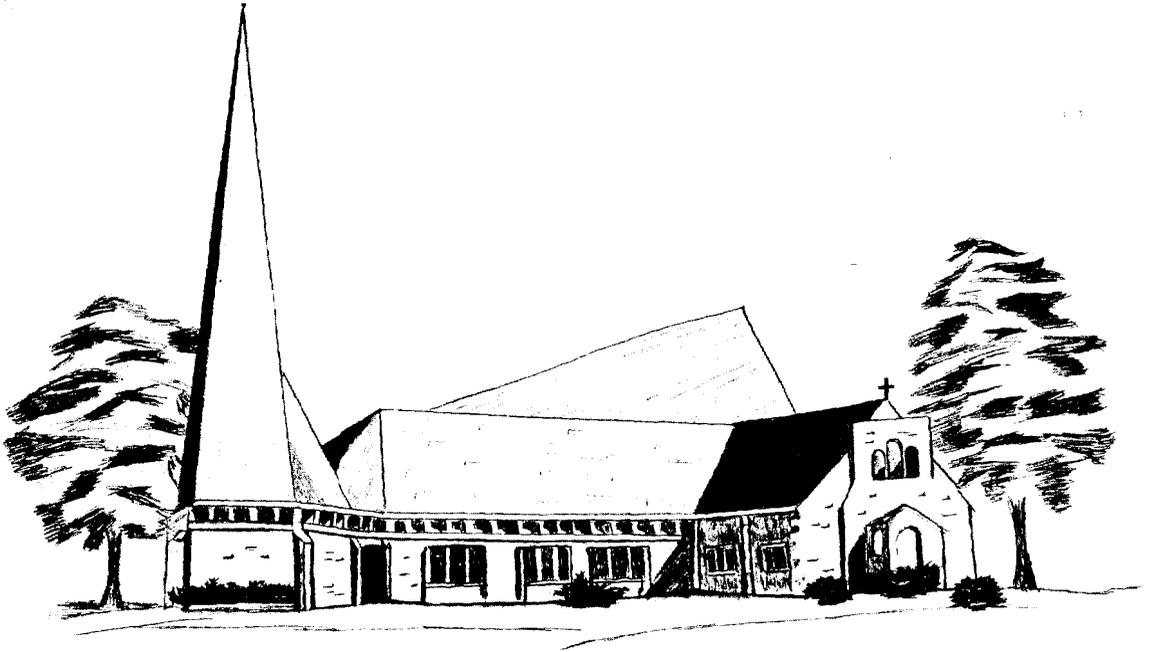


St. Thomas Church
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First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026
10:00 AM

To Visitors and Newcomers: Hello and welcome to St. Thomas. We're glad you're here! Children of all ages are welcome. At the rear of the church there are rocking chairs for use if needed. Also, there is a staffed nursery where children to age 4 may stay for all, or part of the service. To help us get to know you, please fill out a Welcome Card you will find in the Pew. Please come to the parish hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. We invite you to be part of the St. Thomas Church Community!



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HOLY COMMUNION ~ RITE II

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL What Star is This, with Beams so Bright Hymn #124

- 1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King,
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
- 2 True spake the prophet from afar
who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.
- 3 The guiding star above is bright;
within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign
to seek the Giver of the sign.
- 4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of thy light to use.
- 5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, and chord markings (B, E, G#m, F#) are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: Glo-ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, and peace on earth. and peace on earth. Glo-ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! Worship and praise be to the Fa-ther and Son, Lord Je - sus Christ, Worship and praise Sav-ior of all the world, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three in One. Glo-ri - a! Glo-ri - a! Glo-ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, and peace on earth. and peace on earth. Glo - ri - a! Glori a! Glori - a!

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

LESSON:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

EPISTLE: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL Christ, When For us you Were Baptized Hymnal #121

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.

2 God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Continue— Christ, When For us you Were Baptized

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve
and 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.

Words: G. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: Caithness

THE SERMON

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

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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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matt our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own Thanksgiving, silently or aloud

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning Hymnal #118

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

3 Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Refrain

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Refrain

2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. *Refrain*

Refrain

Please rise as you are able, as the offering is brought forward

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
Renew #207

Traditional American Melody
"Land of Rest"

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, — heav'n and earth — are full of your glo - ry; 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, — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

All
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest sings:

S154 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

2 All sing:

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep — the feast.

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMN When Jesus Went To Jordan's Stream **Hymnal #139**

1 When Jesus went to Jordan's stream
His Father's will obeying,
and was baptized by John, there came
A voice from heaven saying,
"This is my dear beloved Son
upon whom rests my favor."
And till God's will is fully done
He will not bend or waver,
for He is Christ the Savior

2 The Holy Spirit then was shown,
a dove on him descending;
the Triune God is thus made known
in Christ as love unending.
He taught, he healed, he raised the dead,
yet, in his great endeavor
to save us, his own blood was shed;
but death could hold him never.
He rose, and lives for ever.

3 He came by water and by blood
to heal our lost condition;
He cleanses, reconciles to God,
and gives the Great Commission.
Then let us not heed worldly lies
nor rest upon our merit,
but trust in Christ who will baptize
with water and the Spirit
that we may life inherit.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Music: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

We Three Kings

Hymnal #128

1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3 Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. *Refrain*

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Come," The Great Redeemer Cries Hymnal #116

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| 1 "I come," the great Redeemer cries,
"To do thy will, O Lord!"
At Jordan's stream, behold!
He seals the sure prophetic word. | 4 The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!
His Name we will profess,
like him desirous to fulfill
God's will in righteousness. |
| 2 "Thus it becomes us to fulfill
all righteousness," he said.
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,
through Jordan's flood was led. | 5 No more we'll count ourselves our own
but his in bonds of love.
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw
our souls to things above! |
| 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks
from heaven's exalted height:
"This is my Son, my well-beloved
in whom I take delight." | |

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
Sunday, January 11, 2025 to Saturday, January 17, 2026

Birthdays

7 Dean Kaul
11 Sue Deitrich
12 Joshua Coopman
Elijah Coopman
13 Emma Walker
15 Wendy Krull
16 Lisa Haese
17 Bill Steinhilber
Bailey Engel
Jane Glassco

Wedding Anniversaries

15 Jack and Katherine Carstens

Faithful Departed

12 Erma Mae Dean
13 Charles Morton
14 Viola Lorence
15 Sallie Pleasants
Marjorie Young
Giles Woolf
Judy Hendrickson
16 Philip Abendschein

Mission Partners

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
St. Patrick's Church
Betsy Hake – Honduras
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

African Medical Mission
Boy Scouts Troop 3
Cub Scouts Pack 3003
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC
– Chicago
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

Auston Allen – Air Force
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve
Andrew Shaffer - Army
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
Matthew Verich – Navy
KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

Deployed

Humberto Puga – Navy

*In the wider **Anglican Communion** Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Milwaukee. In the **St. Thomas** cycle of prayer we pray for those involved in Worship including Music Ministers. Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters & Pastoral Care including Prayer Ministers, Prayer chain, Helping Hands, Lay Eucharistic Visitors.*

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Wade Lindholm Emma and Eli Kopczynski	<i>No Acolyte</i> <i>On Schedule</i>
Eucharistic Team:	Carol Hert Bill Barry	Val Phillip
Prayer Ministry Team:	Anne Peterson Fr. John Peterson	Kathy Peterson Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Jon Phillip	Barbara Hampton
Ushers:	Gordon Stillings and Steve Krautsch	Bill and Barb Barry
Preacher:	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton, Kathy Peterson	Jennie Land, Linda Smith, Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston, Sandie Umland
Vestry Announcements:	8am Martina Mims 10am Jeanna Werbeckes	8am Martina Mims 10am Jill Beverlin

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