



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
JANUARY 13, 2019
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

We therefore begin our worship by giving thanks for the gift of Baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

C: We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

P: Shower us with your Spirit.

C: Renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through ☩ Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN**“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”****ELW 304**

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.


3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

GREETING

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.



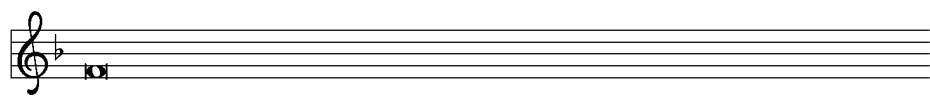
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



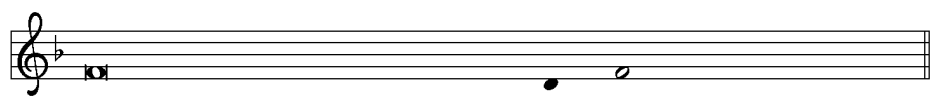
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



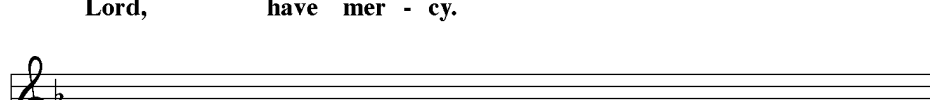
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



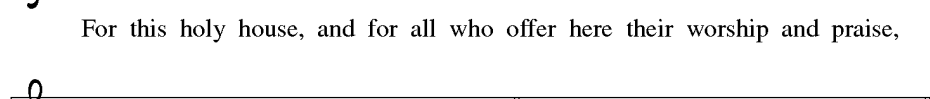
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...Almighty God,

C: you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Please read responsively.

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**

¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Wonder Water"

The Rev. George Tuttle

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW 807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

NICENE CREED

A: God has gathered his people into one Church through Christ. Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, we confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

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

Each petition concludes with:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANTHEM

8:30am

"Living Water"
Campfire Choir

Patrick Tetreault

11:00am

"Take Me to the River"
Reneé Park, soloist

Patsy Ford Simms

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 182

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

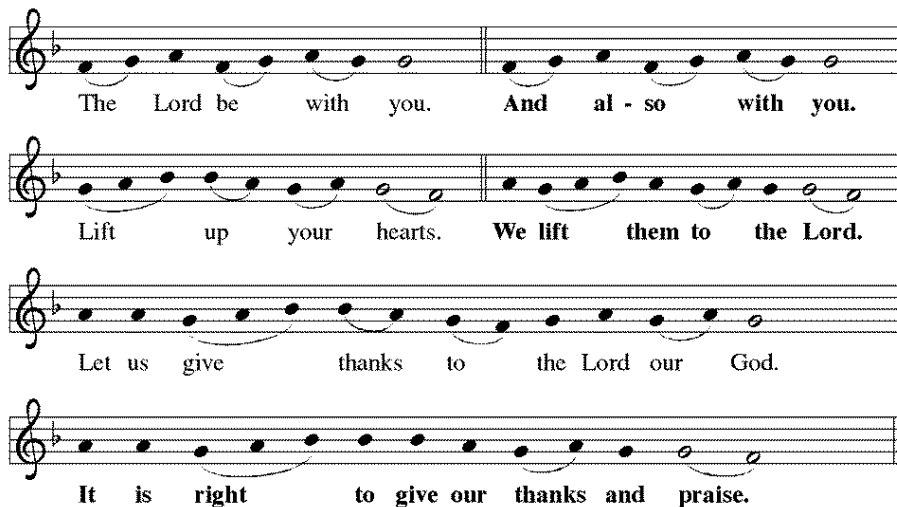


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray . . . God of mercy and grace,

C: **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**



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

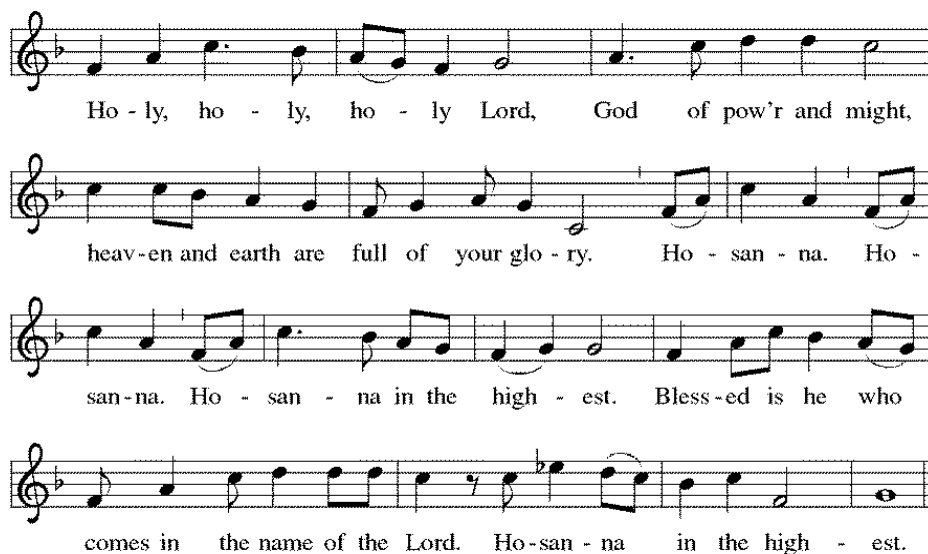
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION

P: Come to the banquet for all is now ready and all are now welcome.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. To receive the bread and the wine, simply hold out your hands. If you prefer gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please hold out one finger to indicate your preference to the minister, then hold out your hand to receive. If you choose not to commune, but desire to receive a spoken blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

ELW 305

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.
- 2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW 462

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Lord God,

C: **as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW 542

1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:30am	11:00am
Assisting Minister	Lisa Hamilton	Linda Hamilton
Communion Assistants	Nancy Rehan, Amy Haldeman	Sue Jacklin, Michael Neal
Acolyte	Brianna Phillips	Jack Dahlberg
Crucifer	Connor Phillips	Nick Kropf
Reader	Terry Agner	Deb Chang
Eucharist Presenter	Randy and Kathleen Treiber	Corinne Feid and Susan Montella
Ushers	Josh and Leigha Jordan family	David and Glenda Travis
		Tommy Southern
Greeters	James and Heidi Ewing	Liz Bond and Sue Jacklin
Nursery Attendant	Staff	Staff
Altar Guild	Sandy Madison, Terry Van Ostenbridge	Rita Truluck, Princess Ferguson

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by **Dean and Teri Anderson** in memory of Teri’s mother, Rose, and brother, Joseph and by **David and Glenda Travis** in memory of their beloved son, Scotty’s birthday.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for the month of January is given by **Dean and Teri Anderson** in memory of Teri’s mother, Rose Huerta and brother, Joseph.

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FATH FORMATION All Sunday morning Faith Formation classes are back in session today. Please note there will be no class next Sunday, January 20. Classes will resume again on Sunday, January 27.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs is the book for discussion at the meeting on **Thursday, January 17, at 2PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the American Revolution, *The Hamilton Affair* tells of the sweeping, tumultuous, true story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler. February's book is *The Secret of War* by Terrell T. Garren. It is the story of Joseph Youngblood and Delia Russell of Hooper's Creek in Henderson County during the Civil War. All are welcome to attend. For a list of books for the next six months, click the link in the e-news.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK beginning January 13.

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Monday	Isaiah 43:1-7
Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11
Friday	Matthew 3:13-17
Saturday	Psalms 29
Sunday	John 2:1-11

TAKING FAITH HOME
This weekly devotional handout is available on the Welcome Desk. "Taking Faith Home" is a production of Milestones Ministry, LLC, and is created by a team led by an ELCA Pastor.

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IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY WE NAME:

- ❖ Nativity members who are in need of healing: **Wanda Bond, Bob Burkhardt, Wanda Burkhardt, Patricia Hahn, Max Hall, Bill Hamilton, Judy Hoemann, Don Knapp, Fay Kohn, Dana Kropf, Brenta Poole, Steve Ridenhour, Ruth Tracy, Duane Tuttle, Brian Warnicke.**
- ❖ Nativity members in care facilities: **Ann Colijn, Edna Franklin, Norma Graefing, Dick Horner, Marydine Lamb, Lee Lindeman-Stuenkel, Margaret Patterson, Evelyn Ridenhour.**
- ❖ In Christian sympathy for the family and friends of Richard Kahan, especially his son-in-law **Graham Truluck** and wife, Emily.
- ❖ For those awaiting the arrival of children, especially **Jennifer and Joel Kohn** and **Graham and Emily Truluck.**

PUB THEOLOGY New Year!! New day!! New location!! Pub Theology will start up again for 2019, but now on Tuesdays. Join us **Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30PM** at Blue Ghost Brewery for our next Pub Theology. Thursdays at the pub were getting increasingly crowded in the South Asheville area, so now we'll be meeting the first and third Tuesdays. Questions? Call, text or email Andra Nus at (828) 545-9519 or andrawnus@gmail.com.

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LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will next meet **January 24, 2019**. **Nancy Seekamp** will be our hostess and more information will be coming in January through the Nativity e-news. All women are welcome to attend this group to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant and get to know your sisters in Christ.

LOVE AS GOD LOVES - UNCONDITIONALLY is the theme of a One-Day Retreat to be held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brevard on **Saturday, February 16** (snow date is February 23) beginning at 9:00AM. As God's people, we are called to love one another as we love ourselves, to respect the richness of our diversity, and to build up one another, showing that we are "born of God and know God" (1 John 4:17). God used diversity to create a world that God called good! Through an appreciation of this diversity, we are able to love others and show our love to God. Women of all ages (age 14 and up) are welcome to attend this event. There is a \$10 registration fee that covers lunch, snacks, and program materials. Registrations forms are on the bulletin board in the middle of the hallway to your right as you exit the worship area. Registration deadline is February 6. Questions? Contact **Linda Blake** at 684-8378 or LSBlake214@aol.com.

+ congregation council

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES The Vision 2020 committee has collected all of your ideas for small groups and will be displaying them on sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall between services. Please come and take a look at all the exciting opportunities for fellowship that Nativity has to offer and sign yourself up!

THANK YOU to all who voted in last week's nominating ballot. The next vote will take place on **Sunday, January 27th**, beginning at 8:00AM and extending through 12:30PM. Once again, all confirmed members in good standing are eligible to vote. If you will not be able to attend on that Sunday, please contact the Church Office for an absentee ballot which must be returned **prior** to election Sunday. Because of ties in nomination votes, there are 11 members of the congregation willing to serve on our Call Committee. We will be electing the five (5) members who will serve in that position.

The candidates are (in alphabetical order):

Kirsten Cooper
Brian Feid
Mike Kestner
Kylie Landolfi
Debbie McGinnis
Andra Nus
Peggy Oehm
Fred Park
Doug Phillips
David Travis
Randy Treiber

Please contact the church office or any member of council with any questions!

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(FH = Fellowship Hall; PSB = Preschool Big Room; M = Modular)

SUNDAY (1/13)

8:30AM Holy Communion
9:40AM Faith Formation
11:00AM Holy Communion
4:00PM Young Youth Music
4:30PM Young Youth
5:30PM Young Youth Dinner

MONDAY (1/14)

6:30PM ESL (M)
6:45PM Congregation Council (FH)

TUESDAY (1/15)

WEDNESDAY (1/16)

10:00AM Bible Study
1:30PM Nativity Quilters
7:00PM Nativity Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM AA (M)

THURSDAY (1/17)

6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 8
6:00PM Eagle Board of Review
7:30PM Pub Theology

FRIDAY (1/18)

Church Office closed

SATURDAY (1/19)

9:00AM Welcome Table

SUNDAY (1/20)

NOISY OFFERING

8:30AM Holy Communion
11:00AM Holy Communion
2:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

MONDAY (1/21)

MLK Holiday

Church Office closed

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The Rev. George Tuttle

Irem Ozay

Michele Grush

Carrie Dahlberg

Gene Hoemann

Max Hall

Mike Natarella

Interim Senior Pastor

Musician-in-Residence

Parish Administrator

Financial Secretary

Bookkeeper

Sexton

Preschool and Kindergarten Director