

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018 - 10:45 AM



*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

## G.I.F.T. Zone Worship-Learning Area For Parents

We offer the parent-friendly G.I.F.T. Zone (in the left-hand transept of the main sanctuary) so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. This parent-friendly worship experience is located in the left-hand side area of the sanctuary. **Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult**—as the purpose is to provide an area for parents to help teach their children the routines and meaning of worship (until they are old enough to worship in the pews for the entire service).

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. Parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way for parents to share the rhythm of worship and have children/ parents engaged together in worship with the whole congregation, while learning the liturgy. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for children who have not yet reached the point to focus and benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities).



## Living Springs Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING SONG

*"Here I Am To Worship"*

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

*Baptismal Anniversaries: Ed Brennan (9/9); Harrison Keppery (9/9); Preston Ginn (9/19);*

*Gary Ginn (6/28)*

*(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)*

### *1. Light of the world*

*You stepped down into darkness*

*Opened my eyes let me see*

*Beauty that made*

*This heart adore You*

*Hope of a life spent with You*

### *2. King of all days*

*Oh so highly exalted*

*Glorious in heaven above*

*Humbly You came*

*To the earth You created*

*All for love's sake became poor (Chorus)*

**Chorus:**

*So here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*And You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

**Bridge:**

*And I'll never know how much it cost*

*To see my sin upon that cross*

*And I'll never know how much it cost*

*To see my sin upon that cross (Chorus 2x)*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/JUSTICE TEAM LEADER BLESSING

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOCATION - GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

**Pastor:** Creator God, we praise you for the waters of baptism that draw us daily into greater relationship with you and with all that you have made. Your heart is open to us in our struggles, you listen to us in any need, and you name us all as your beloved children. In your grace open our hearts also to serve as Christ served, so that we may follow where you lead and see the face of Christ in our neighbors.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us profess our faith.

**People:** **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.**

**Pastor:** Beloved children of God, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**People:** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**Pastor:** In these promises you have committed yourself to Christian vocation: to love and serve one another, share the good that God has done for you in word and deed, and follow in Jesus' example of service to all people. May God who has claimed you as beloved and holy in baptism, guide your words, your steps, your work and your rest for all of your days.

**People:** **Amen.**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**     *"Come, All You People"*

Alexander Gondo  
Celebration Choir

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

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

ELW #858

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**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.**



## KYRIE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: **People:**



Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

*We are seated*

## **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 Habitat for Humanity Build). 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:*

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.*

*So we gather in His name, offering our love and praise.*

*Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

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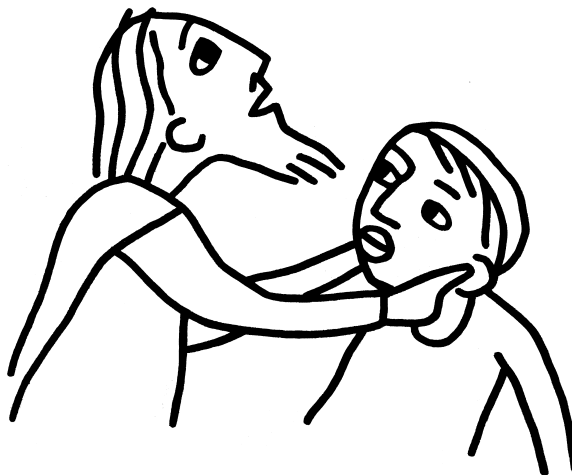
## **FIRST READING**

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. (*Isaiah 35:4-7a*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 146

Lector: Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Lector: Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**People: When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Lector: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**People: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

Lector: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

**People: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

Lector: The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**People: The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**



## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (*James 2:1-17*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

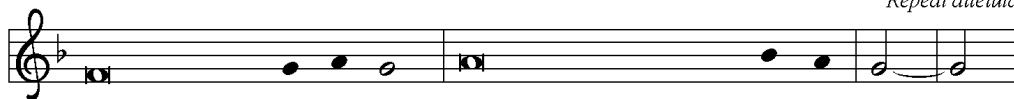


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

**Pastor:** [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (*Mark 7:24-37*)

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY**

Assist: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world and all in any need.

*+ A brief silence +*

Assist: We thank you for this faith community and the many ways your work through Jesus Christ brings us healing, freedom and renewal. Bless all who worship here that we may be for each other and the world signs of your justice and peace. God, in your mercy,

**People: Receive our prayer.**

Assist: Open us to the unexpected ways we meet you in our neighbors. We thank you for their gifts and for the ways they invite us into community. You who sent your son not to be served but to serve, teach us to follow in his footsteps of service and love. God, in your mercy,

**People: Receive our prayer.**

Assist: Protect your creation and teach us to cherish it. We praise you for the local water, crops, and livestock/wildlife that all glorify you. Thank you for the ways they sustain us and for our place among them to tend and watch over what you have made. God, in your mercy,

**People: Receive our prayer.**

Assist: Keep watch over our community and all in any need: all who suffer with illness of body or mind, addiction, grief, loneliness, hunger or despair. Especially we pray for: *Logan Smith; Anita Gabbard; Neva Burley; JoAnn Pulse; Goldie Harmon; Bill Schoenlein; George Bush; Travis Greene; the Varn family; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Be near in times of trouble and open our ears to hear the voices of your children. God, in your mercy,

**People: Receive our prayer.**

Assist: You bless us with throngs of saints who witness to your compassion. With gratitude, we recall the lives and deeds of those who proclaim lovingkindness to a needy world including *Peter Claver, priest and missionary*, whom we commemorate today. God, in your mercy,

**People: Receive our prayer.**

Assist: Into your hands, Gracious God, we give all that we pray for, trusting in your compassion, through Jesus Christ our savior,

**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*

## OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"They Shall Soar Like Eagles"*

Laura Manzo

*We stand as able*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*"To God Our Thanks We Give"*



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,  
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,



re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.  
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-Loh; Text © 1986 World Council of Churches and the Asian Institute for Liturgy and Music.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

**People: Generous God, we thank you for your openness to our needs and your abundance in blessing us with these gifts. Receive what we now offer and what we will share with the community on this "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, that it may glorify you and sustain our neighbors in need. Bless these gifts, our hands and our hearts to your service. 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:** Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



*We are seated*

## 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.

## 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** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

ELW #708

*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:** Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**People:** **Amen**

## **BLESSING AND SENDING - GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY**

**Pastor:** May God who has created you in rich community, to love, to learn, to share and to serve, be with you as you go out.

May God who meets you, in grace, in challenge, in beauty and in patience, greet you outside these walls.

And may God who walks with you, in water and wine, in friend and stranger, watch over you and bring you joy.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless and guide you today and always.

**People: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

ELW #886

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

### **DISMISSAL**

**Assist:** Go in peace. Bear the Spirit's fruit. Sound the good news.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# God's work. Our hands.



**Living Springs Lutheran Church**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

### **✝ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✝**

#### **Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654**

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

We like to believe we are insiders when it comes to knowing Jesus. We self-identify as Christians. We go to church, have Bibles in our homes, and maybe wear crosses around our necks. If any Bible story could cause us to question our judgment about following Jesus, today's gospel is it. Scholars and preachers have tried to soften the word—dog—that Jesus chooses to refer to the Syrophenician woman's daughter, but Jesus didn't choose a soft word. He didn't wink as he said it or intend for it to be heard as a pet name. The word he chose wasn't any nicer than it is now.

We like to believe that, as insiders, knowing Jesus means we are like Jesus and that calling ourselves Christians means that, ultimately, we are good, righteous, deserving people.

If any story about Jesus could cause us to challenge and scrutinize our own behavior, question our own sense of what is acceptable, and make us rethink our entitlements—today's gospel is it. Jesus doesn't act like Jesus when he calls people derogatory names, treats them as outsiders, or denies them help—and neither do we.

After Jesus tells the Syrophenician woman that the demon is gone from her daughter, he encounters a man with a hearing problem and a speech impediment. Coincidence? Not in Mark's gospel. As Jesus heals the man, he uses the word Ephphatha, which means "Be opened." If Mark hadn't just told us about the Syrophenician woman, the only things being opened here would be the man's ears and tongue. But Mark included her story to show Jesus incorporating her into his own story. Because Jesus acts like Jesus when he's open to those on the outside—and so do we.



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Jeff Day

## LECTOR

LaVone Griffin

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Cindy Day  
Kellee Flores

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Tiffany Ginn  
Gary Ginn  
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Linda Hayes

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## ACOLYTE

Tiffany Ginn

## CRUCIFER

Jan Berger

## TORCHBEARERS

Trish Davidson  
Mike Davidson

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lexanne Graves

## NAME TAGS

Karen Kranz

## FLOWERS

Karen Kranz

## MUGGER

Charles Tracy

## COFFEE

Karen Kranz

## REFRESHMENT

n/a

## ALTAR GUILD

Linda Hayes/Nancy Baldwin

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Karlene Stuart  
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## COUNCIL DISCIPLE

Wendy McKenzie



## Pentecost Seasonal Emphasis

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23a

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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](http://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 green 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 GREEN SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, God Stories, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Please complete at least one slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of 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 green slip and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.