



January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany



All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

[Online Worshiper Form \(Guests & Members\)](#)

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky (D. Woods) Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE: "Orgelstück in C Major" (Kehrer)

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

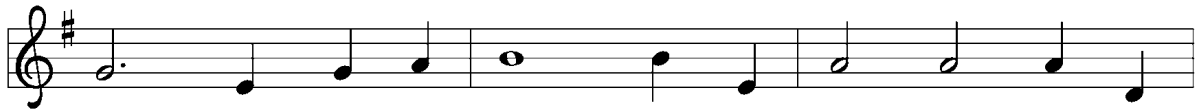
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

Amen.



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

*THE GREETING

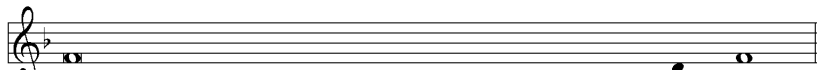
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



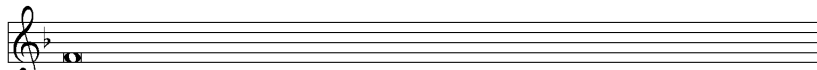
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



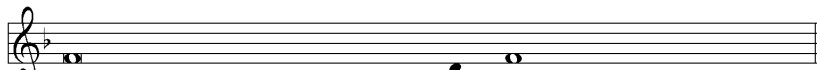
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



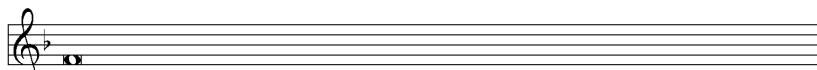
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



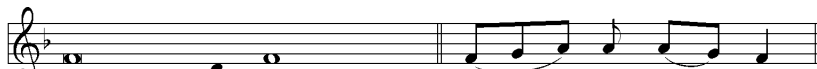
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

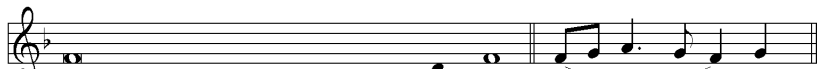


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

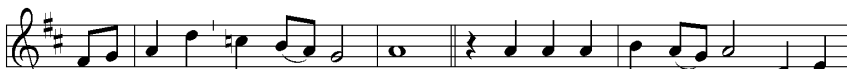


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



G This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **U** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

THE PSALM:

Psalm 136:1-6,13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

16Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.

17How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. **13**“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. **14**And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. **15**Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! **16**Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” **17**But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. **18**Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. **19**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? **20**For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

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 GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

*GOSPEL READING:

John 1:43-51

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” **44**Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45**Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” **46**Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” **47**When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” **48**Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” **49**Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” **50**Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I

told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

*HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send??
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send??
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send??

Song Continues on Reverse →

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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***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**

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of Grace, receive our prayer.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

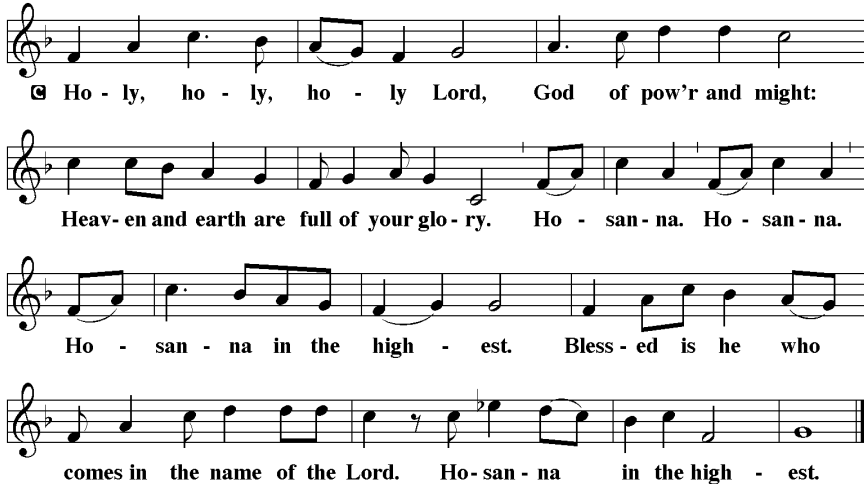
***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One,
 for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
 Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus,
 in whose name we pray.
 Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.

*THE SANCTUS



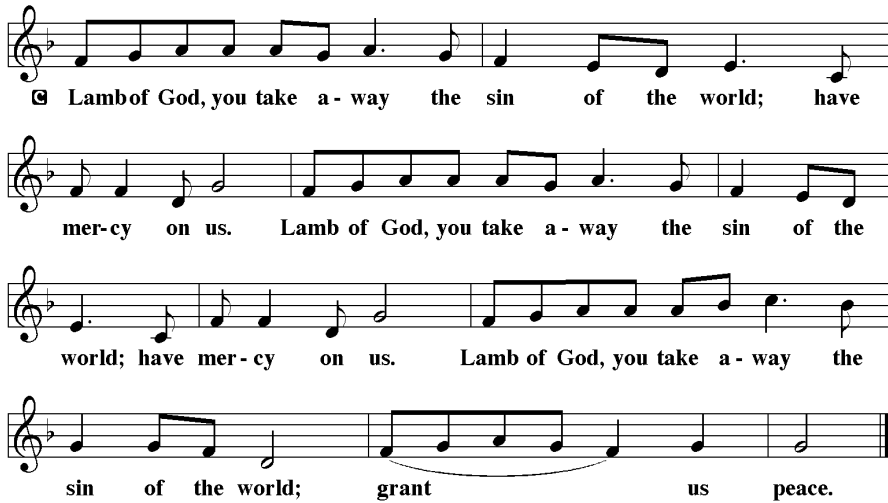
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

THE AGNUS DEI: "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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "O Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW 520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

HYMN: "Listen, God Is Calling"

ELW 513

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

LBW (Green Hymnal) 503 (not printed)

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

*THE SENDING HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314



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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*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Forest Green" (Sikes)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Paul Quade in loving memory of his wife Linda and their parents Frank & Marjorie Quade and Gerard & Yvette Samson; and also by Gary & Linda Heideman in celebration of granddaughter Nora's 8th birthday on the 12th.

A NURSERY, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

AN OVERVIEW OF MLC'S END OF YEAR FINANCIALS will take place Sunday, January 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide members a more in-depth look at MLC's assets and liabilities, the forecasted budget, the cost implications related to the congregation's desire to call a second rostered leader, and proceeds of the parsonage sale. The meeting will not be offered via Zoom but will be recorded and made available by request.

MLC'S TALENT SHOW IS SAT. FEB. 3 at 7:00 p.m. This year's show will be a "calorie cabaret" of delectable desserts prepared by MLC's Youth. All are encouraged to prepare a brief act, song, or other talent to share as part of the event. A free will offering at the door will support youth and the ELCA Youth Gathering. Contact Laura Peterson or Randall Fields if interested.

CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS for Sundays in 2024 are available. The cost to sponsor Sunday Flowers is \$30 per household. Up to two households can sponsor a single household. Please see the sign up board in the Narthex. A new, improved sign up board is coming soon.

A THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP IS STARTING IN FEBRUARY The group will meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays in Room 11/12 and also via Zoom. Come pray, learn, and be in community with others. All are welcome. There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can email Claire Strand at claire@mlutheran.org POCs are Peggy Mabry and Claire Strand.

GREETER COORDINATOR NEEDED to ensure Sunday morning guests are welcomed by friendly faces and warm smiles. Training, volunteer rosters and support provided. Call the office if interested.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) **FOOD PANTRY** - Mac & Cheese

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	(8:30) Beth Thompson (11:00)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lectors</u>	Joan Ellsworth (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		Bonnie Flowers (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Peter, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		Jacob Dorminey, Mark Thompson (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith/ Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30)
			Claire Davis, Bob Davis (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor's Office Hours are M-TH

MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for

"sensitive matters," If in doubt call the church office.

Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, January 14

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Coffee in Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. - Youth committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Youth Meet

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:30 p.m. - Men of Messiah Gathering (Straight to Ale)
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 17

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, January 18

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Saturday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m. - Band Rehearsal

Sunday, January 21

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 1* w/the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages, Financial Overview Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Band Led Worship* w/the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

January 22 - Women's Book & Social Club (Kilbys, 6:30 p.m.)

February 3 - Talent Show

February 14 - Ash Wednesday / Lent Begins

March 24 - Passion/Palm Sunday

March 31 - Resurrection/Easter Sunday

Attendance:

December 31 - Online - 116 January 7 - 8:30 a.m. - 101, 11:00 a.m. - 45

Offerings Counted January 7, 2024

GIVE ONLINE



SIGN UP GENIUS LINK

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