

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 29, 2018 - 10:45 AM



Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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, parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshippers 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.)



Kid Friendly Worship Experience



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SUMMER GATHERING SONGS

Our gathering time through the summer will include a hymn sing with music selected by you!

Baptismal Anniversaries: Connor Bazemore (7/30); Connor Kilbourne (7/30), Gracen Tilton (7/30);

Sally Catoe (8/1); Trish Davidson (8/1); Adam Woodruff (8/1)

(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.

We face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. We turn to follow the cross as it enters.

ENTRANCE HYMN *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* ELW #843

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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

We are seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Seminarian Christopher Girardeau

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:

Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all Oh, children of God, by the blood of His son we have been redeemed and we can be called child ren of God Child-ren of God.

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FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from 2 Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

(2 Kings 4:42-44)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 145:10-18

Lector: All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**People: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

Lector: that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

Lector: The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

Lector: You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**People: You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

Lector: You are near to all who call upon you,

People: to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (*Ephesians 3:14-21*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

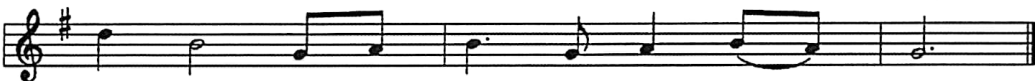
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all
2. We are stand - ing in your pas - ture, Lord we
3. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all



glo - ry be to you; We are sheep with - out a
know that we have strayed; Hear ye now the prayers we
glo - ry be to you; Our hearts burn deep with -



shep - herd, by your word all life is re - newed.
of - fer for your word that guides our way.
in us as you fill us with your truth.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to

the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. (*John 6:1-21*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

SERMON

Rev. Eric Fink

We stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW #479

†† **HOLY BAPTISM** ††

Assist: Through God's action in the water and word of baptism, Fiona Grace Peterson, will be made a child of God and incorporated into the body of Christ, the Church. Fiona is the daughter of Haley and Graham Peterson. We welcome her into the fellowship that we share in Christ.

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The presiding minister addresses those presenting the child for baptism.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring Fiona to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to the word of God and the holy supper; teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the holy scriptures; and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Fiona grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Fiona in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

We stand. The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Fiona and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

People: We do.

The pastor addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

People: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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

We are seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the Promised Land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BAPTISM AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT

Pastor: Fiona Grace is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister continues in prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give Fiona new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Fiona with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

The cross is marked on the head of the newly baptized with anointing oil.

Pastor: Fiona, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

People: Amen.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION

A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized, along with the words of Jesus from Matthew 5:16

Assist: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The baptismal group faces the assembly.

Assist: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The presiding minister carries the newly baptized into the midst of the congregation as we sing:

BAPTISMAL SONG

"You Belong to Christ"

ELW #213

Following the song, the newly baptized is given a Faith Chest from the congregation, in which to store items from her Faith Milestones in years to come.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ's body and blood. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need. We pray especially for: *Goldie Harmon; Anita Gabbard; Margaret Blank; JoAnn Pulse; Rickey Babcock; Mae Fetzer; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Almighty God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith, especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and the martyr Olaf, king of Norway, all of whom we commemorate today. Hasten the feast that will reunite us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

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 "God Will Take Care of You"

arr. David Smither;
Nowell Ramsey, Piano

We stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Are An Offering"



We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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



1. Oh, Lamb of God; oh, Lamb of
2. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of
3. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of



God, you take a - way our sins.
God, have mer - cy on us all.
God, you grant to us your peace.

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.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Thankful & Broken"

Lyrics on display screens

We stand after all have received communion

EUCCHARISTIC 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, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW #857

(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)

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 ✚

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Hungry for Rescue

The miracle of multiplication began with a question. Jesus asked, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” (John 6:5). Then, like fragments of the improbable barley crusts and pieces of fish, the questions multiplied until the crowd was fed. In the moment, baskets full of leftover questions didn’t matter much. Maybe skeptics’ curiosities dozed off on full bellies.

Here’s a question: Did Jesus get in the boat or not?

Five thousand crowded the hillside. The gospel story doesn’t say they were hungry or that they expected to eat. Whatever Jesus had been doing for the sick—his signs—drew the crowd. As for a meal, all John tells us, and only in passing, is that the Jewish Passover, the sacred meal that recalled and celebrated the miraculous rescue from a life of slavery in Egypt, was near. That mattered; oppression occupied more than their memories. Rome occupied Palestine with a fist of misery. Jesus awakened hope. Burdened people paid attention. They were so aroused that, full of bread and fish, and awestruck by all that was leftover, the crowd grew riotous, frantic to crown Jesus as their king.

Hours later, the disciples, muscling against fierce winds on a black night sea, suddenly became terrified. Was it the storm or was it the sight of Jesus walking on waves that spooked them? When Jesus said, “It is I; do not be afraid,” the disciples wanted him in their boat (John 6:20-21).

Here’s the question again. Did Jesus get in the boat or not? The episode ends with an undetailed report. The boat reached land. Period.

The crowds and the disciples are hungry for rescue. We will make you our king! We will take you in our boat!

Coming near, Jesus said “It is I; do not be afraid.” But did he get in their boat?



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Pentecost Seasonal

Emphasis

*Holy, Holy, Holy 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.