# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

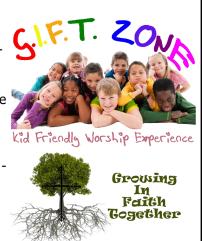
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When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

## **G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children**

We introduce our kid-friendly worship experience, located in the left-hand transept area of the main sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. During this middle section of the service, Deacon Lexanne Graves will be in the area to guide parents and children through activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)



## **Living Springs Lutheran Church**

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**GATHERING MUSIC** "Wade in the Water" ELW #459

As we gather, we remain seated and join in singing to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Baptismal Anniversaries: Margaret Blank (6/1), Alison Levitt (6/1), Peter Zvejnieks (6/1) (Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** 

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding

in steadfast love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one

another.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Eternal God our creator,

People: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your

children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus

Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

People: Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423

**APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY** 

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-

One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you

live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and

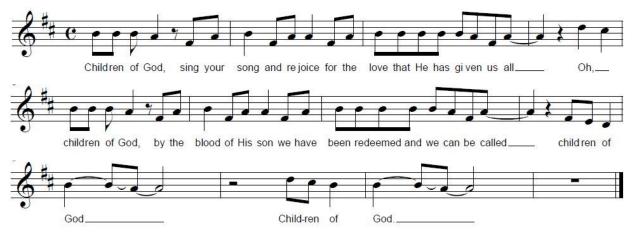
forever.

People: Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Lexanne Graves

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently RICH Learning Summer Art & Reading Camp). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:



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#### FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM 29

Lector: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Lector: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

Lector: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

People: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Lector: The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Lector: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**People:** The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

Lector: O LORD, give strength to your people;

People: give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Romans.

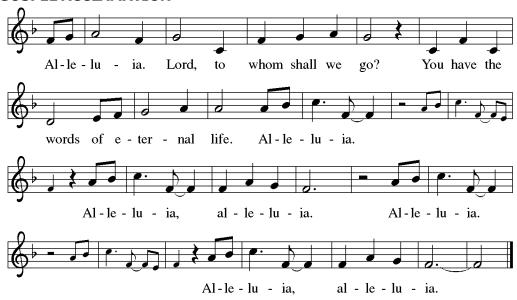
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:12-17)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:1-17)

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

We are seated

SERMON Rev. Eric Fink

We stand as able

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ELW #735

We are seated

## **FAITH MILESTONE - QUILLOWING**

A quillow is a quilt which folds itself into its own pillow and they have been made this year by Beyerly Hoppert, Judy Lawrence, and other loving members of Living Springs. We wish to thank all those who helped in this ministry project.

Assist:

Today we celebrate with those who are taking another step in their faith and life journeys through our Faith Milestones Ministry. Will our high school graduate who has expressed a desire to reaffirm their baptism at this important time, please come forward, along with her parents, for the blessing & presentation of guillows.

Leader:

Laura, our sister in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new stage of your life, beyond the comfort and security of home, family, and your childhood community. As you go out into the world, may this quillow be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community.

Pastor:

Parents, in Christian love years ago, you presented your child for Holy Baptism. At their Baptism, sacred promises were made. As parents of these young men and women, it was part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept: "to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith."

Leader:

At your child's confirmation, we celebrated your commitment to these promises, as your child affirmed their baptism. Today, we celebrate another milestone. As these young disciples prepare for the next stage of life, we remember that they are still your children. We now ask you and this congregation to covenant with these young men and women for the ongoing support of their faith journeys.

Pastor:

Parents, do you intend to routinely lift your children up in prayer?

If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help and quide me.

Pastor: People of Living Springs, will you support, encourage, and pray for this young

woman, along with her parents?

People: We will, with God's help.

Pastor: Graduate, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy

Baptism: "to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice

and peace in all the earth?"

If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

## **PRESENTATION OF QUILLOWS**

(Parents stand with back to the altar and with their graduate facing them. Parents wrap quillow around their graduate, leaving hands on shoulders their shoulders while repeating the blessing.)

Parents:

My child, I come this day before God, to bless you and thank God for your life. You have given my life deeper meaning and calling. Through you, I have experienced God's love, joy and forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love goes with you. You will always be part of my heart. May this quillow remind you of the warmth of my love, the care of this faith community, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. On those nights when I cannot wrap you in my arms, wrap yourself in this quillow, and know that in God's family you are never alone.

(Parents and graduate switch places. Parents hold quillow around their graduate, while the graduate now place hands on their parents' shoulders to bless them.)

Graduate: You have given of your heart, and of your home. You have loved and cared for

me, even when it was difficult. Today I honor and thank you, for your courage, patience, wisdom, and love. Wherever I go, and whatever I do, I will always be your child, blessed by your love. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the

warmth of this quillow, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the support and care of this church, the power of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing. Amen.

Leader: Now let us offer acclamation to God, for the blessing of our 2018 Graduate. (After the acclamation, students are invited to share their future plans. Graduate & parents remain at the rail, together as a family, for the prayers. They return to their pew after the peace.)

We stand as able

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Assist: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

Assist: The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

Assist: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

Assist: Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, illness, or anguish of any kind, especially *Sarah Schultz; Stephanie Joyner; Virginia Bloss; Melissa Edwards; Patti Appleton; Leonora Welsher; Tina O'Leary; Brett Maxwell; Shannon Benvenuti; Erin Bryson; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud.... Hear us, O God.* 

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

Assist: With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness, especially John Calvin, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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#### **PEACE IS SHARED**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

#### THANKSGIVING MOMENT

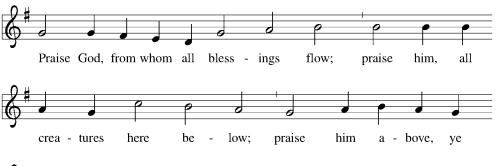
#### **OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN**

#### **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

We stand as able

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

"Praise God Whom All Blessing Flow"





#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every

living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor:

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, 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.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: 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.

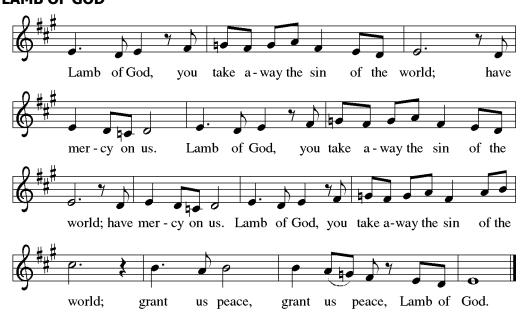
#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



# We are seated LAMB OF GOD



#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen."** If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.





## "Father, I Adore You"



Words & Music: Terry Coelho: © 1972 Maranatha! Music

#### **DISTRIBUTION SONG**

## "Holy, Holy, Holy"





We stand after all have received communion

## **EUCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: Amen

Assist: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but

your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of

peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

People: Amen

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty

God, Father, 

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW #413

#### **DISMISSAL**

Assist: Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God!

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**People: Thanks be to God.** 



## + COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY +

## John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

### THE HOLY TRINITY:

In a Word, Believe

At the airport the young man's father and mother hugged him, stamped unremovable kisses on his unshaven cheek, draped "I love you" eyes upon him, mouthed "be safe" and sent him off to volunteer in Argentina, where he later disappeared. Did he perish?

Earth trembles, wind howls, fire refines. Do we perish? Famines devour by day, plagues creep by night, wars shriek. Do we perish?

"For God so loved the world . . .

Shamefaced in prisons, shivering on street corners, lonely in crowds, invaded all alone. Do we perish? At the top, exhausted; at the bottom, despairing; at the edges, ignored; at the center, shrinking. Do we perish?

... that he gave his only Son, ...

Washed out memories, built up distances. Do we perish? Love discarded, hatred hoarded. Do we perish?

... so that everyone who believes in him may not perish."

Nicodemus came to Jesus in the dark. This is what he said: "no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God" (John 3:2). An unsteady, fitful confidence flickered like a sputtering wick in the dark. "How can these things be?" Riddled about the kingdom of God, flesh and Spirit, heaven and earth, he didn't hide inside of cautious silence or avoid heavy darkness.

Nicodemus came to Jesus in the dark. There he found God's answer in a word. Believe. Believe not in a world without death or disaster, not in a world without suffering or loss, not in a world without devastation or humiliation, not in a world without defeat or shame. Believe in God who refuses to abandon such a world. Believe in the sign of God, Jesus himself, God's love for this world where joys do agonize, flowers do fade, springs do thirst. Believe in God in the dark night hour.



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#### **CRUCIFER**

Wes Levitt

## **TORCHBEARERS**

Leslie Bloss Gail Buchanan

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Lexanne Graves

## **NAME TAGS**

Alice Renaud

## **FLOWERS**

**Arnold Family** 

## **MUGGER**

**Charles Tracy** 

## **REFRESHMENTS**

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## **ALTAR GUILD**

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# Pentecost Seasonal **Emphasis**

Koly, Koly, Koly is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Isaiah 6:3

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#### **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!**

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!

May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone,
through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand. If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS -** are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE—** are available during communion, for those who desire either.

**G.I.F.T. ZONE** - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** – are distributed during the children's sermon.

**NURSERY** — is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

**CHILD SAFETY** — is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.