

# **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

January 12, 2020 - 10:45 AM



*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

## **Living Springs Lutheran Church**

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## 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. **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). 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).



### GATHERING: GOD-STORIES & BULLETIN SLIPS

*As we gather, we reflect on God's work, with some visual examples on the display screens. We use the green slips in our bulletins to write down our God's Stories (and prayer concerns). Where have you seen or experienced God at work in yourself, in the lives of others, or the world this past week? Names are NOT required. Green slips may be placed in the offering plate.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

*"Down to the River to Pray"*

*Baptismal Anniversaries: John Imbert (1/14); Mark Stuart (1/14); Charles Tracy (1/15)  
(During the Gathering Music, individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL/OFFICERS

The following people have been elected to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Adam Woodruff, president

Doug Danner

Julie Ann Harris

Jan Berger, vice-president

Kellee Flores

Wes Levitt

Dea Jones, secretary

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London Mancuso

Bill Franck, financial secretary

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Mike Davidson, treasurer

Midge Gunvalson

*A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

***R: I will, and I ask God to help me.***

*Those being installed face the assembly.*

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**People: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as officers/council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**People: Amen.**

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

**ENTRANCE SONG**

*"All Are Welcome"*

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### **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: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM & BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE

Leader: A voice from heaven declared, "You are my Son, my Beloved!"

**People: In the name of the Father...**

Leader: John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and declared. "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**People: In the name of the Son...**

Leader: The Spirit, descending from heaven like a dove, came upon him.

**People: In the name of the Spirit.**

Leader: With a splash of water and word of promise, we are called children of God. We are gathered together to remember our baptism, as we say...

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

Pastor: When you were baptized, those words were proclaimed with the pouring of the water. God's promise of love for you was sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and the sign of the cross became your emblem.

**People: We have been marked with the sign of the cross as a daily reminder and symbol that we have been redeemed by Christ, the crucified.**

*(Parents make the sign of the cross on the foreheads and hearts of those who are celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Baptismal Anniversary milestone. All others worshippers re-trace the sign of the cross for themselves.)*

Pastor: We remember that baptism not just as an event, but a way of life: by the action of the Spirit, it begins a daily drowning of our old selves and a daily rising to our new life in Christ. We affirm that each of us is on a journey of faith that continues today and for the rest of our lives. We are beloved children of God, adopted by God to be sisters and brothers of Jesus, God's own Son.

**People: Help us, Lord, to continue our journey with you.**

Leader: The following were claimed by God as brothers & sisters of Jesus, through their baptism in 2020: Lilah Snipes, Winston Bales, Kyle Dymont, Daniel Hampton, Aubrey Montperies, Brady Stoutland, Hailey Stoutland.

*(Candles are given to those present, signifying their 1<sup>st</sup> Baptismal Anniversary milestone.)*

Pastor: As we see Christ's light shining in them, let it remind us to reflect the light of Christ and let his light shine through us.

**People: We are beloved children of God. Let us celebrate the joy of God's love in our lives every day!**

*We are seated*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Fink

*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 (Woodyard Assistance Fund/LS Assistance Fund). 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.*

4 *Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

*(Tune by C.H. Woolston, Public Domain. Alt. Text by G. Donovan, Jr.)*

## FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. (Isaiah 42:1-9)*

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 Acts.

*Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:34–43)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew .

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

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:13–17)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Born/Reborn"

Justin Rimbo

Born re - born! Born re-born! Formed re-formed, Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born re -  
 born! Born re-born! Formed re-formed, Praise our God for-ev-er-more! 1.Drown us, Raise us,  
 2.Name us, heal us,  
 Mark us, Claim us!  
 wash us, seal us! Born re

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - BLESSING OF 2020 DISCIPLESHIP COMMITMENTS**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**People: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*As part of the lifelong Affirmation of our Baptism, our sealed 2020 Commitments of Discipleship are presented at the altar. The box containing our Commitments will remain behind the Lord's Altar throughout the year, to visibly remind us of the commitments we have made. There is an open slit in the top of the box, so that commitments may still be added. Envelopes and slips are available in the narthex.*

Pastor: O God, in ongoing Affirmation of our Baptism, receive our Specific Commitments of Discipleship for the year of our Lord, 2020.

Leader: Through our commitments,

**People: May we together grow deeper in Christ!**

Leader: Through our commitments,

**People: May we together grow deeper in Grace!**

Leader: Through our commitments,

**People: May we together grow deeper in Love!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.**





## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

*+ A brief silence +*

Assist: Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick, especially *Charles Kauffman; Leena Skiba; Jim Glander; Robin Traufler; JoAnn Pulse; Deborah Depaoli; Sawyer; Samuel Shelton; Henry Forsgren; Shirley Danner; Patrick Weinbauer; Skip Kasdorf; Tony/Tanner Bales; Steve Casady; Teressa Hall; Larry Taylor; Johnny Peay; Betsy Dix; Claire Fleming; those on our prayer cards; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our 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*

## OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

*For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app. If you give electronically or by bank draft, there are anonymous "offering cards" in the pew rack, which you may prayerfully place in the plate as a reminder that every offering by any means is an act of worship.*



## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Baptized in Water"*

LS Adult Choir  
Saward/Haas, arr. Holstein

*We stand as able*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

**People: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

Pastor: 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.

## 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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

**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, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## OFFERING OF SYMBOLIC "DEEPER" STONES

*Each person is invited to prayerfully consider in which area(s) you seek to especially grow DEEPER in the months ahead. As you come forward for Communion, you are invited to pick up a glass oval and drop it in the corresponding water container at the base of the baptismal font (gold = Christ, blue = Grace, red = Love). Remembering the gift of your baptism, you may dip your thumb in the water and as the oval drops deep into the water, re-trace the cross on your forehead, offering a prayer, "God, help me grow deeper in \_\_\_\_\_ this week."*

## 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

"*Spirit of Gentleness*"

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*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:** Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** **Amen**

### BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

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

## SENDING SONG

"*Wade in the Water*"

ELW #459

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

## DISMISSAL

**Assist:** Go in peace. Let your light shine. Grow Deeper in Christ, Grace, and Love.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*As we go out to serve the Lord, we encourage you to share the FaceTime Live Stream Casts from today's worship experience on your social media platforms using #GodsGraceForAll. You can find the live stream on our Living Springs FaceBook page: @livingspringscolumbia*



## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD:**

### *Stand by Me*

Jesus stands in the shallows of the Jordan River, his feet in the mud. Wading toward John the Baptist, he is surrounded by the confused, the wandering, the lost, the sad, the broken, the fearful. People like us. They come, confessing their sin and hoping it is still possible to change their lives and know the fullness of God filling them.

Jesus does not come to John to repent or confess sin, but to take his place in the drama of God's saving love. His baptism is an act of commitment to God's holy purpose. A great story is unfolding, in which he and John must play their parts: John prepared the way, calling people to renew their commitment to live as God's chosen ones and to get ready, for the Lord was coming to them. Jesus' place is to stand there, among and with sinners who lose their way and forget who they are.

Jesus had a mission to fulfill that is written into the names by which we know him. His very name, Jesus, means "God saves" (Matt. 1:21). He comes into the world to fulfill God's promise of one who would be Emmanuel, "God with us" (Matt. 1:23). And here he is, already at his baptism—with us. He fulfills all righteousness by revealing that the Holy One is with us "always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20), no matter our struggles or stage of life.

The divine voice tells us what we need to know: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." The Beloved One comes to stand with us, that all the love in him may flow into our hearts, filling us with the fullness of God's love. Our prayer today is simple: "Stand by me, Lord Jesus. Stand by me."



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

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## Seasonal Emphasis

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

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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 2020 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.