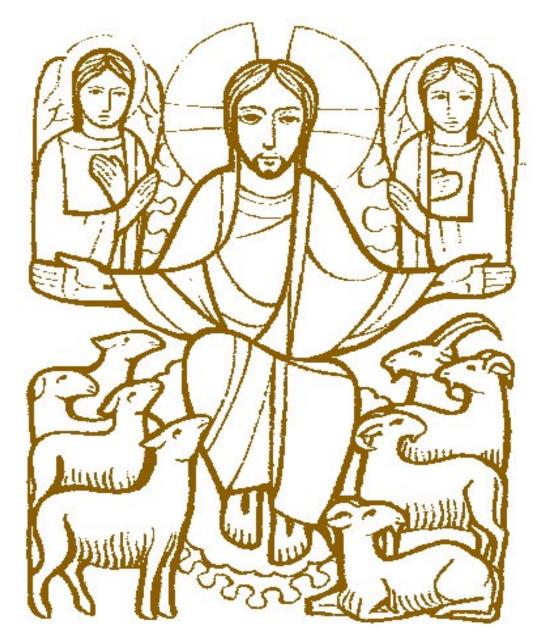
Christ the King



St Peter's Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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+ Gathering +

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



Prepare now to give thanks to God: Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *or* use the QR code *or* download the Vanco Mobile app on your smart phone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Lord Jesus, you look on us with compassion and seek us when we are lost. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive our straying from your path and help us to forgive others. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have mercy on all who need healing and comfort. Christ, have mercy. **C: Forgive us when we forget to turn to you in our troubles. Christ, have mercy.**

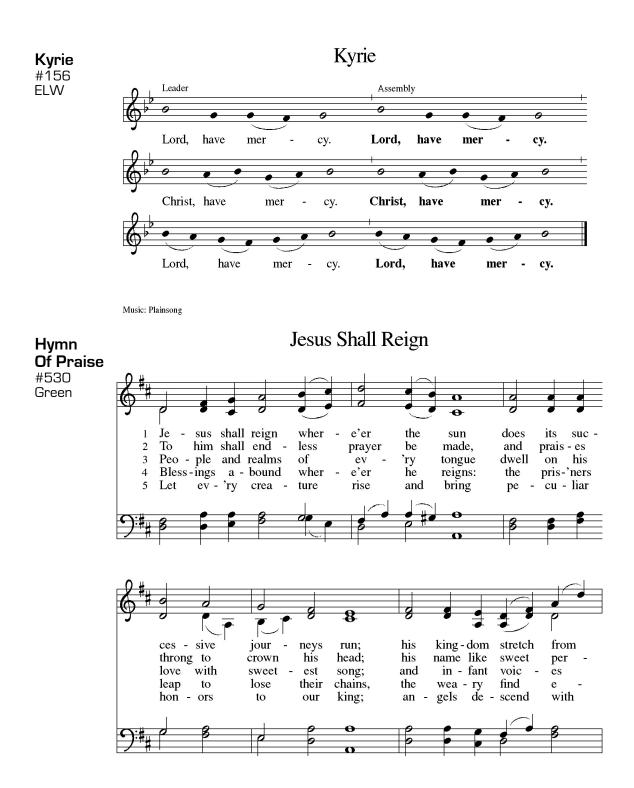
Lord Jesus, you plead for sinners at the throne of judgment. Lord, have mercy. **C:** Forgive us when we try to defend ourselves instead of trusting you. Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

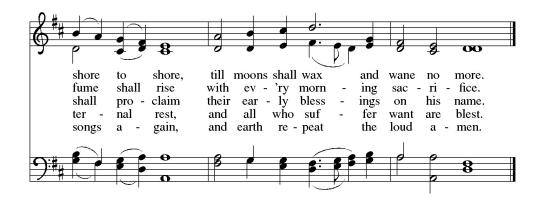
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

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.**







Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

+ Word +

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

First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,

and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence ' with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to ' him with psalms.

[°]For the LORD' is a great God, and a great King a- ¹ bove all gods.

⁴In his hand are the caverns ' of the earth, and the heights of the hills ' are his also.

[®]The sea is his, ^I for he made it, and his hands have molded ^I the dry land.

[°]Come, let us bow down and ' bend the knee, and kneel before the ' LORD our Maker.

⁷*For he 'is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep ' of his hand.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what

is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name ' of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-' cestor David. *Alleluia.* (Mark 11:9)

Holy Gospel — *Matthew 25:31-46* The Gospel According to St. Matthew

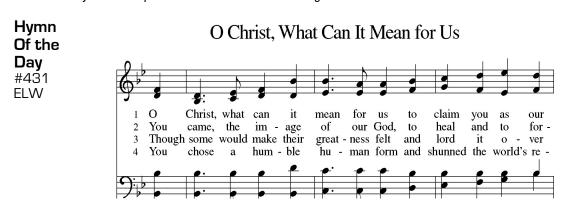
[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



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Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

- C: 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, 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
- 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.
- With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 the Church

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, open our hearts to receive from Jesus Christ our call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Empower your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. Bless the work of ELCA World Hunger and our partnerships with local and global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, bring us into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Grant us to recognize your merciful judgment in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are in need and give care to any who are neglected, especially refugees and those suffering the deprivations of war. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially those we name now (pause) Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Accept our thanks for the faithful witness of those who have served you and and now rest from their labors. Unite us with them as one body of Christ as we all await the great day of Christ the King coming in glory. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts to you, heavenly Father, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING - WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through currunt it. 🛣 🔲 Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.

The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

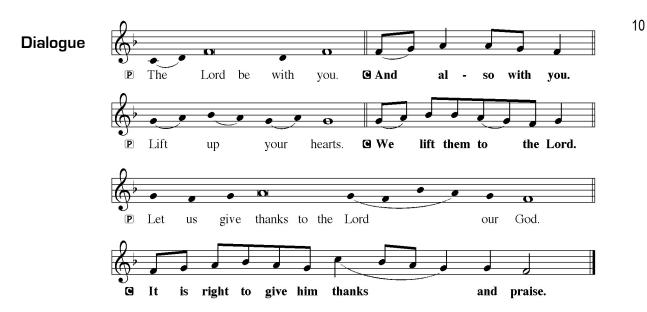
As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet. Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread. When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

The ministers make ready the bread and wine

Offertory Prayer

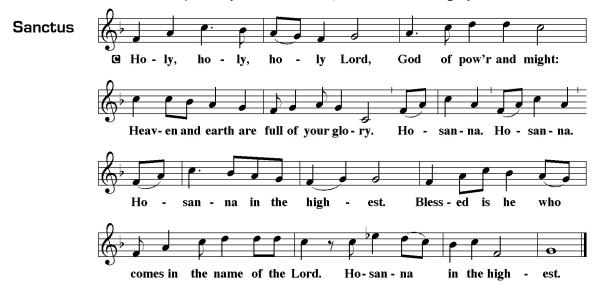
Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen



Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Almighty God, merciful Father: You are indeed holy, enthroned on the praises of your people. With Israel we bring our praises before you, as we behold the wonder of your goodness and your redemptive love for us.

In that love you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was acclaimed King and Lord as He entered Jerusalem in triumph. By that same love, He was handed over by an act of betrayal and consigned to death, thereby taking every human struggle and the suffering of every age to the cross. By His holy wounds we have been healed.

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 of this Cup, **C: We proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.**

We rejoice, Almighty Father, in our Lord's life and holy passion, His resurrection and His ascent into glory; and we trust in His promise to come again, when we, with all your people, shall sing our hosannas to Him at our joyful resurrection. **C:Amen. Come, Lord Jesu.**

Send now, O God, your holy and life-giving Spirit upon us and upon this Bread of Heaven and this Cup of Blessing, that in receiving Christ's most precious body and blood we may be united in the forgiveness of sins and in that final hope of glory and praise with your Son. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather the Church from every time and every place into the everlasting peace and freedom won by Christ, as we acclaim: C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

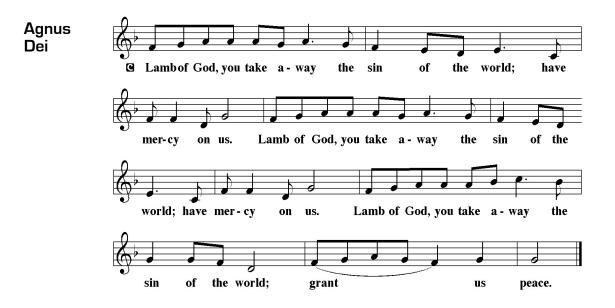
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin and He is the heavenly Bridegroom who welcomes the Church as His beautiful bride.

Happy are those who are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

C: Blessed be God forever.



Distribution

The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to dip the host into the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Give thanks to God for such grace!

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond...

C: Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. **C: Amen.**

+ Sending +

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

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, 🕂 Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Eternal Candle was given to the glory of God

In memory of Clinton H. 'Whitie' Roderick, by his daughter Annette Roderick.

Hand Bells Rehearsal - Thursday, NOVEMBER 30, 6:30 PM

Hanging of the Greens - Saturday, DECEMBER 2, 9:00 AM



COST: \$16.00 Deadline to order: Monday, NOVEMBER 27

Order forms are included in the Parish Visitor and available outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Thursday, DECEMBER 14, 6:30 PM St. Peter's Lutheran *A service of healing and remembrance.*

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 4:00-6:00 PM

St. Peter's Lutheran, York



-Live Music from Emigsville Band -Reading of Nativity Story & The Night Before Christmas -Visit from Santa Claus -Make your own ornaments -Refreshments



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, DECEMBER 24 3:30 PM – St. Peter's Lutheran 7:00 PM – Christ, Manchester 10:00 PM – St. Peter's Lutheran

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Monday, DECEMBER 25 10:00 AM [NO 8:45am service] St. Peter's Lutheran

POTLUCK BRUNCH PARTY AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday of Christmas Sunday, DECEMBER 31, 10:30 AM St. Peter's Lutheran Carol singing following to follow.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP



Sundays, JANUARY 7 thru FEBRUARY 11At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W. Springettsbury Ave., York8:00 AM - Early Service[No 8:45 AM service at St. Peter's]At Christ Lutheran, Manchester - 10:30 AM

* * Sunday, FEBRUARY 18 - Worship will resume at St. Peter's Lutheran



As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching § teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Cheryl Hibner—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys— Marsha Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marr ro —Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Pr Judy McKee—Charlie Neff —Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Bill & Rachel Sanders—Emma Smyser—Nicole Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland— Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young—the family & friends of Dick Crone.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Evelin Burgos—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart— Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart John Lehr— Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper

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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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This Week CHURCH <u>OFFICE HOURS</u>

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

> Friday OFFICE CLOSED