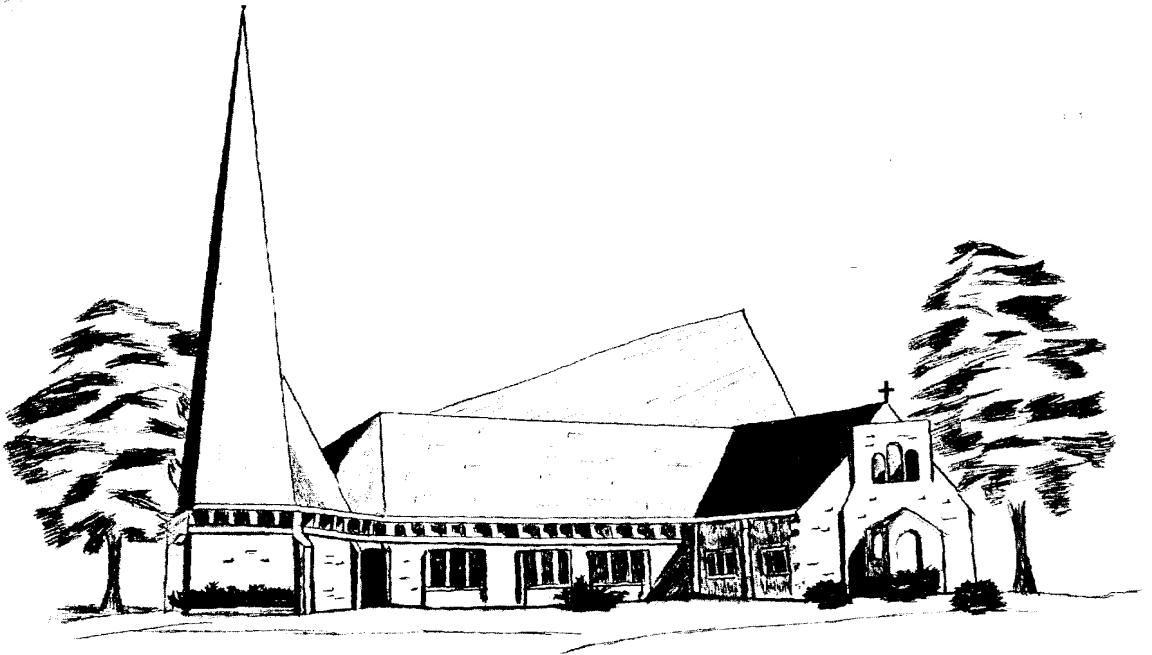


St. Thomas Church
Anglican - Episcopal
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 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

Christ is Made The Sure Foundation Hymnal #518

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| 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone. | 3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away. |
| 2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally. | 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign. |

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.
- 4 **When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**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: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

THE GRADUAL

Salvation Belongs To Our God

A1 B / Gospel / A2 B

Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

A

G D/F# Em7 Em7/D

1. Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God, Who
2. And we the re - deemed shall be strong in

C G/B Am7 D G D/F# Em7 Em7/D

sits up - on the throne, and un - to the Lamb.
pur - pose and u - ni - ty, de - clar - ing a loud:

B

C G/B Am7 G/B F C D sus4 D

Praise and glo - ry, wis - dom and thanks hon - or and pow - er and strength

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GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Salvation Belongs To Our God — A2 B

THE SERMON

Deacon Lisa Ueda

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

6 All Hear our prayer.

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

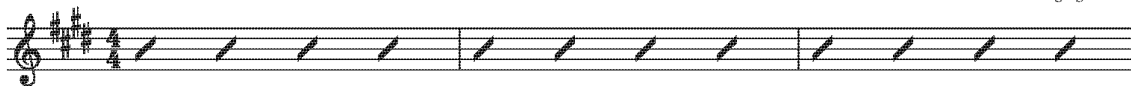
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

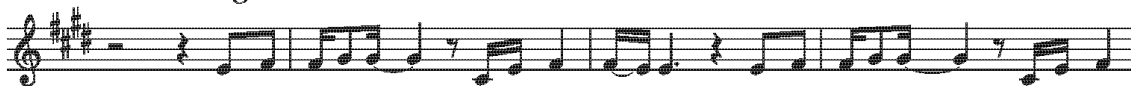
OFFERTORY

A House United

David Gentiles, Jennie Lee Riddle
and The Emerging Sound



4 Choir Sings



There are man-y gifts _ but the same Spir - it; there are man-y hands _ but the same

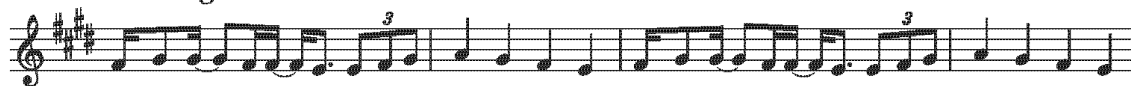


Lord. There are man - y works _ but the same _____



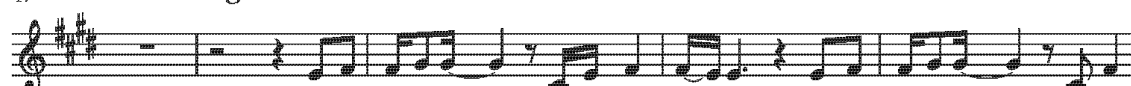
God who em-pow - ers _ them all _ Oh, _____

13 All Sing



We won't be _ di-vid-ed; we are a house u - nit-ed. We won't be - di-vid-ed; we are a house u - nit-ed.

17 Choir Sings



We are man-y parts _ but the same bod - y; we have man-y songs _ but one



voice. We have man-y hearts _ but the same love u-nit-ing _them all. _ Oh, _

27 All Sing



We won't be - di-vid-ed; we are a house u - nit-ed we won't be - di-vid-ed; we are a house u - nit-ed. _



U - - nit - - ed. _____

34 **Sing 3x**

Your peo-ple are _ my peo-ple; Your church will be _ my _ church. _ Your

37 **1., 2.** **3.**

chil-dren are _ my broth-ers and my sis-ters. Your sis-ters. _____

41 **Sing 3x**

We won't be - di - vid - ed; we are a house u - nit - ed.

43

We won't be _ di - vid - ed; we are a house u - nit - ed. _____

45

_ U - nit - ed. _____ We are a house u - nit - ed. _____

50

U - nit - ed. _____ We are a house u - nit - ed. _____

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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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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:

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 HYMNS

Go Forth for God

Hymnal #347

- 1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
- 2 Go forth in God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
- 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
- 4 Go forth for God; to the world in joy;
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Bind Us Together

Renew #292

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
bind us together in love.

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
bind us together in love.

There is only one God,
there is only one King;
there is only one body,
that is why we sing.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken Hymnal #523

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.
- 4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power or the spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
Sunday, August 23, 2026 to Saturday, August 29, 2026

Birthdays

23 Jerry Hendrickson
 Sydney Benny
 Betsy Krause
24 Stephen Priest
25 Jon Ropella
 Nicole Langohr-Hahn
 Theo Gray
26 Kent Lamkins
 Jill Beverlin
27 Calla Springer
27 Ian Lindholm
28 Mory Wrase
 Luke Martinson
29 David Hull

Wedding Anniversaries

23 Mike and Kim Acord
26 Matt and Kaiah Peterson

Faithful Departed

23 Dorothy Lenz
 Blanche Anderson
 Bobby Peterson, Sr.
24 Minnie Whitmore
 Todd Block
25 Beverly Joynt
 Rev. Marcus Cunningham
28 Elizabeth Deitrich
 Jean Phillip
29 Arthur G. Wakeman

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

*In the wider **Anglican Communion** Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Olaf's, Amherst; St. Augustine, Rhineland. In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal Church. 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:	Shari Lloyd Hazel Zaborski	Wade Lindholm E& E Kopczynski
Eucharistic Team:	Dave Morton	Claire Kopczynski Anne Peterson
Prayer Ministry Team:	Jill Beverlin Fr. John Peterson	Jill Beverlin Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Dave Morton	Art Freiberg
Ushers:	Dan and Jeanna Werbeckes	Keith Umland and Jon Phillip
Preacher:	Fr. Aran Walter	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
Verger:	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
Altar Guild:	Laura Lindstrom, Shari Lloyd, Theresa and Jazmine Cruz Lillegard	Jennie Land, Linda Smith, Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston, Sandie Umland
Vestry Announcements:	8am Martina Mims 10am	8am Martina Mims 10am
Coffee Hour:	Open	Open

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