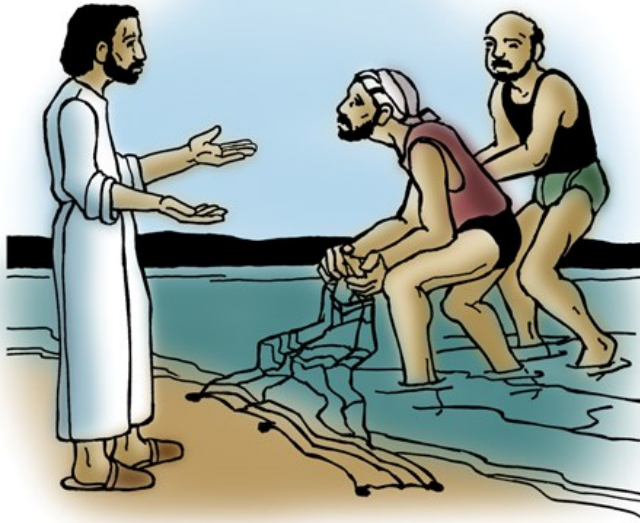


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Youth Sunday

January 26, 2020 - 10:45 AM



*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.*

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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

*"Out of Hiding"*

Anna Graves

by Amanda Cook & Steffany Gretzinger

*Baptismal Anniversaries: August Snipes (1/29); Saundra Dixon (1/30); Baylee Owens (1/31); Pat Bartucca (2/1)*

*(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**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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**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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE 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: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*We are seated*

## **MINISTRY SHARING**

LS Junior Youth

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

LS Senior Youth

*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.

*There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. (Isaiah 9:1–4)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 27:1, 4-9

Lector: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

Lector: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**People: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Lector: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

**People: My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Lector: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

**People: Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

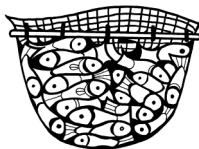
## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## 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

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

*Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:12–23)*

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

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

*We are seated*

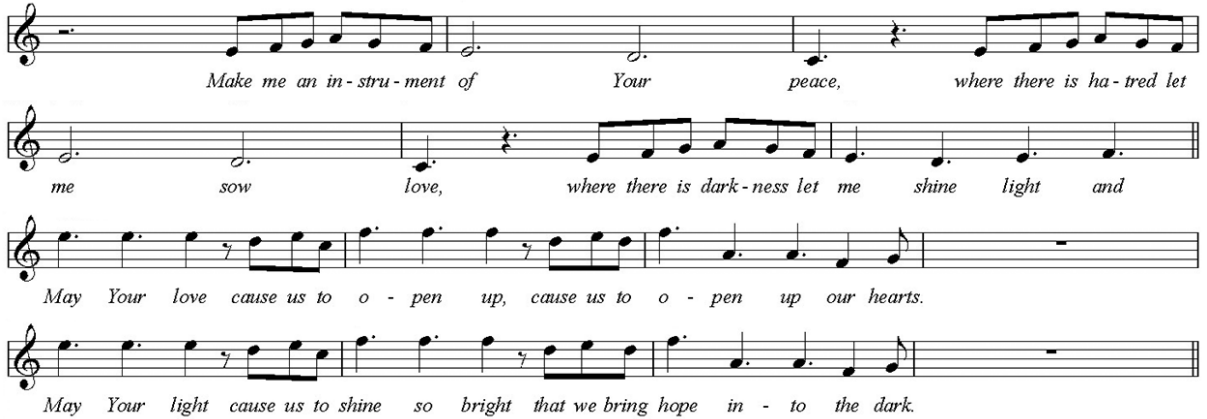
## YOUTH SUNDAY MESSAGE

LS Senior Youth



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Open Up"



Make me an in - stru - ment of Your peace, where there is ha - tred let  
me sow love, where there is dark - ness let me shine light and  
May Your love cause us to o - pen up, cause us to o - pen up our hearts.  
May Your light cause us to shine so bright that we bring hope in - to the dark.

*You heard the cry of our hearts  
and you came down  
Freely you gave us your love  
showing us how  
(Chorus)*

*May we love, as you love  
may we love, as you love  
may we love, as you love  
may we love*

*All that we do without love  
it means nothing  
Grant us the courage to give  
as you're calling  
(Chorus)*

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## 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

*The Living Springs Youth will share prayer petitions they have written.*

*The congregation responds to each petition with:*

Leader: .... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## 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.*

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## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Half Light"*

Banners

*Liturgical Dance offered by Lauren Bloss*





## 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.

*Refrain*

## 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **+ HOLY COMMUNION (YOUTH SUNDAY) +**

*Today, on Youth Sunday, we form a circle around the outer edges of the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion in a special way. Chairs are available at various spots around the edge for those who need to be seated. We will remain in the circle until the end of worship.*

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**

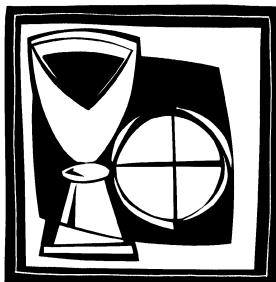
Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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! Share in Christ's meal of mercy and joy.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

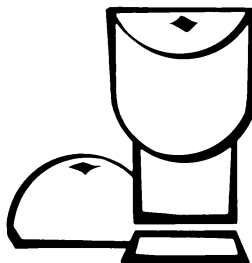


## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## 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. **Children** who have not received communion instruction will be offered a special blessing, as well as anyone else not desiring to receive the elements. 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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## 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

## "My Lighthouse"

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

1. In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (Chorus)

2. In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea (Chorus)

### Chorus:

My Light - house, \_ my Light - house \_  
shin - ing in the dark - ness, I will fol - low You! \_ Oh, \_ my Light - house, \_  
my Light - house, \_ I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me \_ safe \_ to  
shore, \_ safe to shore, \_ safe to shore,  
\_ safe to shore, \_ safe to shore.

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### 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*

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

### *The Invitation*

"Follow me," Jesus says, and four young men immediately leave what they are doing to be with him. It is impossible to know what was in their hearts the moment they embarked on this unknown road. Maybe Jesus' words excited their imagination and stirred hope for a world very different from the one in which they lived. Poverty was everywhere. Nutrition was poor, work was hard, food insecurity was constant, and life expectancy was short. Meanwhile, Rome kept order with the ever-present threat of brutality.

The morning news in Palestine surely wearied the heart as much as the conflict and violence that fill our screens all day, every day. Amid disheartening realities, Jesus offers a beautiful hope: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

"Repent" is not a moralistic demand. The word literally means to go beyond your current mindset. Jesus' proclamation draws us into the new reality he brings, inviting us to see and participate in the world in a fundamentally different way. The kingdom of heaven was near: Jesus' words and healings restored lives and hopes. Through Jesus, the light of God's mercy had dawned in a new way, especially on those who were suffering.

The kingdom also brings healing to us, right here and now. It touches hearts with God's loving presence. It comforts and gives hope to those wounded by life. It announces God's forgiveness. It calls for justice for the poor and pours divine mercy on the oppressed and vulnerable. It creates a new community with a gracious, world-embracing mission.

Jesus calls to us, "Follow me. I want you to share my life and mission, and I want to share in your joys and disappointments. I want you to talk with me every evening and welcome each morning as a fresh opportunity to share the light of heaven with weary hearts."

Follow me, he says. You will see the world in a whole new way.



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

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Walker Flores

## LECTOR

Hunter Prest

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Austin Padgett

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## ACOLYTE

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## CRUCIFER

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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.