

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 29, 2023**



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## ***PRAYER CORNER***

### **Please pray for the following people:**

Jeff Moyer, Mary Weidman, Jeanne Jones, Carol Gehman, Marty Leed & Family, Nancy Jeffers, Theda Raffauf, Ed Leed, Dave Wilhide, Esther Neidigh, Sam Heiser, Molly Brown, Fay Weitzel, Alicia Brubaker, Dorothy Hutchinson, Vivian Gehr, Nevin & Pat McQuate, Bill Nodeen, Horst Berendt, Jay Weaver, Ella Felker, Barb Moyer, Shannon Jeffers Brown, Jeanette Engle, Clair Miller, Mary Jane Goshert, Shirley Sweigart, Bill and Betty Cordes, and Judy Meckley.

Brethren Village, Lititz: Beverly Sweigart

Somerset Rehab: Grace Wentz

United Zion Home Lititz: Ethel Leed

Ephrata Manor: Pauline Sawyer

Garden Spot Rehab: Pastor Jim Miller

Hospice Care: Joan Wentzel, Patricia Kieffer, & Ken Hetrich.

Kent Weinhold, Newt Cook, Mick Smyer, Carol Butler, Kyra Dobler, Kelly Martin, Margaret Weller, Ava Fassnacht, Dolly Vozella, Bud & Corrina Bender, Vaughn Glover, Donald Craven, Jeffrey Luttmann, Bill Skelly, Mike Fassnacht, Dennis & Lois Steffy in their Disaster Relief Ministry, Robert Weaver, Brenda Williams, Brittany Neidigh, Hannah Guthrie, Tom Craven, Barry Weitzel, Virginia Reed, Matt Thorn, Cynthia Peters, The Citizens of Ukraine, Virginia Leed, Tom Dittoe, and Amelia Brubaker

### **Pray also for the grieving families of:**

Pastor Robert Wegehof, Ed Sensenig, Michael Showalter, Robert Beiler, Ellie Barr, Peg Unser, Ali Roth, Doug Smoker, Lisa Carter, Roy Herr, Brayden Snyder, Pauline Weitzel, Sister Phyllis Enck, Kelly Pannebecker, Brenda Heinsey, Lucille Martin, Shirley Netzley, Pat Rampolla, Ralph Firestine, Carl Hollinger, Mary Ellen Getz, Tom Nodeen, Marilyn Palmer, George Knauer, Scott Weaver (Jay and Linda's nephew), Jeremy Harting and Connie Moyer

# † WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Temple Talks: Linda Hutchinson Goat Project

Prelude: "Nobody Loves Me Like You"

-Chris Tomlin  
Ahava

## †GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: "We Have Come Into His House"**

$\text{♩} = 82$  VERSE

Ab/Bb Bb7 Eb Ebmaj7 Eb<sup>6</sup> E<sup>7</sup>



1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
(2. So for) - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and  
(3. Let us) lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

3 Cm<sup>7</sup>/F Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Fm Fm(maj<sup>7</sup>) Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb<sup>7</sup>



wor - ship Him. \_\_\_\_\_ We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
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7 Ab/Eb Eb Ab/Bb Bb<sup>7</sup> Eb Ebmaj<sup>7</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/Eb Eb<sup>7</sup>(b<sup>9</sup>)



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11 Ab<sup>2</sup> Ab Abmaj<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> D<sup>b</sup><sup>9</sup> Eb/Bb Cm Fm<sup>7</sup>/Bb Bb<sup>7</sup>



wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the  
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1, 2. Eb A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  Eb A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sup>7</sup> 3. Eb A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  Eb

Lord. Lord. 2. So for - Lord. 3. Let us

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## \*GREETING

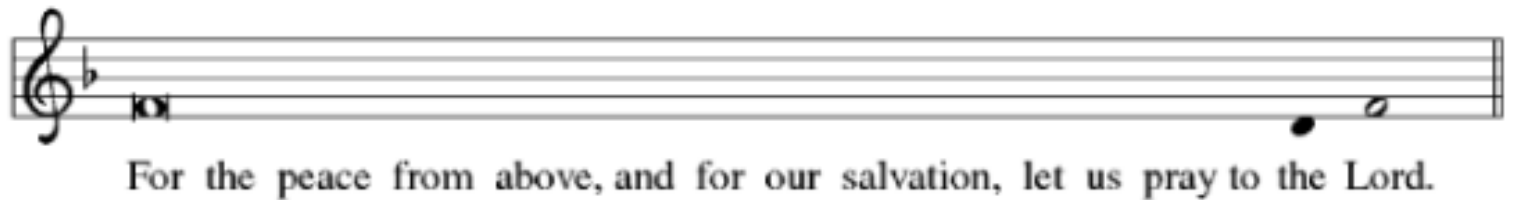
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## \*THE KYRIE



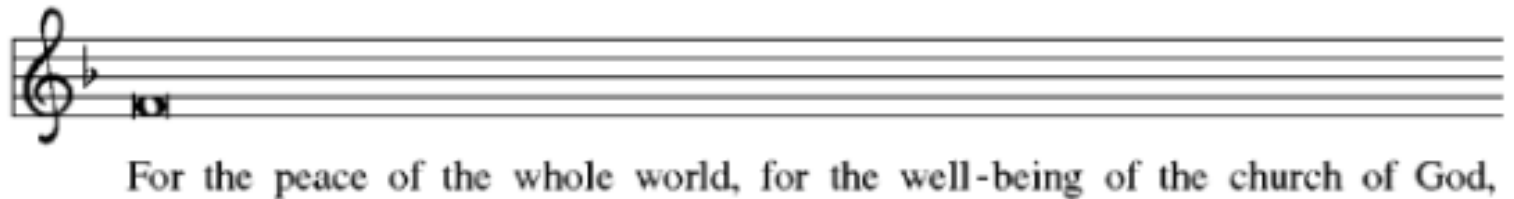
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



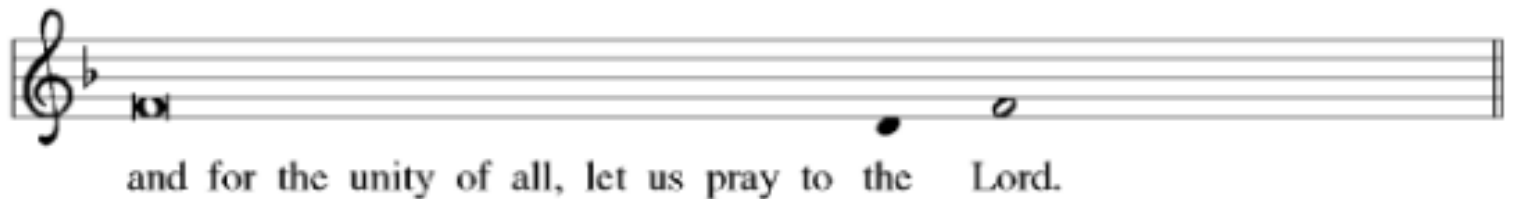
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



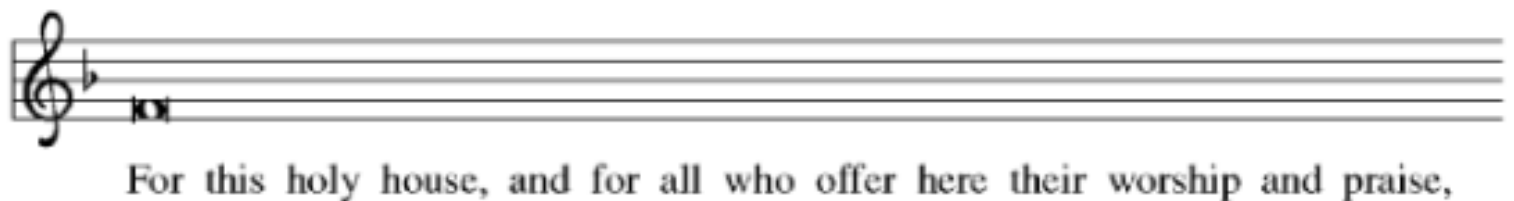
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

## \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† **GOD'S WORD** †

**FIRST READING**

**GENESIS 12:1-5**

Lay Reader (Diane Adair): A reading from Genesis the 12th chapter.

The Call of Abram

**12** Now the LORD said<sup>[a]</sup> to Abram, "Go from your country<sup>[b]</sup> and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their

possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALMODY

## PSALM 15



*LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart; R**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those  
who | fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back  
their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take  
bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. **R**

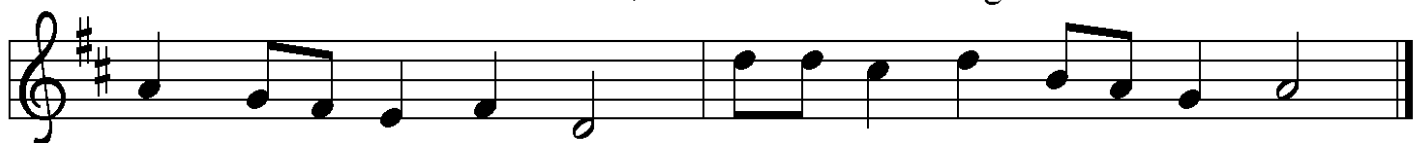
## CHILDRENS SERMON

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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.



## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:1-4

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**10** And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot,<sup>[b]</sup> and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON:** *“Portraits of Service: Abraham”*

-Pastor Tim Craven

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *“10,000 Reasons”*

-Matt Redman  
Ahava

**\*THE 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 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 †

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers (*local and international reconciliation efforts may be named*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **\*OFFERING HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"**

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, 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.**

**Amen.**

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of simple, flowing lines with various note values and rests.

**\*THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*THE SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' and the second staff contains the melody for 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes with some rests.

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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 and 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.

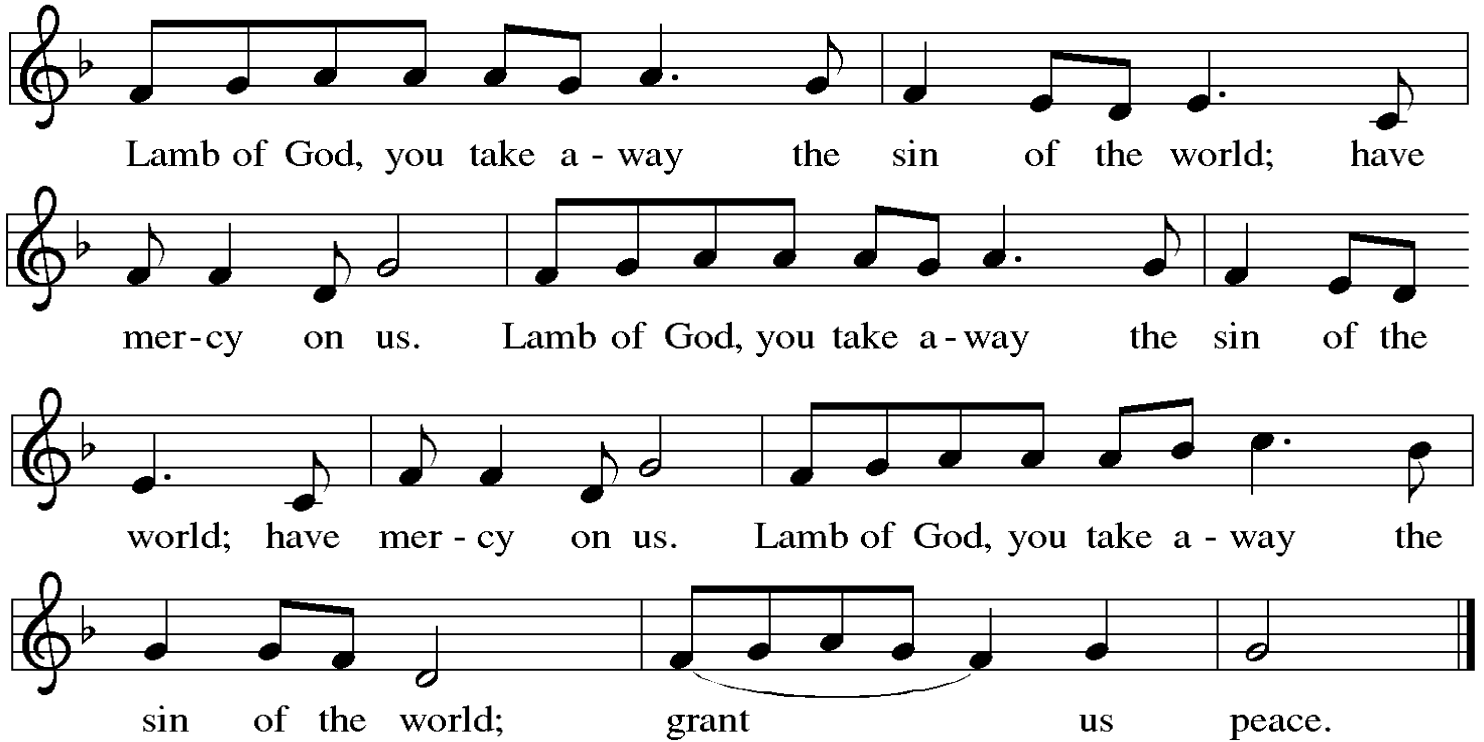
### **\*TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## THE AGNUS DEI



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.

**All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy Communion at the Communion Rail. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them. Pick Up an Empty Cup. A Grape Juice Option and Gluten Free Communion Wafers Provided. If You Cannot Come To the Chancel, Communion Will Be Taken To You.**

**Please Notify An Usher.**

**Those in the Parking Lot Partake of Communion at the Pastor's Instruction.**

During Communion

**HYMN #491:** "Come Let Us Eat"

**HYMN #494:** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

**HYMN #818:** "O, Master Let Me Walk With You"

**HYMN #616:** "Jesus Remember Me"

## **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210: “Blessed Be To God”**

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

**C: Amen**

† **WE LEAVE TO SERVE** †

## **\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #677 “This Little Light of Mine”**

-Ahava

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Diane Adair

Communion Assistant: Erin Biles

Psalmist: Erin Biles

Videographer: Troy Adair

Soundboard: Joe Brubaker

Ushers: Mike Leed, Jean Lausch, Mike Haller, & Nancy Eberly



The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are dedicated to the Glory of God by Andy & Kristi Leonhard in Honor of Caleb's 11<sup>th</sup> & Hayden's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Weekly Receipts Report as of 01/26/2023	
Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot)	60/4
Online Attendance	64
General Receipts	\$4,542

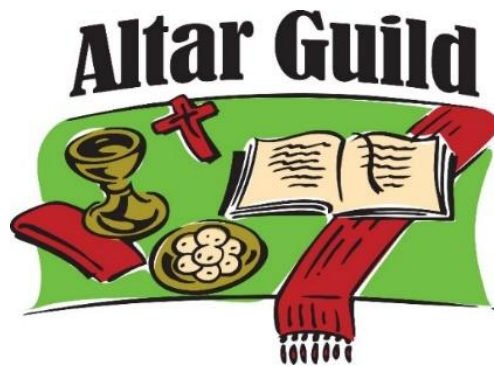
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Mellingers is looking for people who can serve as the Altar Guild Duties. This important job involves changing the colored paraments each season, keeping changing seasonal additional duties Christmas Eve.

Please contact or the church can help with this worship life.

Thanks for all you do.



the oil in the candles full, banners as well as in Holy Week and on

Pastor Tim 717-468-9049 office 717-336-8800 if you important part of our