



January 28, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany



In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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

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.*

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Be Thou My Vision (D. Woods)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

*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.

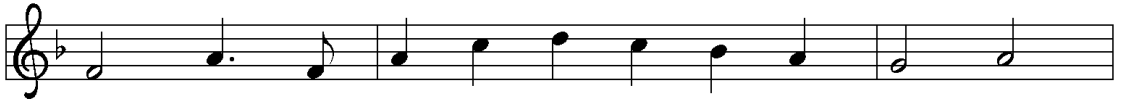
Amen.

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.

*HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW 665



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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*THE GREETING

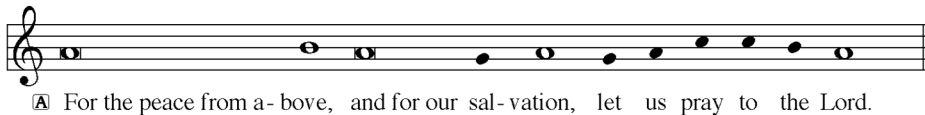
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



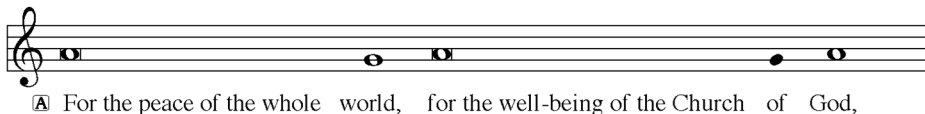
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



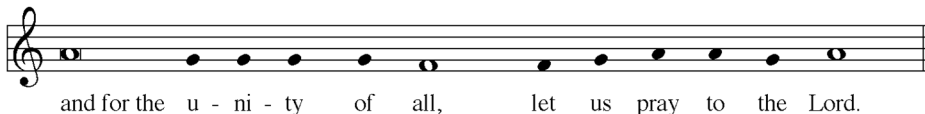
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



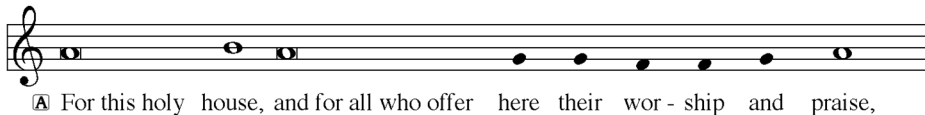
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,



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



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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

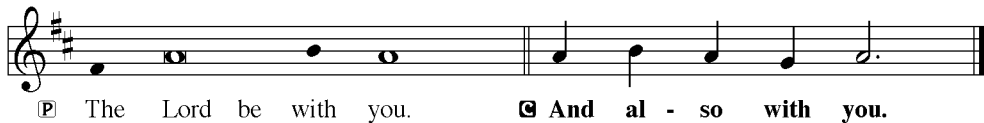


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

INSTALLATION OF CALL COMMITTEE (11:00)

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

THE PSALM:

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does

not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Chris Berry

*THE 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.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

INSTALLATION OF CALL COMMITTEE (8:30)

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

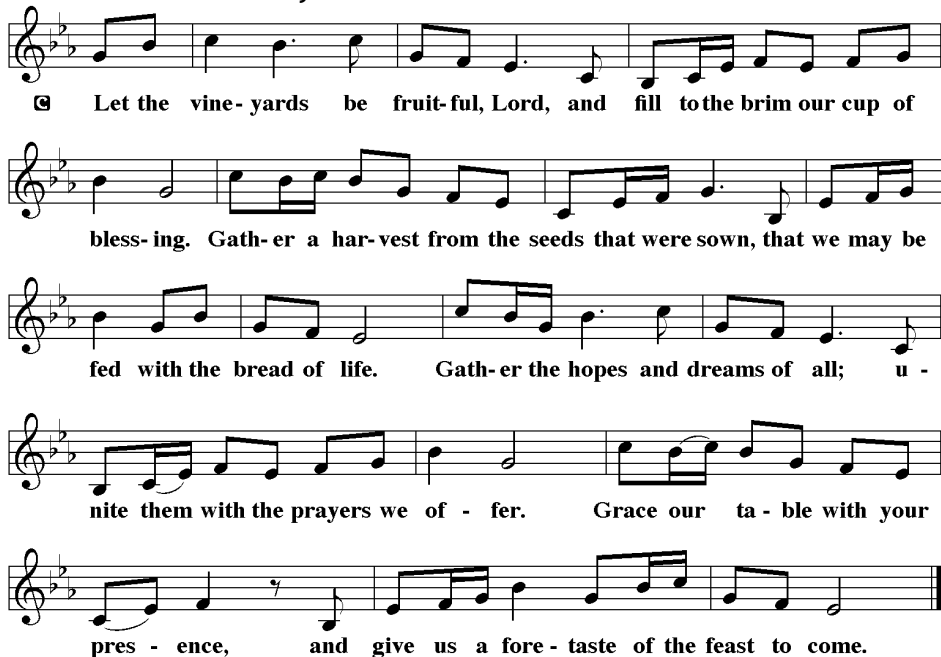
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Ain'-a That Good News" (W. Dawson)

*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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



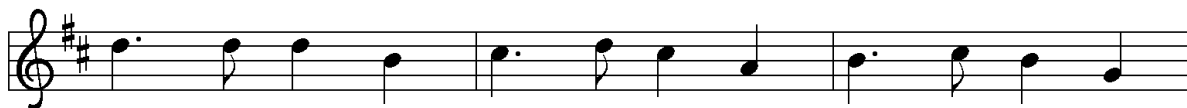
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks 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.

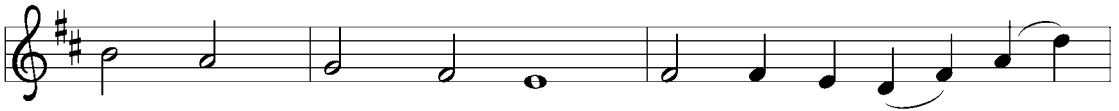
*THE BLESSING

*THE SENDING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Little Prelude in F" (J. S. Bach)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Refer to Prayers of Church during Livestream

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in gratitude for our MLC staff.

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 Parish Hall.

AN OVERVIEW OF MLC'S END OF YEAR FINANCIALS will take place today at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide members with 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 be recorded and made available by request to the church office.

THANK YOU to the following people for their willingness to serve on MLC's Call Committee as we seek a second Rostered Leader to focus on Faith Formation. Please keep this team in your fervent prayers; Phil Reed, Valerie Christensen, Mike Mabry, Dorothy Seitz, Mark Zesinger, Diane Davis and Pastor Kris.

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 at 1 p.m. in Room 11/12 and 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.

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

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Leonardo Diaz (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Fedrick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	(8:30) (11:00)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lectors</u>	Jacque Fry (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobby Huwaldt		Andrew King (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Peter Woods, Mark Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		Paul Arnold, Jacob Dorminey (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Mike Mabry
<u>Pastor Kris Schroeder</u>		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519		<u>Stream Team</u>	(8:30)
Pastor's Office Hours are M-TH			Glen Long, Craig Martin (11:00)
MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for "sensitive matters," If in doubt call the church office.		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy
Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!			

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, January 28

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages, Financial Overview Meeting
10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth
12:00 p.m. - MOES Meet up (Room 9/10)

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

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, January 31

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, February 1

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
7:00 p.m. - Call Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 3

7:00 p.m. - Talent Show

Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* w/the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 a.m. - Call Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* w/the Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

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LOOKING AHEAD

February 10 - Card Crafting Event

February 11 - "Souper" Bowl Sunday/Scout Sunday

February 14 - Ash Wednesday / Lent Begins

March 24 - Passion/Palm Sunday

March 31 - Resurrection/Easter Sunday

Attendance:

January 7 - Online - 68 January 14 - 8:30 a.m. - 81, 11:00 a.m. - 58
January 14 - Online - 86 January 21 - 8:30 a.m. - 64 (Zoom)

Offerings Counted January 21, 2024 (Offering for January 14)

Church Ministries	Messiah Mugs
Capital Investment Fund	Facility Usage
Wednesday Night Dinners	Kit Ministries
Comforters	Initial Offering

SIGN UP GENIUS LINK

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