE DIRECTORY – If you have moved, changed phone number or email address since last year, please provide an update to the office by January 31st. Thank you.

Fran and I are working on sending statements through Servant Keeper. It's going to take a little work to get it up and running.

Can you please let folks know on Sunday that I'm working on their statements and they will be issued by the end of the month.

I don't want anyone to think I've forgotten about them because I have received several requests.



I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love.

—Martin Luther King Jr.