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Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, by Harry Anderson, © IRI

Palm/Passion Sunday

13 April A✠D 2025
Divine Service, Setting I

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe Palm/Passion Sunday. On this day, we remember first our Lord's "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem, where He was welcomed joyously by the people with palm branches and loud shouts of "Hosanna." We then remember our Lord's Passion, that is, His suffering and death, by which He redeemed us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. This day marks the beginning of the Church's observance of Holy Week.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

A NOTE ABOUT PALM/PASSION SUNDAY:

The procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. "Palm Sunday" is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry "Crucify!" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus the Church is prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the entire Church Year.

Following the historical pattern of Holy Week, Holy Communion will not be celebrated at this morning's service. Instead, the congregation will gather to celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the day when it was first instituted by our Lord.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

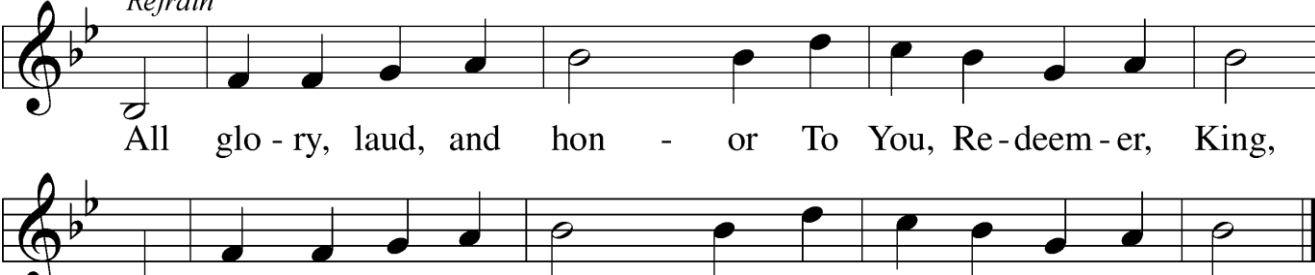
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Opening Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud and Honor


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 22:1, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21

- P** But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- C** **Save me from the mouth of the lion!**
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- P** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- C** **All who see me mock me;**
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- P** “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

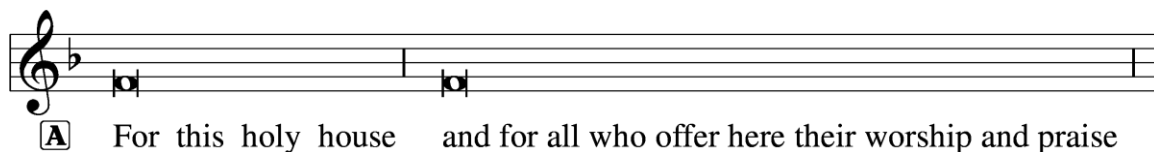
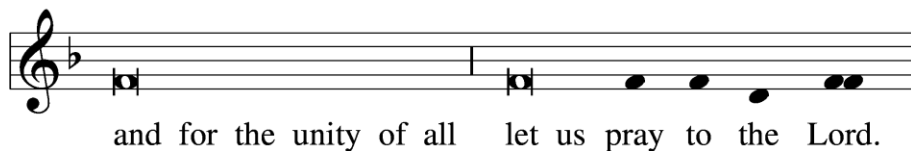
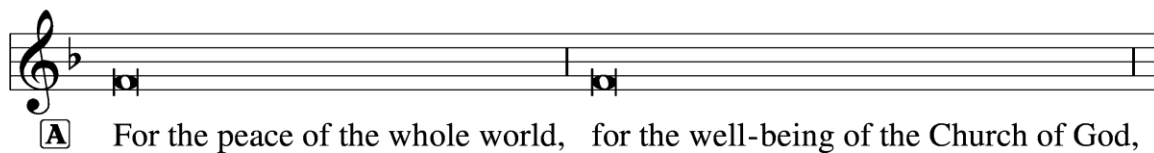
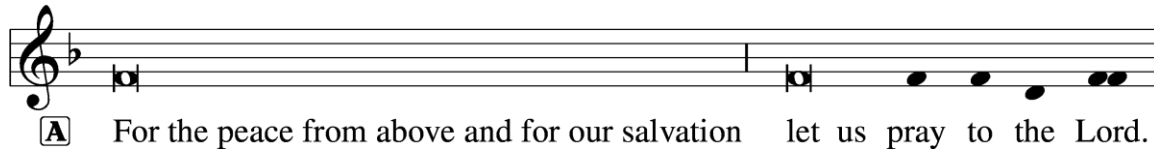
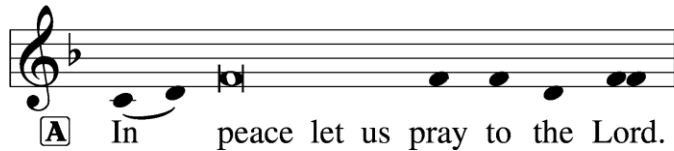
C Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

P But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

C Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Kyrie

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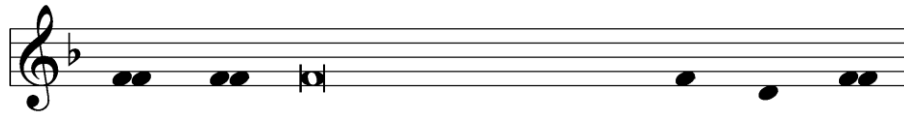




let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P You hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

C Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

Epistle

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

P To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Sit

✠ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠
drawn from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 26 & 27

(see today's purple insert for a printout of the Readings)

Pastoral Address - Introduction to the Passion of our Lord

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

st. 1



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish




Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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Reading I - The Anointing of Our Lord and The Last Supper (Matthew 26:1-29)

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now


st. 2




2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,



How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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Reading II - Our Lord Prays in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:30-56)

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

3. Yes, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
 But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.

Reading III - Our Lord Is Tried (Matthew 26:57–27:10)

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

4. Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
 Suffered without measure?

Reading IV - Our Lord is Crucified (Matthew 27:11-44)

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

5. If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!

Reading V - The Death and Burial of Jesus (Matthew 27:45-66)

Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

6. Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

(The Apostles' Creed is used during Lent)

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- P** God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You brought Him to the cross by a faithful life of selfless love. Teach us to cherish His sacrifice above all else, treasuring His redemption, that we may also live faithful and selfless lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, You have built Your Church according to the humble image of Christ. Direct our faith to His self-offering on the cross. Draw us by His redemption and example to resist the allure of worldly power and pursue our own sacrificial callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O God, draw near to those in trial and peril. Forsake not the broken-hearted, nor those in any kind of need. Hear their humble cries, come quickly to their aid and rescue those who delight in You [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people’s prayers of “hosanna” in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



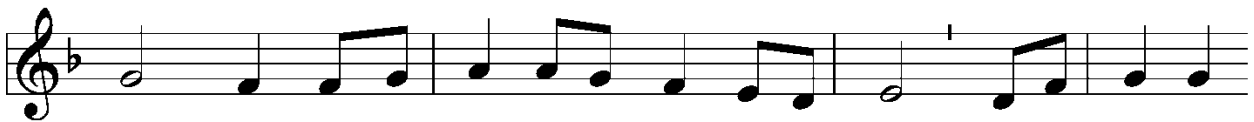
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

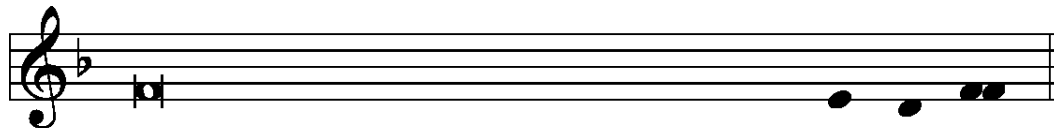
Concluding Collect

P Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P 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.



C A - men.

The Benediction marks the end of the Divine Service. Following the Announcements, the congregation will sing the Closing Hymn below and depart in solemn joy, in continued observance of Holy Week.

Closing Hymn: 453 Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,
 Your head with thorns
 surrounded,
 You died to ransom me.
 The cross for me enduring,
 The crown for me securing,
 You healed my wounds and set
 me free.

6 Your cords of love, my Savior,
 Bind me to You forever,

I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.

7 Your cross I place before me;
 Its saving pow'r restore me,
 Sustain me in the test.
 It will, when life is ending,
 Be guiding and attending
 My way to Your eternal rest.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 4/13 Palm/Passion Sunday**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thu. 4/17 Maundy Thursday**
- **Quilting Bees** cancelled
 - **Divine Service** 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. 4/18 Good Friday**
- **Office is closed in Observance**
 - **Tenebrae Vespers Worship Service** 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. 4/20 The Resurrection of our Lord**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:45 am in the fellowship hall which is located in the lower level. Members and non - members are invited to attend.

Holy Week Worship Schedule At St. Mark's

- +Passion Sunday: April 13th at 9:30 am
- +Maundy Thursday: April 17 at 7:00 pm
- +Good Friday: April 18 at 7:00 pm
- +Sunday, April 20th at 9:30 am

It is our prayer that you and yours will be able to join us and that you will find meaning in it.

The Easter Breakfast Potluck HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

The Quilting Bees are taking Holy week off in observance. They will resume next week at their normal time.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER

– We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries

repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn’t damaged. Thank you.

THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING OUR FOOD PANTRY is in dire need of the following items:

The food locker needs: Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pasta mac and cheese boxes, tuna, canned chicken or any canned meat, protein beans, canned pasta dinners, Rice, canned vegetables, both starchy and non-starchy, canned or dried fruit, soups, Raman noodles, protein bars, dried potatoes

For large family supplement bags: large cans of canned meat, dried milk, fruits and veggies, large family dried soups, large family sized baked beans, large family sized spaghetti sauce, large family sized spaghetti noodles; family sized shampoo and conditioner

For personal bags: toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, Diapers - size 4,5 & 6 and newborns. And wipes

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer
Altar Guild	Leslie Oehring & Lori Whitehead
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS- MAUNDY THURSDAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Frank Pies
Altar Guild	Leslie Oehring & Lori Whitehead
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Cathy Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS- GOOD FRIDAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Terry Nelson
Altar Guild	Leslie Oehring & Lori Whitehead
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Matt Maier



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer
Altar Guild	Leslie Oehring & Lori Whitehead
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Kelly Lekas
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman