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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sharing a Mission

What is your mission in life? What centers and directs your time and energy? Corporations, churches, and other organizations often carefully choose the words of a mission statement to articulate what orients their collective work. Most individuals do not create a personal mission statement, but we may find ourselves drawn to certain ideas and phrases that speak to the values and hopes we seek to live out on a daily basis.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses a passage from the prophet Isaiah to lay out the mission at the core of his ministry: he has come to release people trapped in captivity. Jesus does more than just speak these words. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, we see Jesus living them out through repeated encounters with people whose lives are transformed and set free by God's unbounded grace. Many are trapped in others' judgment and societal stigma. Jesus steps through such barriers and brings release. Through loving actions, he affirms the value and dignity of all people in the sight of God.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to share in his mission. In doing so we can expect to encounter Christ ourselves. As the Holy Spirit draws us together in worship, Christ comes to bring us good news and release, wherever we are bound. This freedom is given to us with a purpose: to enable us to find those in captivity around us and set them free. In the church, we are invited to ask ourselves: Who in our community is trapped by fear and hatred? Who is longing for release from stigma and judgment today? Wherever such captivity exists, we disciples of Christ are called to follow where our Lord leads so that all might experience the grace and love of God that sets us free.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

The season of Epiphany begins January 6th (the 12th day after Christmas) and marks the revelation of the baby Jesus as the Son of God. The Epiphany season, therefore, celebrates the spread of the Good News from its source in the Jewish community to all nations on earth. The color is green, for growth, as Scripture texts explore the mission of the church in the world.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music: Bells

GraceNotes / Clapper Kids

10:45 am

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641 (red book)

Greeting

- ☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

Prayer of the Day

☐ Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.

☑ **Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Sit

Special Music: Bells

GraceNotes / Clapper Kids

10:45 am

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

☐ A reading from **Nehemiah**:

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

☐ Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **a light to our path.**



Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

**⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of |
it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. ☞**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. ☞**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. ☞**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

☞ A reading from **1 Corinthians**:

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members

are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

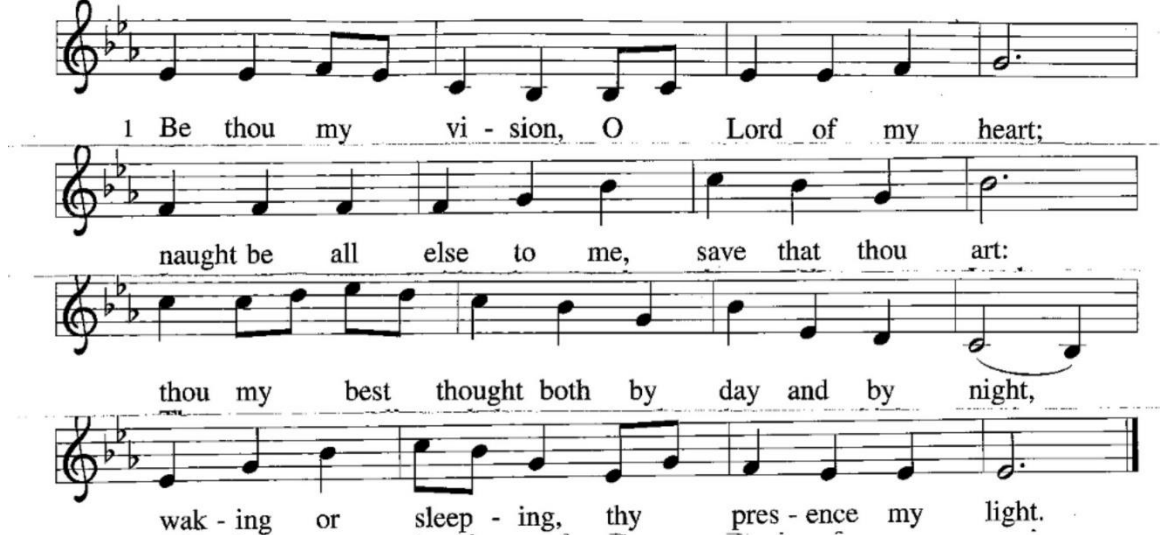
☐ Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **a light to our path.**

Arise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Be Thou My Vision



I Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

☐ United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.

☐ We pray for the church. Empower bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, evangelists, and all members of Christ’s body with your Spirit. Open our hearts to hear your word of life and respond in lives of service including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne*; our synod companion churches, *St. Paul Lutheran Church of Au Gres, St Cyril Catholic Church of Nashville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the earth. For all creatures of the land, air, and water. Heal environments damaged by disaster or pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care.

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Free those who are unjustly imprisoned and those who are imprisoned for working for freedom. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military: *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brody Rudesill, and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

A For those in need. Rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Bring an end to hunger and greed. Accompany those who are alone or vulnerable. Comfort those who grieve and all who are ill, *including Brady, Tom Duits, Matt Dunnigan, Bonnie Ehredt, Karl Golnek, family of Doug Gonzalez, Nikki Haddix, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, the Klein family, family of Tim Lowe, Betty Lydy, Gary Lydy, Kim Ogden, family of Jessica Palmer, family of Brian Ploeg, Bree Potter, Doris Reil, Kailie Triick, Elsie Merrow, Audrey Burdick, Teresa Burdick, Karen Halstead, Diana Brown, and George Ulrich Jr. Comfort for Kate Watson's family with the passing of Kate's father Bill Politis.*

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

A For this assembly. Bless those who proclaim your word and those who teach. Bless those whose talents are not recognized and teach us to honor the gifts of all your people.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us in faith (including *Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe*). Wipe away all tears and bring us with them into the joy of the resurrection.

A Radiant God,
C **let your light shine upon us.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music: Bells

GraceNotes / Clapper Kids

10:45 am

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning

Arise in body or spirit

Offering Song

God ex-tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
gath - er in thanks-giv-ing and we of - fer all our liv-ing. Here the
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offering Prayer

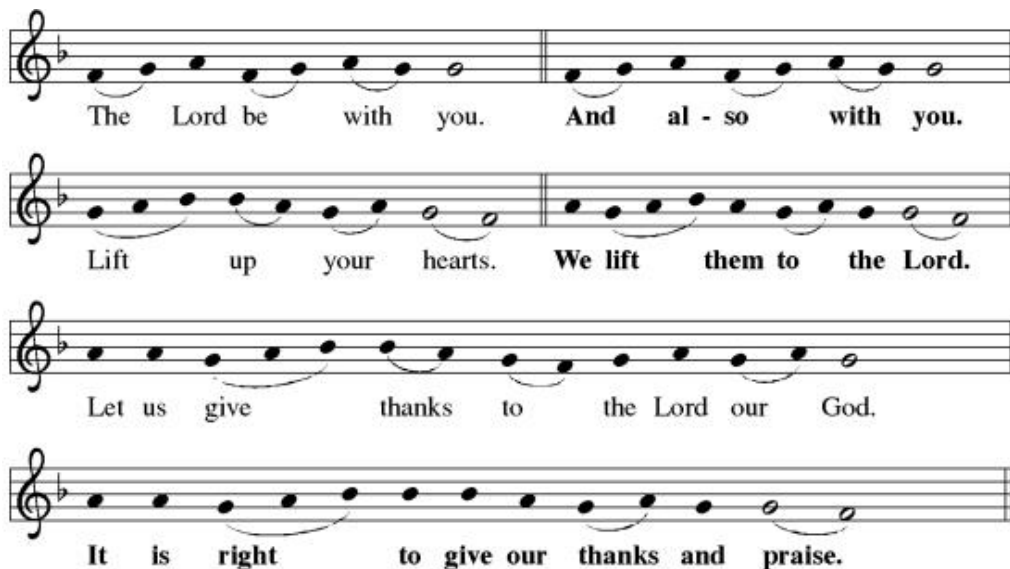
- A** Let us pray . . . God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
- C** **You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Arise in body or spirit

Sharing the Peace of God

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



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 our thanks and praise.

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
- ☑ **Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.**

☐ Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

☑ **We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Let your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

☑ **Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

☐ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ Bread is served by the Pastor. Wine is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ Grape Juice is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A Verbal Blessing may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish communion brought to you in the pew, please notify the usher.



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

**Here is Bread
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
We are Marching in the Light of God**

**ELW 483
ELW 611
ELW 866**

Sending of Communion

- A** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- A** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
- C** **You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

Congregational Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- P** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song: *We All are One in Mission*

ELW 576

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Bells *GraceNotes / Clapper Kids*

10:45 am

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 27

Worship Services at 8 am and 10:45 am

Bell Choir / 10:45 service

Youth Group 6 pm

Thursday, January 31

Clapper Kids at 3:45 pm

Grace Notes at 5:45 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Chris Bush
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Jack Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Mark Anton
Usher	Kay Marsh/ Dave Neeb	Gary Golnek / Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteer	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church	~	Amy & Phil Poholski
Table Guild	Vickey Argo	
Bread Maker	Laura Scheck	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, February 3, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
Lector	Chris Bush	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Laura Scheck
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor/Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Eve Wright/Jeanette Markwart
Children's Church		Kim / Lydia Markwart
Table Guild	Vickey Argo & Jane Secor	
Bread Maker	Gwen Hansen	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 57 Weekly Giving: \$2,891.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum will meet today at 9:30 and will study The Arrival of the King. Next week we will study Parables and Questions.

Youth Group meets tonight at 6 pm.

Souper-Bowl Sunday – February 3rd : The Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a *Souper-Bowl* lunch on February 3rd following the 10:45 service. Make a contribution in the jar of your favorite team playing in the Super Bowl this year or in the “I don’t care who wins” jar. A variety of soups, breads, salad and desserts will be provided.

Mutual Ministry is here for you. If there is a ministry concern, please contact Clyde Watson. Clyde is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.953.4928.

Email Prayer Chain: The Congregational Care Committee is starting an email prayer chain beginning in January. If interested in being a part of this prayer chain, please contact Jane Secor at secorje@gmail.com.

Mission Endowment Fund: Grace Lutheran Church has a Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) and a MEF Committee. The purpose is to provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of our church. The Committee discerns where to distribute up to 90% of the earnings of the MEF. Your suggestions are welcomed for directing these funds. Please place your suggestion along with your name in Margaret Wood’s mailbox. MEF growth comes from reinvestment of interest. The other way the MEF grows is through receiving bequests, trusts and gifts of cash or assets designated to it.

Carpet We are thankful to all who have contributed to the Carpet Fund. We started with a \$29,984.00 debt. Contributions have totaled \$27,361.12. We only have a \$2,623.88 debt remaining. Thank you for your partnership in reducing the debt we have on the carpet. You are a gift to us all.

Family Promise sent a Thank You note for Grace’s donation of \$137.00 to the organization in December.

Pizza & Movie Night On Saturday, February 9th, your Social Activities Committee will be hosting a Pizza & Movie Night at Grace. We will be viewing *The Shack*, with discussion to follow. *The Shack* is rated PG-13, so we will be offering a second movie for the younger people to watch at the same time in another area (*Nanny McPhee*). Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m., movies at 7 p.m., and discussion immediately following *The Shack*. There will be a sign up sheet posted in The Gathering Space; please sign up so we know how many people will be attending. Also, be sure to let us know if you will need a ride.