

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020 - 10:45 AM



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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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: Lydia Prizer (3/13)

(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

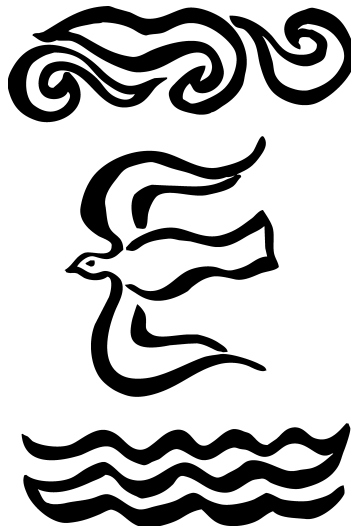
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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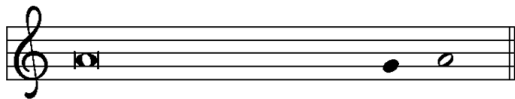
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



KYRIE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



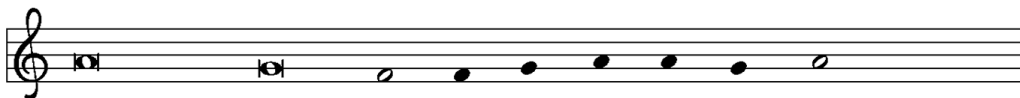
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



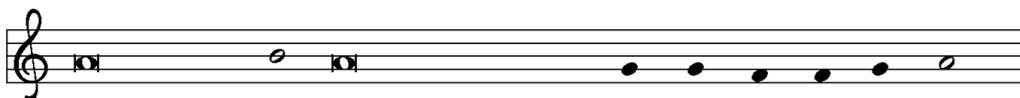
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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

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 (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.

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

FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Lector: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**People: My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Lector: The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**People: Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

Lector: the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**People: the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Lector: The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**People: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (Romans 4:1–5, 13–17)

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 John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you

do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:1-17)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

SERMON

Rev. Eric Fink

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Gravity of Love"

1. *I lift my eyes up to the hills
This my morning song
Where my strength comes from
I lift my eyes up to the hills
This my evening song
Where my help comes from (to Chorus)*

2. *We lift our eyes up to the hills
When will our help come
Lord we cry how long
We lift our eyes up to the hills
Even as we run
Hope is chasing us (to Chorus)*

CHORUS

The musical score for the chorus is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). It features a melody with several triplet markings. The lyrics are: help comes from. This is the grav - i - ty of chas - ing us. love, just as the moon fol-lows the sun, You're all a - round me, You're hold - ing ev - 'ry-thing. This is the hope of ev - 'ry land, just as the u - ni-verse ex - pands, Your love is reach - ing, You're hold - ing ev - 'ry-thing.

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: 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 rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who work for the needs of children, migrants, victims of violence, and those without adequate housing. Give courage to public officials, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Assist: God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, grieving, or suffering. We pray especially for: *Judith Price; Wendy McKenzie; Tammy Mancuso; Roger Schwind; Charles Kauffman; JoAnn Pulse; Jorge Leone; Bob Tenhover; Melinda Brouwer; Jeffrey Brouwer; Matthew Brouwer; Rayan Kozail; Skip Kasdorf; Betsy Dix; Cherish Rushing; 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 rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them. Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled.
Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Assist: God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises. Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. 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.



MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"We Are Called"

LS Adult Choir
By David Haas



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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 "DEEPER" PRAYER OVALS

As you come forward for Communion, you are invited to pick up a 2 prayer ovals and drop them in the corresponding water container at the base of the baptismal font (gold = Christ, blue = Grace, red = Love):

- 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 2nd 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. 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.*

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

"Your Grace is Enough"

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

*1. Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

*2. Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along*

PRE-CHORUS

and noth - ing can ___ keep us ___ a - part. ___ So, re -
and all ___ Your peo - ple sing ___ a - long. ___

-mem - ber ___ Your peo - ple, ___ re - mem - ber ___ Your chil - dren, ___ re -
-mem - ber ___ Your prom - ise ___ O ___ God. ___ Your

CHORUS

grace is e - nough, ___ Your grace is e - nough ___ Your
grace is e - nough, ___ for ___ me. ___

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

A Teacher Learns

Who doesn't love a good question? Well-timed, carefully worded inquiries open up worlds beyond what is already familiar and known. Preschoolers model this beautifully when they seek information to help them make sense of the unfamiliar or when they are curious about how something new fits into their worldview. Routinely children ask "Why?" and keep themselves open to embrace possibility instead of certainty. Innovators, too, are celebrated for asking lots of questions. Some people contend that asking questions is the single most important habit for a person to cultivate. Yet, sometimes we fail to ask questions for fear of what others might think.

Nicodemus, a Jewish leader in Jesus' time, seems to have been caught somewhere between curiosity and fear. Although it likely was fear that had him seek out Jesus in the shadows, his propensity to ask questions drives today's story from John.

Having watched and listened, Nicodemus was full of questions for the rabbi Jesus. While he already knew Jesus to be a "teacher who has come from God" (John 3:2), the Pharisee simply could not make sense of it when Jesus spoke of "being born from above" (John 3:3). Jesus replied with a kind of riddle about wind and new birth that surely gave rise to many more questions—both for Nicodemus the teacher and for people of later generations similarly struggling to understand the saving ways of the one who would be crucified and then would rise to new life.

In the end, the answer Nicodemus was seeking is found in Jesus himself. And beyond giving us one of the best-known lines in all the Bible (John 3:16), this story shows us the importance—even the necessity—of asking questions in order to mature and grow in our lives of faith. Surely that is good news for us as inquisitive, child-like ones who sometimes wonder, as did Nicodemus, "How can these things be?" (John 3:9).

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

ASSISTING MINISTER

Adriana McMurphy

LECTOR

Cathy Lowman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Gail Buchanan

Steve Padgett

USHERS

Walker Flores

Marshall Hurlbert

Karlene Stuart

Leslie Bloss

INSIDE GREETER

Linda Hayes

OUTSIDE GREETER

Marshall Hurlbert

ACOLYTE

Leslie Bloss

CRUCIFER

Austin Padgett

TORCHBEARERS

Steve Bloss

Jeanette Bloss

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Karen Kranz (L)

London Mancuso

Barbara Imbert

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Gay Walter

SOUND TECH

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MUGGER

Karen Kranz

COFFEE

Karen Kranz

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Saundra Dixon

COUNCIL PERSON

Walker Flores

ALTAR GUILD

Tiffany Ginn

KEYBOARDIST

Trado Mayson

VIOLINIST

Brooklyn Thatcher

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.*

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.