

Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION AUGUST 20, 2023 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? May God give us a bold faith to attempt great things for God, not trusting in our own abilities but in the all-sufficient power of God that is always present with us through the Holy Spirit.

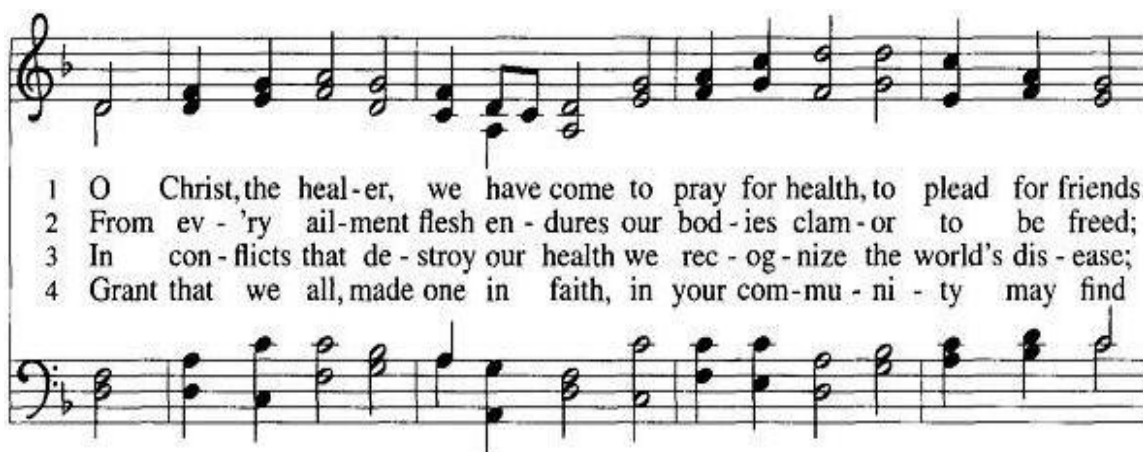
COMMEMORATION

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux (1090–1153) - Bernard was a Cistercian monk who became an abbot of great spiritual depth. He was a mystical writer deeply devoted to the humanity of Christ and consequently to the affective dimension of spirituality. He was critical of one of the foremost theologians of the day, Peter Abelard, because he believed Abelard's approach to faith was too rational and did not provide sufficient room for mystery. Bernard's devotional writings are still read today. His sermon on the Song of Solomon treats that Old Testament book as an allegory of Christ's love for humanity. Bernard wrote several hymns which are still sung today in translation.

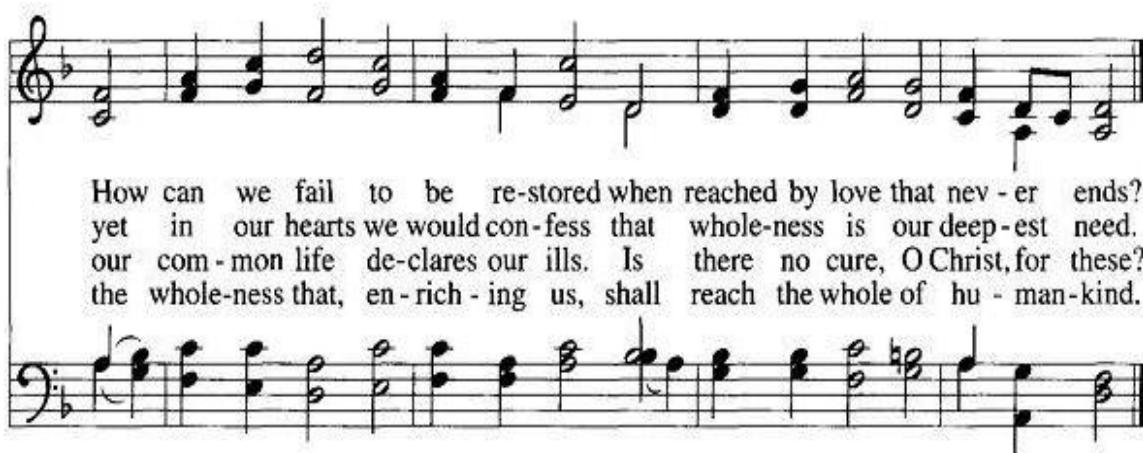
WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

GATHERING HYMN "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"
(ELW # 610 - Text: Fred Pratt Green; Tune: W. Walker)



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Most merciful God, **C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. AMEN.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

C: GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

(SBH # 493 2nd tune - favorite)

Quietly

SECOND TUNE

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer - cy with the Sav - iour; There is heal - ing in his Blood,

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;

There is no p'ace where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
There is plentiful redemption
In the Blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
It is something more than all;
Greater good because of evil,
Larger mercy through the fall.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber, 1814-63

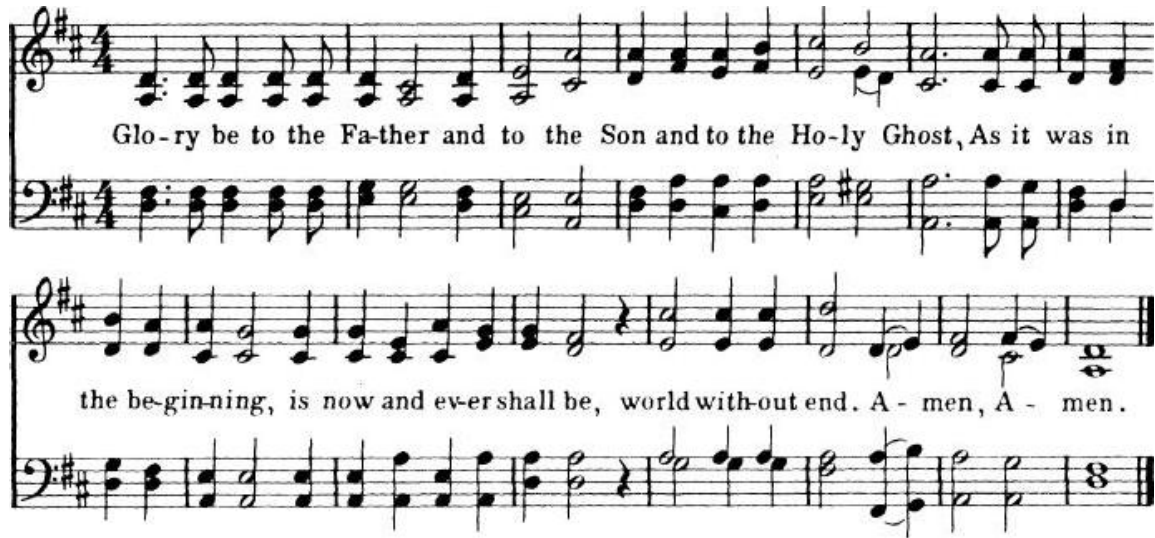
PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Let us pray together: **C: God of all peoples, Your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon You. Teach us as disciples of Your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that Your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 133 (*congregation:indented*)

How good and pleasant it is
 when brothers live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
 running down on Aaron's beard,
 down upon the collar of his robes.
It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
 For there the LORD bestows His blessing,
 even life forevermore.

GLORIA PATRI (*Music: Henry W. Greatorex*)



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READINGGenesis 45:1-18.....Pg. 75

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGRomans 11:1-5, 29-36.....Pg. 1761

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“We Come to You for Healing Lord” verse 1 (ELW # 617)

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM C.M. Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 15:10-28Pg. 1521

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“The Miracle of Forgiveness and Unity”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Healer of Our Every Ill” (WOV # 738 - Marty Haugen)

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Lutheran Week Report

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (*WOV p 22*)

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues: "Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are". The third staff: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff: "Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff concludes with: "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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 Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" (Trinity # 549)

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
Arr. and tr. by Ray Palmer, 1858

QUEBEC L. M.
Henry Baker, 1862

1. Je - sus, thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, Make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

From the best bliss that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
To them that seek thee thou art good, To them that find thee All in all.
We drink of thee, the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
Glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
Chase the dark night of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light. A - MEN.

2. "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Maj # 354 - favorite)

1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the shad - ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,

why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heav'n and home,
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,

when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:
 though by the path he leads me but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos - er to him, from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

Refrain
 I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free,

for his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1860–1948 Music: SPARROW, Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

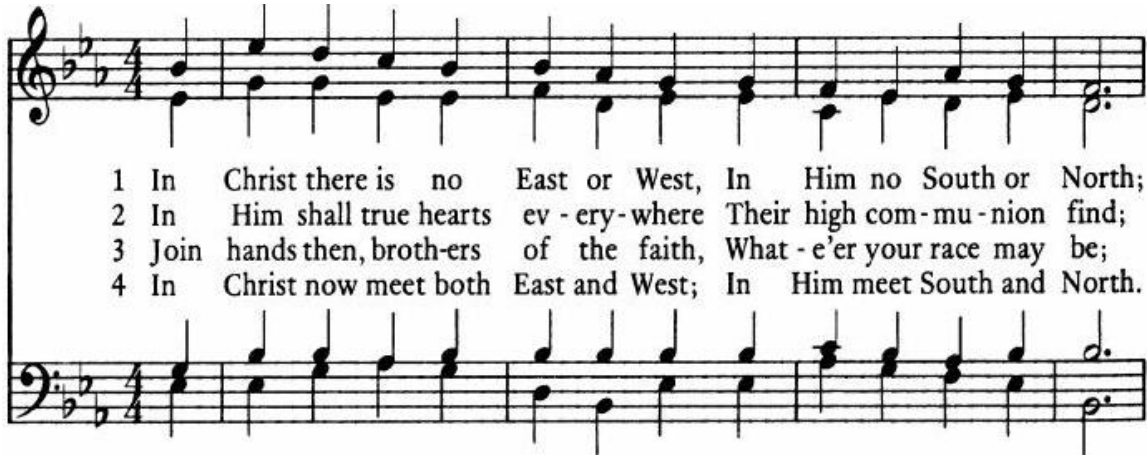
L: Let us pray together: **C: Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him, and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever. AMEN.**

BLESSING

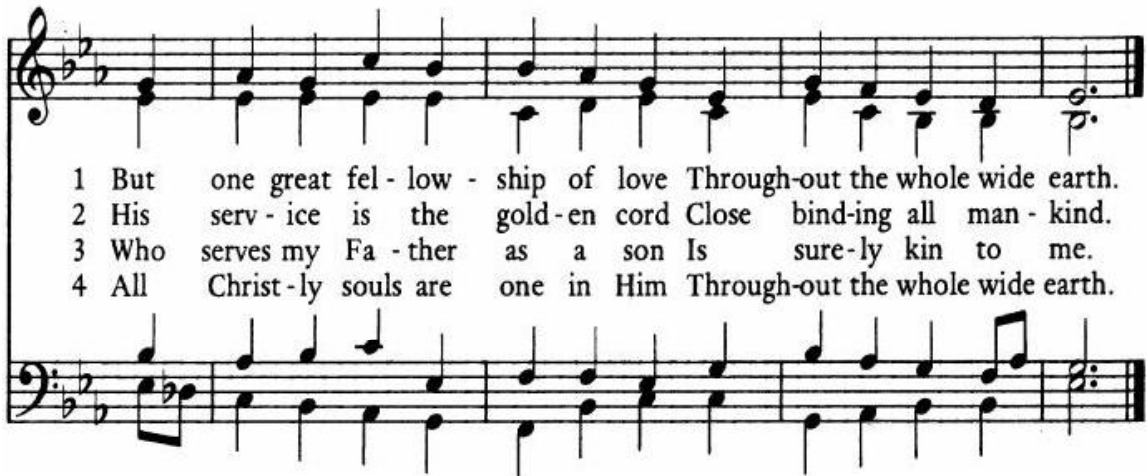
P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us,
keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West”

(Maj # 671 - Text: John Oxenham; Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle)



1 In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2 In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands then, broth - ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.



1 But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
2 His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.
3 Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
4 All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.

Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.

You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-VOLUNTEER NEEDED
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Nancy Cook
LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham
COMMUNION: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham, Sharon Branigan
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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