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Beyond the Imagination

In the late 1990s at a one-hundredth birthday party, someone asked the guest of honor, “What is the most remarkable invention you have seen in your lifetime?” to which the new centenarian replied, “The ballpoint pen.” Those gathered found it hard to imagine a time without the ballpoint pen. The current age—whenever it happens—is defined by things that are so much a part of life that we cannot imagine how the world ever existed (or ever will exist) without them. Whether we are talking about ballpoint pens or legal bonds between spouses, we think, “That’s just how things work.”

In our gospel today, some Sadducees come to Jesus with a question. Their intent is to embarrass the teacher and to demonstrate how ridiculous the notion of resurrection is. Who could imagine such a thing? The scene they paint features would-be husbands lining up and waiting, like contestants on *The Bachelorette*, to see “Whose wife will she be?”

Jesus answers the question by speaking about a whole new age: the reign of God. When this new age is present in its fullness, those who have died will be alive, and they will be identified by their status not as a spouse, but as a son or a daughter. “They . . . are children of God,” Jesus says, and “children of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36).

While we do not yet experience the new age in its fullness, it has indeed broken into our history and our lives: Christ is risen! In holy baptism Christ shares his risen life with us so that in our own time, “this age” and “the age to come” overlap. Christ’s reign brings about a new world beyond our imagining: we, too, are children of God and children of the resurrection.

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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.

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

Welcome to worship on this autumn day. During these later days of fall, themes focus on the end – the end of the church year, the end times and the end of our earthly lives. The readings include topsy-turvy language and vivid images of judgment. But for listeners from all times and places who see with the eyes of faith, the scripture readings provide solid ground for hope. The apostle Paul wrote, “We do not want you to be uniformed about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope”. November is a time to honor grief and to hear the words of hope.

Our prayer is that we realize the presence of God, as we encourage one another and build each other up in our Christian faith.

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Music

Abide With Me

ELW 629 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

☐ The grace of eternal God, the holy and living One,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ We come to worship the One who is the beginning and end of all that is good.

☑ **Let us share God’s love with one another.**

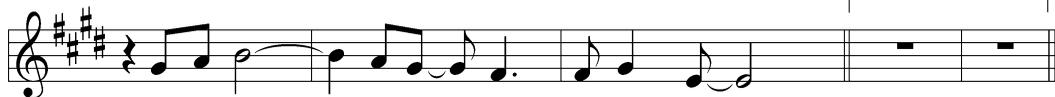
Kyrie Eleison

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us Pray... O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.
- C** **Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

L A reading from **Job**:

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a}whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;

hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- ²**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- ³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri - | ty in me.
- ⁴**I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. **℟**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

⁸**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**

⁹from the wicked | who assault me,

from my deadly enemies | who surround me. ☒

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

☐ A reading from **2 Thessalonians:**

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

▣ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke:**

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

▣ 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

☞ United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

☞ Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world. Guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo; Assembly of God, Nashville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of love,

☞ **Receive our prayers.**

☞ Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. God of love,

☞ **Receive our prayers.**

☞ Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls), Julia Ehredt (Halsteads).* God of love,

☞ **Receive our prayers.**

A Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick including, *Sue Ainsley, Cathy Balak, Robin Bennett, Gary Burdick, Penny Burdick, James Calvin, Becky Clifton, Irene Corr, Colleen Endsley, Wes Gillons, Opal Gillons, Karl Golnek, Delmer Hansen, Ilene Hilson, Mike Hoppe, Darlene Martino, Linda Melcher, Purser family, Milton Woods, George Ulrich Jr., Rusty Wilkins, Landon Yopez, Cameron, Vicky, Marie, Lauren, Lynnze, and thanksgiving for the people of this wonderful church.* Guard and keep them in your loving care. God of love,

G **Receive our prayers.**

A Generous teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. God of love,

G **Receive our prayers.**

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of the living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. God of love,

G **Receive our prayers.**

P Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

G **Amen.**

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

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

Noisy Offering: We raise up praise and Thanksgiving for the gifts offered in this bowl today serving the needs of Barry County Cares.

Arise in body or spirit

Offertory

We Are an Offering

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Living and true God, we give to you the things that are yours – our skills, our time, our possessions, our selves. Bless us and these your gifts.
- ☑ **Move us to works of faith and labors of love for the good of all people and the wholeness of your creation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

Sharing the Peace of God

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

The Great Thanksgiving

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

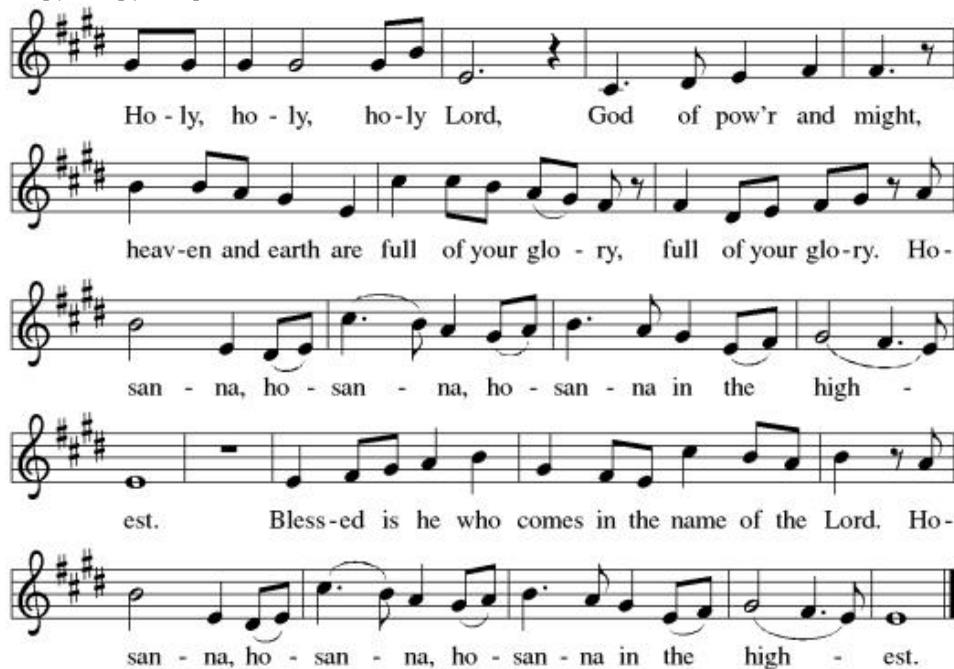
☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by the glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ Holy, living and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
- Ⓞ **You created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.**

- Ⓟ We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace.
- Ⓞ **You, Lord God, promise an end to injustice and harm.**

- Ⓟ 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.

Remembering, the sacrifice of Christ's life, death and the gift of resurrection,

- Ⓞ **we await with all the saints the loving redemption of our suffering world.**
- Ⓟ Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the
body and blood of your Son.
- Ⓞ **Teach us your mercy and justice, and in Christ make all things new.**

- Ⓟ All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
- Ⓞ **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- Ⓞ **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

- ☐ God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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.

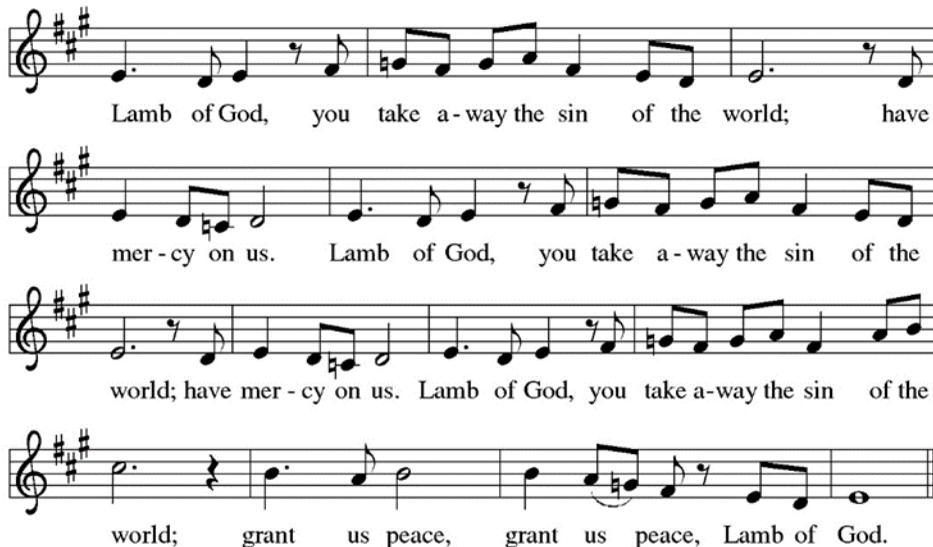
✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **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.

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, Lamb of God.

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

Blest Are They

ELW 728

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

Sending of Communion *(only if needed)*

- Ⓐ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: 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.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey.
- ☞ **Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- Ⓟ Gracious God, ✠ Redeeming Savior, and life giving Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

Dismissal

- Ⓐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 10	Worship Services at 8 am and 10:45 am Church School 10:45 am
Monday, November 11	Outreach Committee Mtg 4:30
Tuesday, November 12	Brothers of Grace 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 14	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm
Sunday, November 24	Anniversary Celebration – One service at 10:00 am Luncheon following

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Mark Anton
Lector	Chris Bush	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Usher	John Burdick/Kay Marsh	Mark Anton/Sandy Mosteller
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	Doug Neeb
Children's Church	~	Kate Watson
Table Guild	Deborah Wilke	
Bread Maker	Jennette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, November 17, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
Lector	Jack Vos	Jeanette Markwart
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexie Watson
Usher	Dave Neeb/Kay Marsh	Ed Domke/ Doug Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Lyle & Joyce Proksch	John & Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church	~	Eve Wright
Table Guild	Deborah Wilke	
Bread Maker	Jennette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 90 Weekly Giving: \$4,851.00 Budget Amount: \$4,617.93

A great big THANK YOU from your Outreach Committee to everyone who helped make our Halloween Trunk or Treat event a very successful one once again. We had 760 adults and children participate this year – by far a new record! Thanks to all for the candy donations received and to the 24 adults and youth who volunteered to help at the event.

75th Anniversary Celebration on November 24, 2019 at 10 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for the potluck that follows the service. Please help us eat well by bringing your favorite dish!

Adult Forum continues a study on the book of *Ephesians* this week.

Outreach Mtg tomorrow at 4:30 pm

Brothers of Grace will meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Community Thanksgiving Service at Hope United Methodist Church, November 24th at 6 pm.

Lakewood Area Choral Society is looking for new members! If you are interested, please contact Joanie Oster at lacsmusic@gmail.com.

Julian Kratochvil is our mutual ministry contact for the week, please use the following cell phone number to reach him or leave a message: 806.336.0661.

Women's Restroom Remodel Project: Our beginning balance was a -\$ 5,545.38. Due to the generosity of our members, the debt is now completely paid for! Thank you for being a partner in ministry and fulfilling our call to be generous people.

Like to brighten someone's day? Sign up to send a note to our **homebound members**. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Gathering Area and address labels can be provided. Questions – please see any congregational care committee member or call Laura Scheck 269.568.5030

Worship Committee meets today after the 10:45 am worship service. The committee is planning the Advent and Christmas season, if you are interested you are welcome to join in the planning. Stay for a free lunch provided by the members of the committee.

Did you know that you can recycle your worship folder? If you would like place it on the back bookshelf it will be recycled.