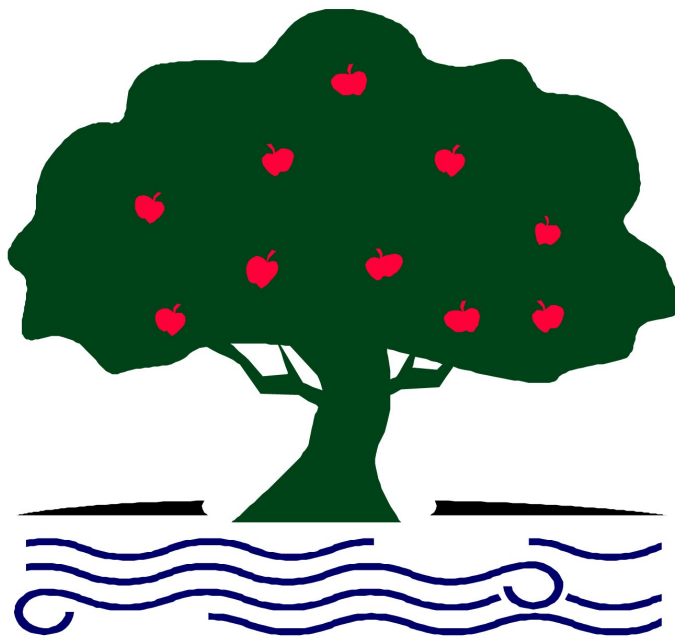


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

February 16, 2025



They are like trees planted by
streams of water, which yield
their fruit in its season . . .

P S A L M 1 : 3 , N R S V

Welcome

And thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know.

After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please:

keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation.

silence all electronic devices.

refrain from talking during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;

creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;

engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;

working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor J. S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the , ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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.

We kneel or stand.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn ELW 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Greeting

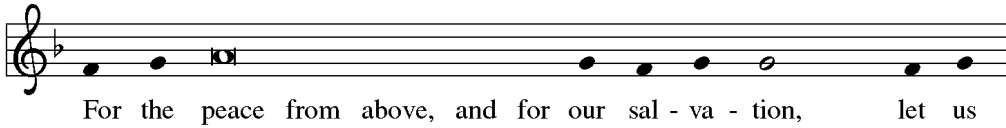
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.**

Kyrie



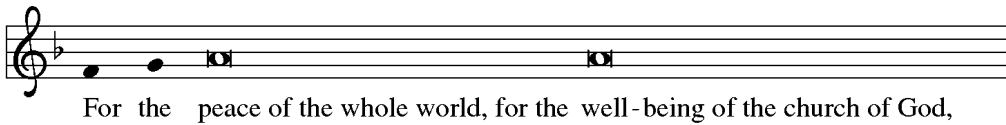
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



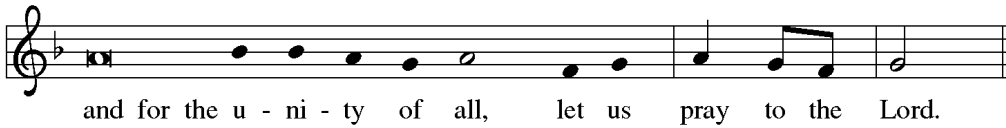
For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



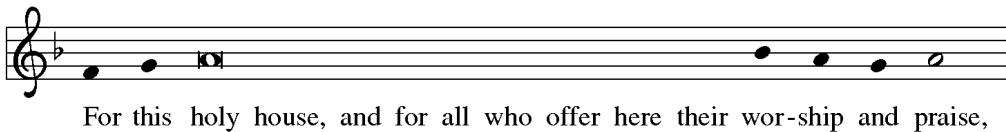
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.


Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

We sit.

First Reading

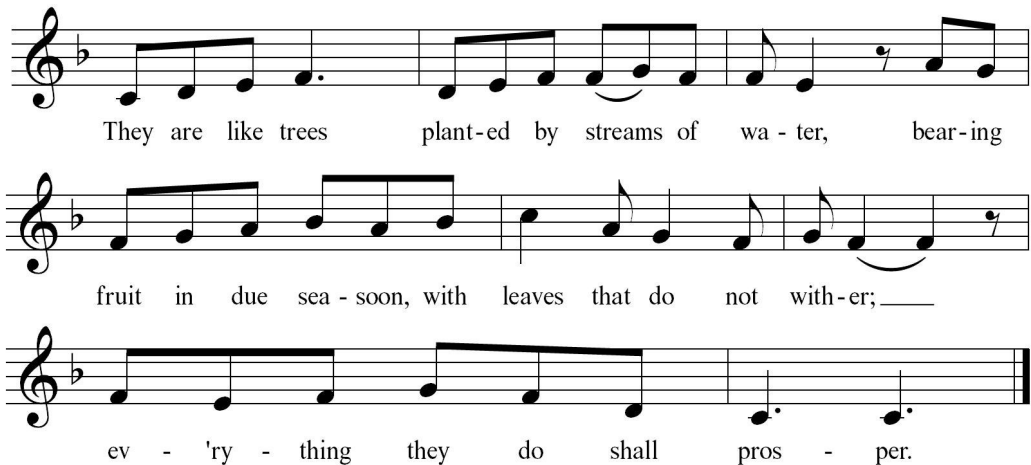
Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Blessed are those who trust the Lord*

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the

stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?¹⁰ | the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 1 *(cantor sings verses; assembly sings refrain)*



They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa - ter, bear-ing
fruit in due sea - soon, with leaves that do not with-er; ___
ev - 'ry - thing they do shall pros - per.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised*

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(cantor) Rejoice and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. (Repeat alleluia)

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

We sing the acclamation; then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand.

Hymn of the Day ELW 729 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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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

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

(11:00) Choral Offering *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Parish Choir

Words attributed to Francis of Assisi, music by Sebastian Temple, arranged by Tom Fettke
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Offering Song ELW 809 *Send Me, Lord*

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib.	End
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mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

...the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...peace on earth. **Come Holy Spirit.**

Lord's Prayer

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

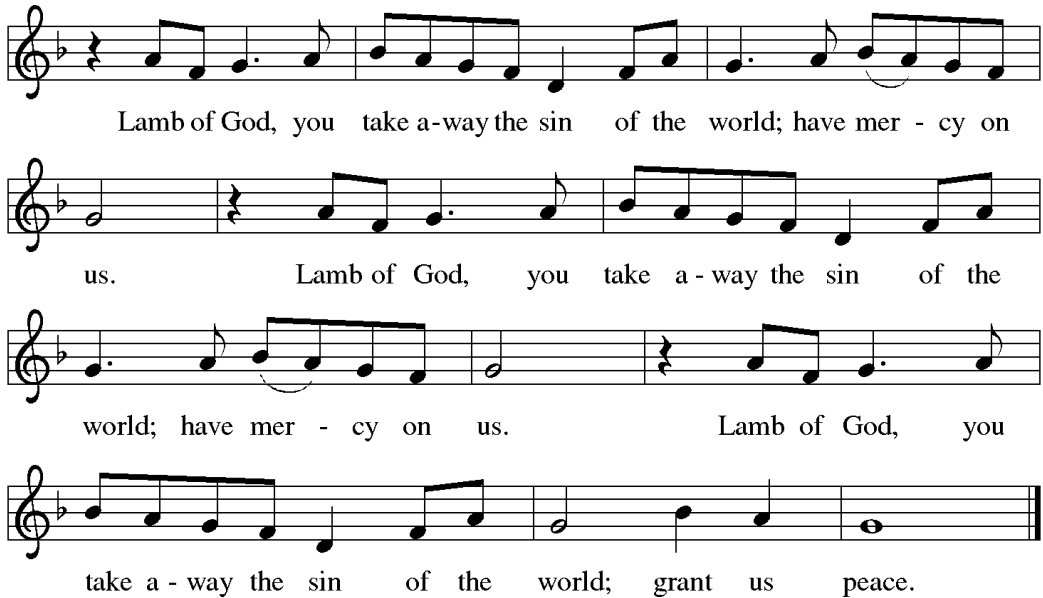
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

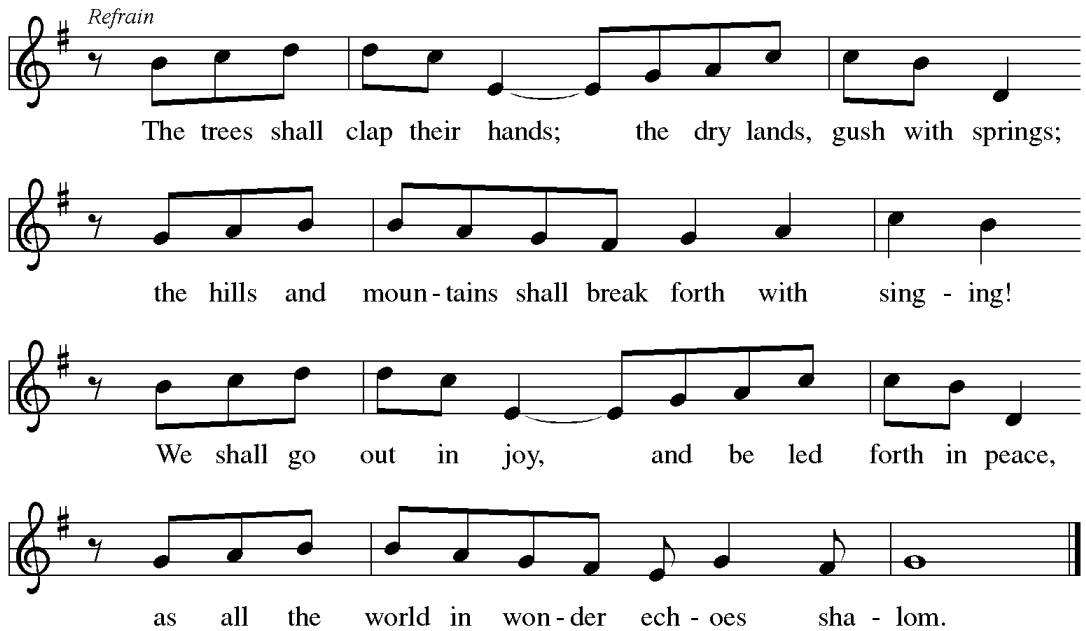
Music During Communion

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.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

After all have communed, we stand.



The trees shall clap their hands.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 717 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* setting by Don Freudenburg

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Ray Hughes
Cantor	Emily Hayes
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Chris & LaDawn Reynolds (11:00) Wendroth Family
Greeter	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Gisela Atkerson
Sacristan	(8:30) Phyllis Hasbrouck (11:00) David Templar
Counters	Penni Black & Debbie Rosenberg
Livestream Operator	David Templar
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	Courtney Hearld
Facilities Manager	Parker Taul
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (February 23)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Richard Michel	Roland Born
Cantor	Teri Applegate	Teri Applegate
Ushers	Julie Keller & Richard Michel	Jim McGrath & Debbie Rosenberg
Greeter	Val Dutcher	Carolyn Carden
Sacristan	Diana Shappley	David Templar
Counters	Elaine Billington & Judy Page	
Livestream Operator		Helen Born

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, February 16

8:30am	In-Person Worship
11:00am	In-Person/Livestream Worship

Monday, February 17

6:15pm	AA
7:00pm	Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 18

11:00am	Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm	Staff Meeting
7:00pm	Grace Notes

Wednesday, February 19

4:00pm	Children's Choir
6:00pm	AA—Faith House
7:00pm	Parish Choir

Thursday, February 20

7:15am	Men's Group (First Watch)
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Sunday, February 23

8:30am	In-Person Worship
11:00am	In-Person/Livestream Worship
5:00pm	DYG—Hosted at Faith