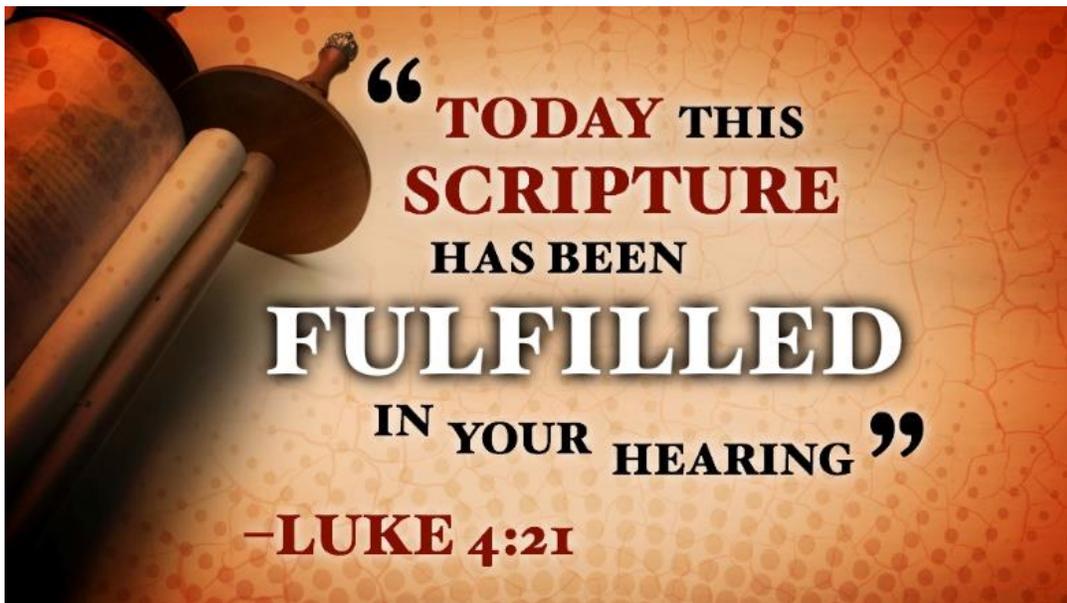


St James Lutheran Church

1741 State Street Greenfield, Indiana 46140 317.462.7340

*Our mission is to bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationship with Him and others*

Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:30 a.m.



A warm welcome to all! Let us join together with joyful hearts as we worship today. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you as we give thanks for the blessings of friends and family. May God be with you today and throughout the week!



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

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*Doug Gast, Interim Pastor
Joe Faith, Music Director*

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!

- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.

- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 23rd, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Meditation: *This week focuses on the individuals who are gifted among the body. Individual gifts serve the whole, even in ways that aren't always seen. There are workers in the church who do the "humbler" tasks who need to be thanked, like cleaners or nursery workers, or Sunday School teachers or office volunteers. We wouldn't be church without them.*

PRELUDE

Joe Faith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

P: Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1) We gather in this season of Light to worship God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
 3 To whom . . shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up-
 4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un - to
 And with his faith - ful fol - l’wers see Their Lord as - cend
 “This is the Sav - ior!” Thus they say, “This is his glo -
 “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in

the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 great maj - es - ty.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on the Psalm of the Day)*

A: Gathering together in this place sure is a beautiful gesture of worship.

C: Unity in the Body of believers is God's will and desire.

A: So we come together in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: With hearts joined, we look to the Lord to build our faith and build His Church!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray... Holy Father, enthroned in Heaven and on our praises, we desire You near us. We wait on You, Lord, in this time, in this place, for Your agenda is far more important than ours.

C: We want to say, Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place.

A: Without the Spirit of the Lord, we have nothing. Without Your presence, we are empty. Come fill us now, Your people, with all You have to offer. Pour upon us Your lovingkindness, mercy, and grace.

C: We ask this now in Your name, Jesus, Amen.

Please be seated

THE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (pg. 988 in pew Bible)

The members of the body of Christ are His Church. God has placed different roles and gift in the Church such as apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helping, guidance, and different types of tongues. What are your spiritual gifts? Are you using them to edify the body of Christ and glorify Him?

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then

miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[b]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

THE "GOSPEL ACCLAMATION"

In my life Lord, Be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord, Be glorified today.
In my church Lord, Be glorified, be glorified
In my church Lord, Be glorified today.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30 (pg. 883 in pew Bible)

Full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus endured temptation from Satan while he was fasting for 40 days. Even in the heat of temptation, Jesus never once sinned, but relied on the word of God to sustain and protect Him. After this period, Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth and quoted the prophet Isaiah to the people, who were amazed.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And

there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Doug Gast

SERMON HYMN

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

Words on screen

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus 1

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus 1

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Gast

Please Stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship as we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

OFFERING RESPONSE

"Praise God"

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Gracious and generous God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have so freely

given to us. Receive, we pray, the offerings of our hearts and lives that your name may be hallowed, your gospel proclaimed, and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

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 him thanks and praise.

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

(Congregation sings:)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Ushers will direct those receiving the Sacrament down the center aisle. For those who prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the pre-filled trays. Common cup is also available. If you wish to kneel at the communion rail as you receive the Sacrament, please feel free to do so. Please dispose of your cup in the basket neat the side aisle.

Please Stand

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am To Worship”

Words on screen

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

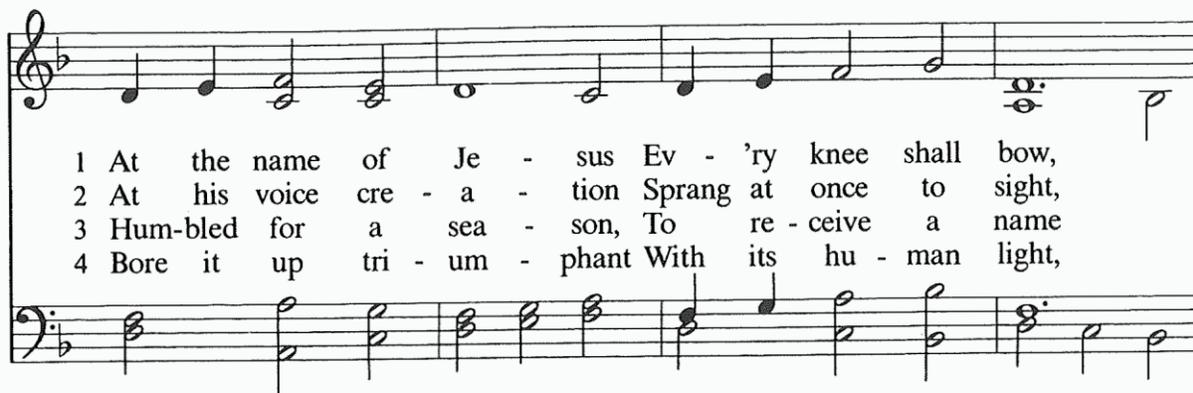
P: Now may the holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, bless you, strengthen you and fill your heart and mind now and always.

C: Amen.

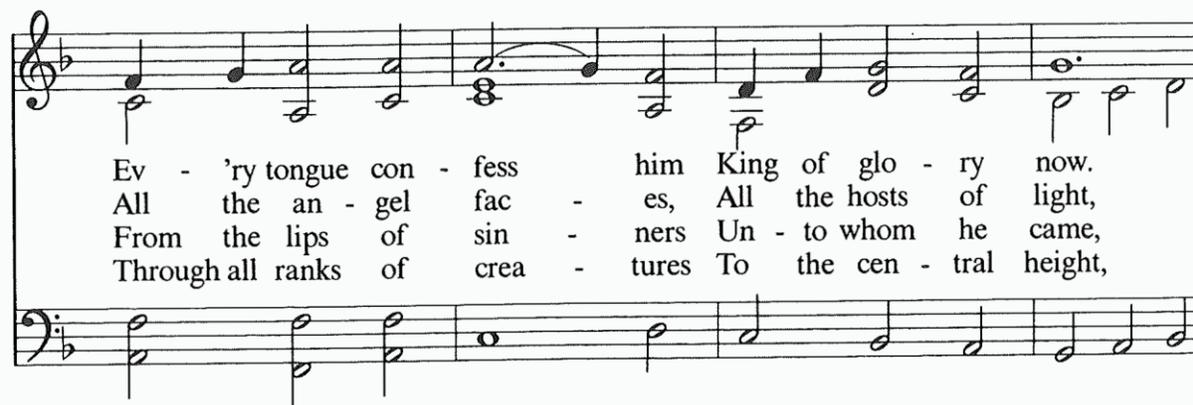
THE BENEDICTION

P: We have come to this church to find forgiveness and to be filled with new life in Christ. Let us go now and be the Church in those places where God has called us to serve; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

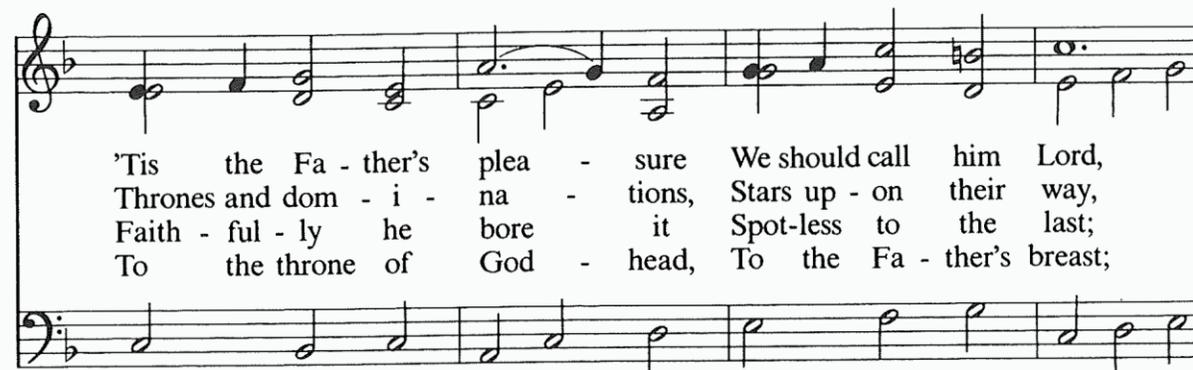
C: Amen!



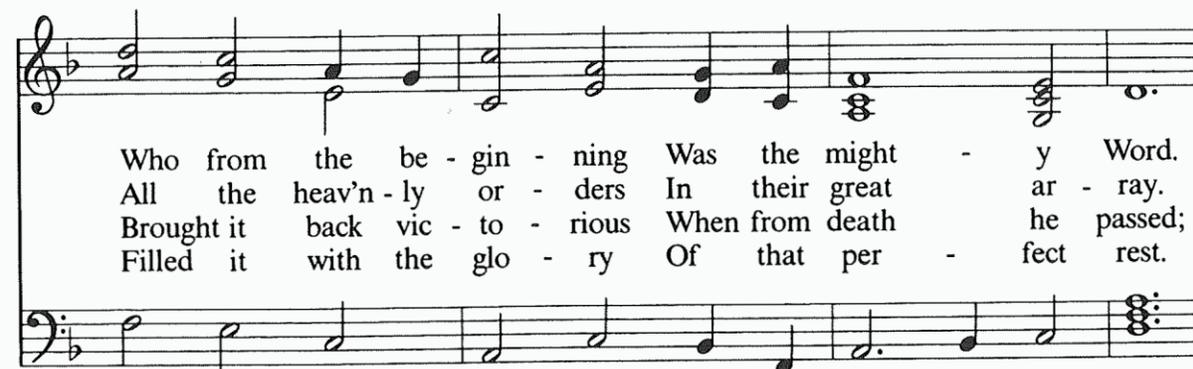
1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
 All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,
 From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
 Thrones and dom - i - na - tions, Stars up - on their way,
 Faith - ful - ly he bore it Spot-less to the last;
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death he passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

In reverence of Christ, we invite you to follow the cross as it is carried out. You may use your hymnal to sing as you turn.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, January 23rd	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast	Next Week, January 30th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey	Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
Lector	Dawn Hahm	Lector	Christian Gries
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten	Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	Jo Cook	Greeters	Bill Beck Tina Beck
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Terri Gast	Communion Assistant	Tina Beck
Acolyte	Claudia Soberalski	Acolyte	Eli Stearns
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell	Video Technician	Ronald Kissell
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Children's Sermon	Pastor Doug Gast	Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory	Counters (Monday) Wk5	Christian Gries Phil Miller