

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020 - 10:45 AM  
Deeper in Discipleship Sunday



*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

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## G.I.F.T. Zone & Other Parent/Child-Friendly Spaces for Worship

At Living Springs, our vision is for all families to “Grow in Faith Together,” especially during worship. For us, the sound of children is a joyful part of worship – and a reminder of the active group of children whom Jesus invited to come gather with him. Rather than separate children from parents, we provide Parent/Child-Friendly Spaces so that **parents may worship with their children at every age**. In addition to worshipping together in the pews, here are some other options:



**G.I.F.T. Zone for Parent & Child** (left side of sanctuary). This is a special space where parents may worship with their children in a stress-free way, while teaching children the routines & meaning 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 perhaps go there with them after the Children’s Message. *Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult.* Our G.I.F.T. Zone coordinators are not meant to supervise your children for you, but are there to help parents & children with activities while experiencing the atmosphere and rhythm of worship.

**Narthex Rocking Area, or Outside Playground.** For a child or infant who needs some re-focusing time with their parent, at any point during worship. For safety purposes, an adult must be with your child on the playground

**“Calm-Down” or “Private-Time” Room for Parents & Infants/Toddlers.** The room is located in the Admin Building, immediately to the right of the main doors. Here, in our youth room, you will find sofas and chairs, with easy access to a water fountain, small kitchen, and bathrooms (equipped with changing tables). Soon, there will also be a live feed of the worship service in the room. Ushers have a special fob to give a parent, to allow easy self-entry back into the sanctuary.

## 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: Alice Renaud (3/1); Jen Weick (3/7)*

*(During the Gathering Music, individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing.)*

Trado Mayson

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*We stand as able*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

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

Pastor: Gracious God,

**People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

**People: Amen.**

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

## **ENTRANCE SONG**

*"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days "*

ELW #319

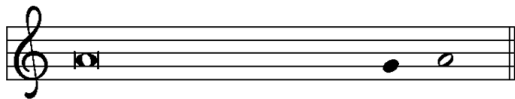
## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



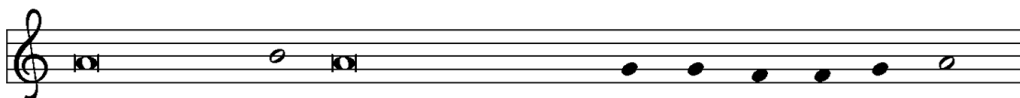
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Pastor: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*We are seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Adam Woodruff

*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 (World Hunger). 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 Genesis.

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."*

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 32

Lector: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**People: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

Lector: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**People: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Lector: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**People: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

Lector: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**People: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

Lector: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**People: Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

Lector: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;

**People: shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Romans.

*Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:12–19)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. (Matthew 4:1-11)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We are seated*

## **MESSAGE - DEEPER IN DISCIPLESHIP**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

ELW #517



## DEEPER LITANY & CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to take us deeper into the power of your love and grace, defeating the forces of evil that tempt us to turn from you:

**People: God, let your love shine more brightly through our hearts & faces, that we might invite others to deeper places of your love and grace.**

Leader: O God, by your Spirit, use each of us to impact another life this year:

**People: By building inviting, involving, mentoring, discipling relationships one person at a time.**

Leader: O God, by your Spirit, use each of us to have impact on another life this year:

**People: By building partnerships for the work of your kingdom in our community & the world.**

Leader: O God, by your Spirit, use each of us to have impact on another life this year:

**People: By sharing your love with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved.**

Leader: O God, by your Spirit, use each of us to have impact on another life this year:

**People: By sharing God-stories so that we do not remain silent about your ongoing work in the world!**

Leader: O God, by your Spirit, use each of us this year to enable another life to grow deeper in Christ, deeper in grace, deeper in love:

**People: Through my heart & face, let your love shine brightly, that I may have a deeper impact on one special life this year!**

Pastor: Taken deeper in love and grace by the faith of Jesus, and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to be Jesus' disciples, we now confess the faith we live:

**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: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*+ A brief silence +*

Assist: God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief. We pray especially for: *Wendy McKenzie; Tammy Mancuso; Roger Schwind; Jeannie Hurlbert; Deborah Depaoli; Sherry Forsgren; Charles Kauffman; JoAnn Pulse; Ryan Kozail; Miriam Metze; Skip Kasdorf; the McCann family; Vada/Garbo Lee; Rochelle Middleton Hill; the Hardin 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: We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our voices as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for musicians, composers, and poets, *especially George Herbert, hymnwriter whom we commemorate today.* Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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

*We stand as able*

Trado Mayson

## 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: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC DIALOGUE & 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: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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: God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



We are seated

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## OFFERING OF 2 "DEEPER" PRAYER OVALS & DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Today, on Deeper in Discipleship Sunday, communion is distributed at standing stations. You are invited to select 2 prayer ovals of any color (blue = Grace, red = Love, gold = Christ) and drop them into the corresponding "Deeper" cylinder at the base of the Baptismal font:

- 1) Offer one oval with a prayer of thanks for one special person whom God used to have an impact on your life and take you deeper in grace, love, or Christ.
- 2) Offer the 2<sup>nd</sup> oval with prayer for one individual – either known or unknown – upon whom God may use you to have an impact this year, taking their life deeper in grace, love, or Christ.

## 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. **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

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"  
vv. 1-3, Lent 1, Lent 5

ELW #334

*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:** We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

**People:** **Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✚ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

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

## **SENDING HYMN**

*"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"*

ELW #327

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

## **DISMISSAL**

**Assist:** Go in peace. Grow Deeper in the Cross. Share the good news!

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

## **POSTLUDE - LENTEN DEVOTIONAL ITEM**

*During Lent, the back partition walls are partially closed, as a reminder that we are on a journey that leads through the closed tomb to the joy of Easter. Please exit through the main doors, where each household will receive a weekly devotional item to add to your Lenten cross. The walls will be symbolically re-opened for Easter worship, as we rejoice in the Good News of the stone rolled away from our Savior's tomb!*

*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 ✚**

### **George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633**

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

## **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:**

### *Into the Wilderness*

By today, the ash-drawn crosses have been washed away, no longer visible. Still, memories of them linger as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage. Perhaps as the service begins we might reach up to trace the now unseen sign of the cross, recalling God's steadfast love and praying for the still-new days of this Lenten season.

Today we prepare to receive a word that will inspire and equip us for the unfolding journey. Likely we are surprised, then, when the gospel names Jesus famished, already having fasted forty days and forty nights. Although our "forty days" are just beginning, Jesus is nearing the end of his. The Spirit that alighted on him at baptism also has led him into the wilderness. He has been stretched so far, perhaps beyond imagining; this is the cue for temptations to begin.

The tempter starts by goading Jesus with invitations to test his identity as God's Beloved, challenging Jesus to feed his hunger by turning stones to bread, or to test God's care for him by hurling himself from the temple pinnacle. Jesus resists, pushing back with scripture. "One does not live by bread alone," he says (Matt. 4:4), and "Do not put the Lord your God to the test" (Matt. 4:7). A third temptation sounds untenable when the devil promises what is not his to give, namely "all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor," if only Jesus will "fall down and worship" him (Matt. 4:8-9). Jesus, however, does not argue the point; instead he retorts, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matt. 4:10).

Lent, for us, is not likely to be anything like the extremes of enduring the Judean desert or sparring one-to-one with the devil following a forty-day fast! But it may be that we will face our temptations differently when we remember the resistance that was empowered by Jesus' Spirit-led, scripture-grounded life.



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

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Trado Mayson



## Seasonal Emphasis

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross & follow me."

Mark 8:34

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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.