

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2020 - 10:45 AM



*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

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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

*Baptismal Anniversaries: Anna Graves (1/22); Corbin Cassidy (1/24); Grady Smith (1/24)  
(During the Gathering Music, individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand as able*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)*

Pastor: God who searches us and knows us,

**People: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ✝ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**People: Amen.**

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

**ENTRANCE SONG**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW #611

**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**



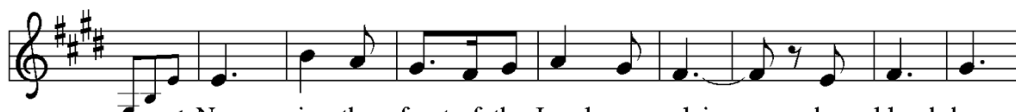
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Pastor: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*We are seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Seminarian Isaac Taylor

*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.*

*Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

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## **FIRST READING**

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

*Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (Isaiah 49:1-7)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 40:1-11**

Lector: I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**People: The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

Lector: The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**People: Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

Lector: Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!  
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.

**People: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

Lector: And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**People: 'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

Lector: I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**People: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love  
and truth from the great assembly.**

Lector: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

**People: may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

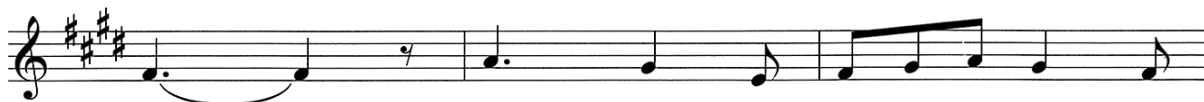
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*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 John.

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

*[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). (John 1:29-42)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We are seated*

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Fink

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

ELW #592

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **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: Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you. We pray especially for: *Charles Kauffman; Jim Glander; Wendy McKenzie; Leena Skiba; Rhea Pye; the Powell family; JoAnn Pulse; Sawyer; Patrick Weinbauer; Skip Kasdorf; Tony/Tanner Bales; Teressa Hall; Larry Taylor; Johnny Peay; Betsy Dix; 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 persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you, *especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, whom we commemorate today.* Inspire our lives with their testimony. 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." 7*

*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.*

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## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Agnus Dei"*

LS Adult Choir  
Michael W. Smith. Stuart K. Hine; arr. Joel Raney

*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: *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**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**

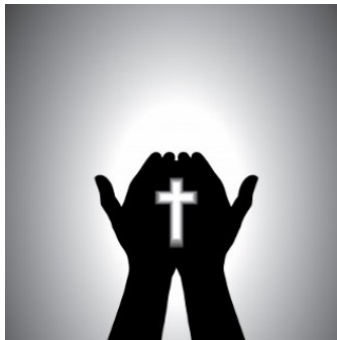
**Pastor:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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:** 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

"Come As You Are "

*Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. O sinner come kneel:  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.*

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

*There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.*

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

*Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.*

*There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.*

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

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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**

*"We Are Marching in the Light"*

ELW #866

*(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*

## **✝ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✝**

### **Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156**

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

### *Come and See*

“What are you looking for?” Jesus’ question cuts to the heart of our humanity. What will satisfy the ache in our heart for that something more that is so hard to name? What do we need to live a life of joy and purpose, a life in which the light of love and abundance cause our hearts to shine and to illumine the lives of others? We are needy by nature, hungry for personal, intimate communion with God, the great love who is our Source. The words of the psalms and of great spiritual writers echo this theme through the centuries. We find no rest, no peace until we abide in the all-possessing love of God that flows from the heart of Jesus to us.

The little Greek word *meno* appears sixty-three times in the Gospel of John; two of these are in today’s gospel reading. The word means “to stay,” “to abide,” “to dwell,” or “to remain.” Two disciples ask Jesus, “Where are you staying (*meno*)?” This is not merely a question about his lodging, but about where his heart dwells. Jesus abides in the unfathomable heart of God. He and the Father are one, joined in intimate, loving communion.

The two followers remain (*meno*) with Jesus for the rest of the day because they want exactly the same thing we want. They want to be with him, sharing intimate, loving communion. They want to be touched, filled, embraced, enveloped, resting, and at peace in the immensity of God’s love. This is the deepest need of the human heart—to abide in an everlasting love and know this love abiding in us. Today and every day God invites us: come and see, worship and sing, pray and rest in the one who hungers to abide in you.



# 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.