

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020 - 10:45 AM



*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for 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

*"Flourishing (Psalm 119)"*

Deacon Justin Rimbo  
By Sandra McCracken

*Baptismal Anniversaries: Mike Wirth (2/10); Catherine Prizer (2/14); Goldie Harmon (2/17); (During the Gathering Music, individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUSTICE MINISTRY NETWORK COMMISSIONING

**Gail Buchanan - L**

**Mike Davidson - L**

**Helen Doerpinghaus - L**

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Angie Dyches

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Bill Franck

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Midge & Todd Gunvalson

Zeke Hanford

Karen Hardy

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Joel Holmstrom

Alexis & Eric Hyyppa

Barbara & John Imbert

Dea Jones

Karen Kranz

Judy Lawrence

Alison & Wes Levitt

Jeff Lummell

Adriana McMurphy

Eva Miller

Lisa Petty

Tracy Power

Raegan Prest

Catherine & Kristen Prizer

Ashley Ramsey

Sue & Bill Ramsey

Sue Rheiner

Sarah Schultz

Kellie Snipes

Mark Stuart

Bob & Laura Turnmire

Gay Walter

*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**

*"We Are Marching in the Light"*

ELW #866

## **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

*Refrain*



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.

*Refrain*



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

**Pastor:** O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*We are seated*

**BLESSING OF PEW BEARS**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Helen Doeringhaus

*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 Deuteronomy.

*[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. (Deuteronomy 30:15–20)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:1-8

Lector: Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

**People: Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

Lector: who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

**People: You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

Lector: Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

**People: Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

Lector: I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**People: I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:1-9)*

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 Matthew.

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

*[Jesus said to the disciples:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one." (Matthew 5:21-37)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We are seated*

## SERMON

Rev. Eric Fink

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"The Peace of the Lord"*

ELW #646

## 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: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

+ *A brief silence* +

Assist: Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty. Use our gifts to provide strength and healing to those suffering from grief or illness. We pray especially for: *the Grimmer family; the Hair family; Charles Kauffman; Sherry Forsgren; Peggy Collins; Nancy Franck; JoAnn Pulse; Cindy Ruff; Emily Tripi; Tom Banca; Calvin Blue; Patrick Weinbauer; Skip Kasdorf; Jacqueline Sims; Andrea Rayler; the Wolinski family; Tony Yount; Timothy Johnson; Kyle Humphries; the Monroe family; those on our prayer cards; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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.*

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## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Canon in D"*

JuBELLation Handbell Choir  
By Johann Pachelbel; arranged by Hal H. Hopson

*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 denomination or background. 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 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 SONGS

*"Blessed Assurance"*

ELW #638

*"One Bread, One Body"*

ELW #496

*We stand after all have received communion*

## EUCHARISTIC 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 HYMN

*"No Greater Love"*

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

*Verse 1*

*For the city for the world we pray*

*Let Your light shine down*

*Come around and live in us*

*For the close and the far away*

*Ev'rywhere You are ev'rywhere*

*(Chorus)*

*Verse 2*

*To the city to the world we go*

*Set us free heal the land*

*You have promised God You can*

*To the last and the least we go*

*Ev'rywhere You are ev'rywhere*

*(Chorus/Bridge)*



Ev - 'ry - where, .



\_\_\_\_\_ You \_ are \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry - where. \_\_\_\_\_ And we lift

**CHORUS**



high the ban - ner of the cross, there is no great - er love than this, no



love but this. Je - sus \_\_\_ Christ laid down His life for us, there is no great - er



love than His, no love but His. \_\_\_

**BRIDGE**



love but His. In the poor, in the bro - ken, in the



crowd - ed cit - y streets, in the tow - ers, in the mon - ey, in the strong and in the weak, \_ in the



or - phans and the wid - ows, in the church - es and the bars— You are \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry - where, .



\_\_\_\_\_ God, You \_ are \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry - where. \_\_\_\_\_ And we lift

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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*

### **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:**

#### *The Way of We*

We. This is the word for today. Each of us is an essential member of much larger realities—families, congregations, communities, nations, relationships of all types. How we speak and act affects whether each “we” to which we belong is a heaven or a hell, whether it is life-giving or life-harming.

Jesus calls us to walk the way of we, not the way of me, that our life together may be seasoned with the blessing and joy of God’s kingdom. He lays out a way for us that is gracious and faithful to God’s will.

Anger and hatred must not be indulged, neither lust nor lying. These sentiments poison the soul and rip apart families, communities, and nations. They lace human care and nurture with bitterness and mistrust.

Measure words and actions by whether they nurture relationships of mutual care and concern. Resist the insatiable demands of ego to get your own way.

Seek unity with others. Take the first step to reconcile and make peace where differences divide. Speak simply and clearly that your words may be trustworthy and true (and few), avoiding all deception.

In today’s gospel, Jesus does not commend certain actions in order to gain God’s favor. Christ has already named us blessed and beloved. Everything that is in him is ours—overflowing grace, unlimited welcome, unconditional forgiveness, living water when we despair that life is gone.

Through Christ, the Holy One is creating a new world, the kingdom of heaven. We are invited to participate in this community of divine love, where the blessings of creation and the fullness of God’s favor are freely shared among everyone and everything. Walking the way of Jesus, we are Christ’s partners in this holy endeavor, essential members of the great We our Lord is creating.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

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## LECTOR

Isaac Taylor

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Walker Flores

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Helen Doeringhaus

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Wes Levitt

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Gay Walter

## SOUND TECH

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## MUGGER

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## FLOWERS

Karen Kranz

## COFFEE

Charlie Tracy

## REFRESHMENTS

Judy Lawrence

## COUNCIL PERSON

Wes Levitt

## ALTAR GUILD

Linda Hayes



## 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.

**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.