



The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul  
Duluth, Minnesota

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 28, 2024  
Holy Eucharist

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall after this service



## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### I'm New

Welcome! If you'd like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements.

### About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate.

### Restrooms

Exit at the side door at the front of the church and go down the hall.

### What do I do?

The service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The **bolded** words are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in the booklet or in the blue or green hymnals in your pew.

### Can I have communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist.) None are required to receive. We are serving both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

### Children's Church & Worshiping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front help children to see and engage better with the service. There is a staffed nursery located down the hall. We also have a rocking chair in the back of church for parents with infants.

### About St. Paul's

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Together we practice curiosity, awe, and community to love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves.

### The Liturgical Season

In the Episcopal Church, we follow a circular calendar with special seasons. We are currently in the season of Easter, which lasts seven Sundays or 50 days. During this season we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the appearances to his disciples, and God's power to conquer death and domination with love.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Wednesdays

6:00 pm, Community Meal  
6:15 pm, Chancel Choir  
6:30 pm, Programs  
7:45 pm, Handbell Choir

#### Sundays

8:00 am  
Rite I

10:00 am  
Rite II

### Stay in Touch

Find out more about St. Paul's, or get connected with one of our leaders by emailing Rita in the parish office at [office@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:office@stpaulsduluth.org).

Processional Hymn #204 — *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

## Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Opening Prayer

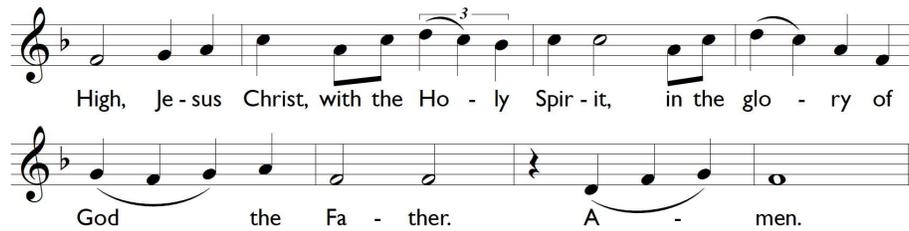
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Children's Invitation

*Children are invited to come forward for a blessing, then go to Sunday School on the lower level, and return at the Peace.*

## Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al -  
 might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most



## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray... *(Pause for Silent Prayer)* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 22:24-30



Give praise all you who fear the Lord; proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob;  
stand in awe, all you children of Israel.

For you, O God, have not despised or abhorred the poor in their affliction:  
you have not hidden your face from them,  
but you heard them when they called to you. **Refrain**

You are the theme of praise in the full assembly:  
my vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear you.

The poor what eat and be satisfied:  
those who seek you, O Lord, shall praise you; may they be in good heart for ever. **Refrain**

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord;  
and you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:  
all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you? **Refrain**

But I shall live through you and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you to the generations yet to come.

To a people as yet unborn they shall make known  
the saving deeds you have done. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

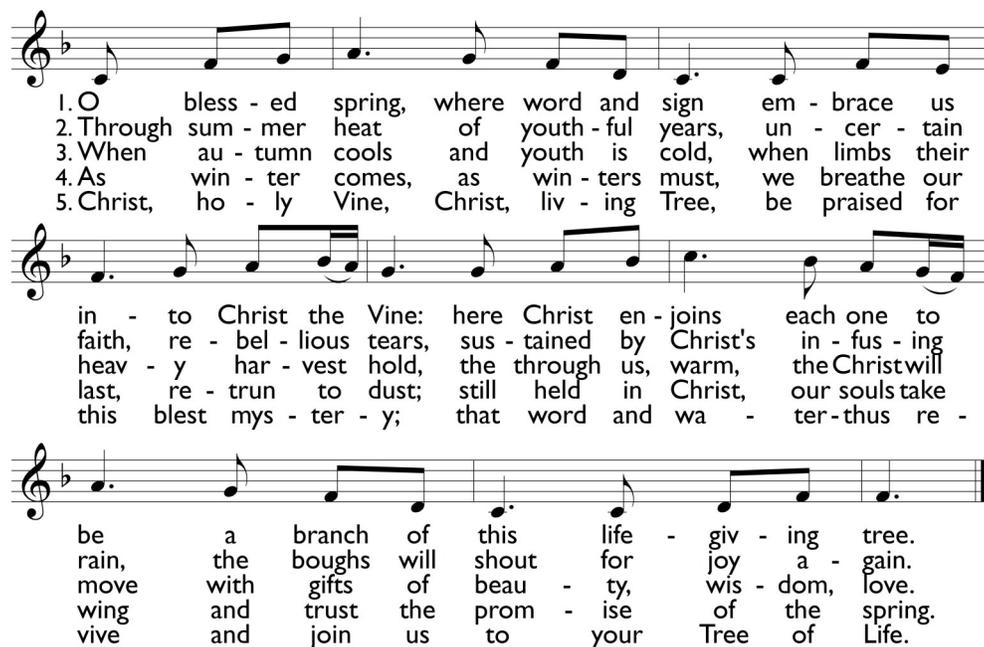
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn — O Blessed Spring



1. O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, the through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - trun to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y; that word and wa - ter - thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for - joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

## Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Sermon

The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow

*A brief contemplative silence is kept after the sermon.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Deacon:* Let us with all confidence bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal and peace as we follow Jesus.

*After each petition, the prayer leader says "For Christ is risen, so we pray." The congregation responds:*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Risen Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the greatness of your mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help. For you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and forever: **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Announcements

*Those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary will be invited forward after the announcements.*

## Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

**Dear Father, we thank thee that all the year through  
Thy goodness has blest them with gifts ever new.  
And, oh, wilt thou grant them a happy new year,  
Dear Father, we pray thee, be thou ever near. Amen.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offering

*With a Voice of Singing*

Kenneth Jennings

*With a voice of singing declare ye and tell this;*

*Utter it even to the ends of the earth. Alleluia.*

*The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob. Alleluia.*

*Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands.*

*Sing forth the honor of his name. Make his praise glorious.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

—Isaiah 48, Psalm 66

## Offertory:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

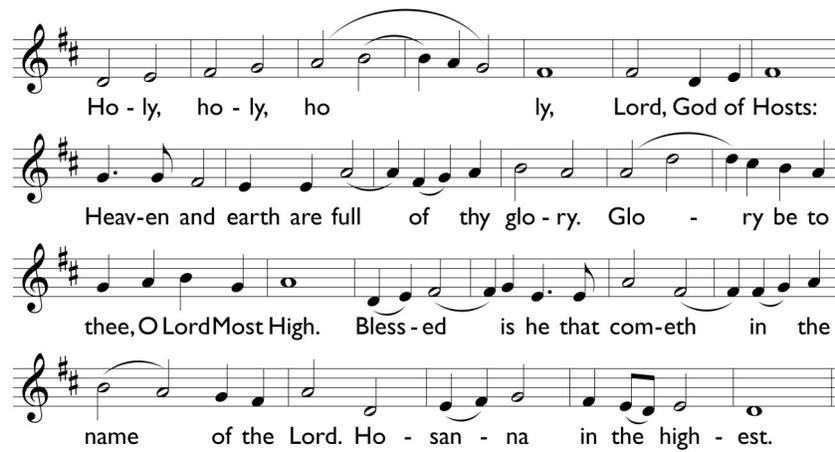
The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

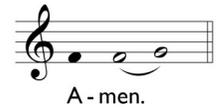


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, Lord, God of Hosts:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to  
 thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God... Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



A - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

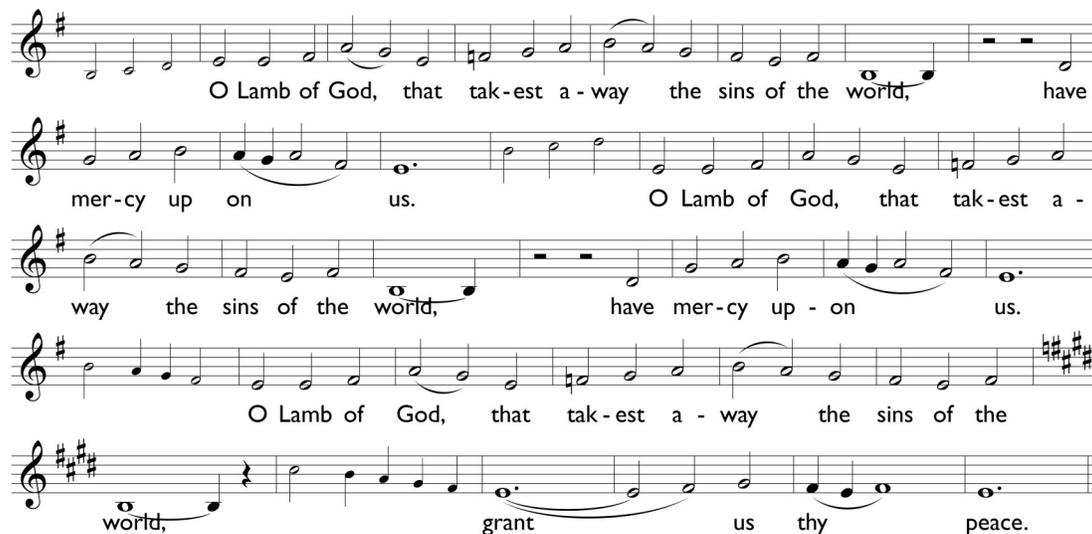
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer-cy up on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.



# Announcements

## Rummage Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale this weekend! We especially thank Jim Sontag and Susan M. Anderson for chairing the event, and our Sexton, Bill Stapp, for all of his extra help.

## Victory Chorus Recital

**Sunday, April 28, 2:00 pm**  
**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**1111 N 11th Ave E, Duluth**

“Waltzing into Spring”, is a recital presented by the Victory Chorus, a dementia-inclusive choir creating musical moments of joy! Free Will offering.

## Join New Member Cohort

**Four Sessions: Sundays, April 28 – May 19**  
**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Lunch Included - Olcott Room**

Are you interested in officially joining St. Paul's? New members of the St. Paul's community are invited to join a cohort. Whether you are a brand new Episcopalian, or an ordained clergyperson, this gathering has something to offer you. Based in conversation and connection, we will reflect together on questions like: what drew you here? Why Jesus? And, what does it mean to you to be part of a church? This will also be an opportunity to learn from long-term members of the parish and get connected here. Childcare arranged upon request. We will pick a date for a new member liturgy, based on availability, between June 2 and June 16. RSVP to Maggie at [rector@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:rector@stpaulsduluth.org)

## Wednesday Night Concludes This Week

**Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 pm**

Our Wednesday Night gatherings will convene one more time, this week, May 1 for a simple meal and a discernment discussion about Wednesday night offerings. Please join us to conclude the year. Can't make it? Stay tuned for a survey so you can share your thoughts with us ahead of Fall planning.

## New York New York Themed High Tea

**Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**4831 Grand Ave, Duluth**

This event features High Tea, Silent Auction and Raffle to benefit Chum. Advance Sales Only: \$25 each. Deacon Pat has

reserved a table for St. Paul's — please contact her for a seat! [Deacon@stpaulsduluth.org](mailto:Deacon@stpaulsduluth.org)

## ECMN Youth Camp

**Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27**  
**Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, MN**

Campers will discover and deepen their own faith by rooting in the story of Jesus, connecting with one another, and building community across the many lines of difference within our diocese, including geography. Join for fun, play, discipleship, and prayer as young people learn, grow, and experience God's love in an outdoor ministry setting. Our own Rev. Maggie will be the Camp Chaplain this year! Camp cost \$450, scholarships available. This covers lodging and meals for Sunday - Thursday. <https://episcopalmn.org/events/youth/youth-camp>

## The Confluence

**Sunday, June 23—Friday, June 28**  
**Augsburg University, Minneapolis**

We invite youth to explore their vocation – the life they live at the confluence of God's story, the world's story and their own personal story. This is a weeklong on-campus residential experience open to all youth who have completed grades 9-12. Contact The Rev. Gretchen Roeck by emailing [confluence@augsbury.edu](mailto:confluence@augsbury.edu), or call her at 612-330-1412, for more information. Applications are due May 15. Participants will be eligible for college scholarships if they choose to attend Augsburg University after high school.

## Old Cell Phones Wanted

Can you donate your used cell phones and accessories to Safe Haven? They provide emergency 911 phones to guests and clients who need a device to be able to discreetly reach emergency services. They work with a company in Florida, mailing in used phones and phone accessories (charging cords, etc.) and then they refurbish those devices, get them working or use them for parts to fix other phones, and send back refurbished devices and cords for Safe Haven's guests and clients. Donations can be brought to the Resource Center at 414 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm.

## Want Help Finding a Job?

Are you age 50 or older and need help finding a job? Duluth Workforce Development offers part-time paid work experience and individual job search assistance for income eligible, unemployed, older job seekers age 50 and older. Please contact Leslie Perrett at 218-730-5221 or [lperrett@duluthmn.gov](mailto:lperrett@duluthmn.gov) for more info.

# Prayers at St. Paul's

**PRAY** for The Church of Bangladesh.

**For the month of April**, please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and pray for all engaged in the Faithful Innovation process.

**For those who suffer and those in any trouble:**

Noreen	Victor S	Charles B	Cash D
JoEllen S	Jack J	Thomas S	Molly F
Bill D	Mike K	Tom P	Christie S
Mary C	Jim N	Wendy R	Stuart
Maureen M	Larry	Dorothy K	Jenni & Family
Sam D	Sharon M	Judy D	Baby Jack & Family
Virginia M	Shawn F	Gary B	Nancy D
Michael K	Brian A	Laird	Bjørn G

**For those serving in the armed forces:**

Meagan Rizzo, Nora Maddy, and Ricky Lyle

**For those who are in seminary or in discernment.**

**And for those who are in long-term care facilities or are homebound:**

JoAnn Chesser, Helen Gruba, Steve Hennessy, Joanne Marinac, Howard Martz, Anita Pollock, Robert Sederberg, Marcia Stephens

**For those who have died.**

**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of:**

Donald Shea



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## **Electronic Giving**

You may donate checks or cash in the alms basins during the Offertory. If you prefer to donate to St. Paul's electronically, you may use this QR code to easily access our website donation page. **Thank you for your generosity.**



## **Serving Today**

Celebrant:	The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow
Assisting:	The V. Rev. Rick Swenson
Deacon:	The Rev. Patricia Benson
Altar Guild:	Diane Kolquist, Susan M. Anderson, Sue Sommer
Lectors:	Zabelle Stodola, Dale Rogers
Prayer Leader:	Matt Gustafson
Music:	Tom Hamilton, organ; Chancel Choir
Chalice Bearers:	Zabelle Stodola, Dale Rogers, Susan M. Anderson
Acolytes:	Lucy Fellman, Joe Bauer, Ernie Barthel
Livestream:	David Barthel
Coffee Host:	The Erspamer Family
Ushers:	Bill & Connie Dinan, Diane Morin
Lock-Up:	Bill Stapp