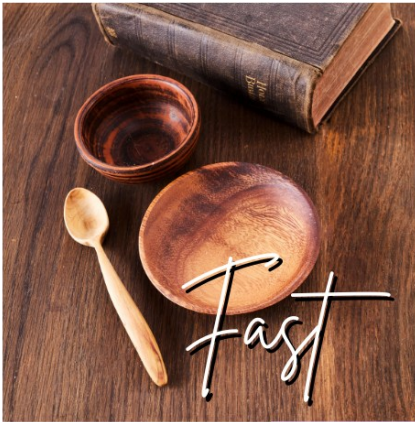


St. Thomas Church
Anglican - Episcopal
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Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 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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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Kind Maker of The World, O Hear

Hymn #152

- ¹ Kind Maker of the world, O hear
the fervent prayer, with many a tear
poured forth by all the penitent
who keep this holy fast of Lent!
- ² Each heart is manifest to Thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity;
now we repent, and seek Thy face;
grant unto us Thy pardoning grace.
- ³ Spare us, O Lord, who now confess
our sins and all our wickedness,
and, for the glory of Thy Name,
our weakened souls to health reclaim.
- ⁴ Give us the discipline that springs
from abstinence in outward things
with inward fasting, so that we
in heart and soul may dwell with Thee.
- ⁵ Grant, O Thou blessed Trinity;
grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days
may work our profit and Thy praise!

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

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Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

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

Please Kneel as you are able

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.

Celebrant 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

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Em A Em A Em A Em A

Ky-ri-e e - le i - son, Chris-te e - le - i - son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

Em D C A C D Em D C A

Ky-ri-e e le - i son, Chris-te e - le - i son,

C D Em D C Am D Em A

Ky-ri-e e - le i son.

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

2 **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

**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 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL:****John 3:1-17**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

THE NICENE CREED

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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 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.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn #337

- 1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
- 2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward,
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
- 3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
- 4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

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

BCP pg. 361

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal #S130

Please 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:

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Hymnal #S164

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

The Wonder of Your Cross

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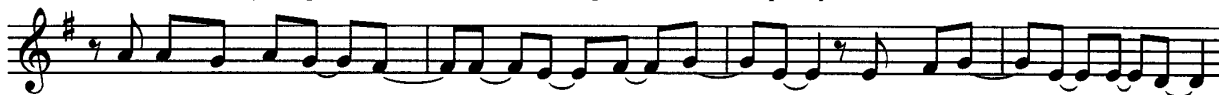
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1. The won - der of Your cross — shall be our med - i - ta - tion,
2. To steal a - way at — night — when they took down Your bo - dy,
3. Were hea - ven's prai - ses — si - lent in those hours of dark - ness,



to gath - er in that — sha - dow as the sun went — down, —
with love and tears to — leave — You in a bor - rowed — grave, —
Your Ho - ly Spi - rit — brood - ing 'round that emp - ty — throne, —



to weep with those who thought that You were leav - ing, You were leav - ing, Je - sus,
to go with Ma - ry — to — the — place they laid — You, where they laid — You, Je - sus,
un - til the dec - lar - a - tion He — is — ris - en, You are ris - en, Je - sus,



the hum - ble King who ne - ver wore an earth - ly — crown.
and in the mor - ning find — the stone was rolled a — way.
He is not dead, be - hold, — He lives for - ev - er — more.

B



The cross, O the wonder - ful — cross, — what glo - ry what vic'try I've — found.



I'll come to the wonder ful — cross, — and my — whole life I'll lay down. —

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Jesus Messiah

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Cash and Reeves

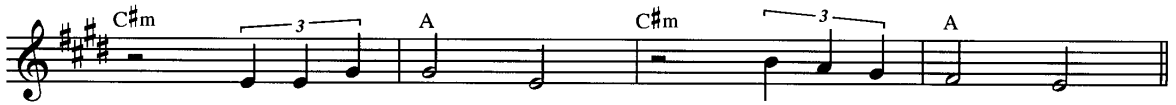
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1. He be - came sin - who knew no sin, that we might be - come His
2 His bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine bro - ken and poured out



right - eous - ness; He hum - bled Him - self and car - ried the cross.
all for love. The whole earth trem - bled and the veil was torn.



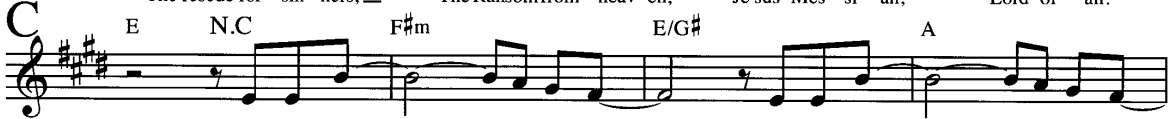
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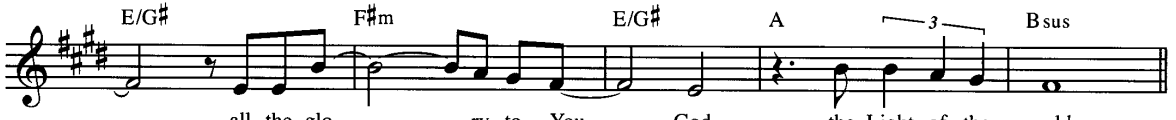
Je - sus Mes - si - ah; Name above all names; Blessed Re - dee - mer; E - man - u - el,



The re - see - uer for sin - ners; The Ran - som from heav - en; Je - sus Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.



All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You;



all the glo - ry to You, God, the Light of the world.

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.

LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Please kneel as you are able

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn #401

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

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3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

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, March 1, 2026 to Saturday, March 7, 2026

Birthdays

- 1 Martin Sicairos
- 3 Gabrielle Prehn
Henry Puga
- 6 Meagan Gramins
Cheryl Plitt
- 7 Lloyd Sheetz
Owen Nesbit

Wedding Anniversaries

No Commemorations

Faithful Departed

- 1 Dick Sampson
Jean Stanton
Margret Arnemann
- 3 Henry Carl Press
- 5 Douglas Hampton
- 7 Marjorie Massey

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 The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Simon the Fisherman, Port Washington; St. Paul's, Ashippun. In the **St. Thomas** cycle of prayer we pray for Leadership of St. Thomas including Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, Treasurer, Staff, and Missions including Double Portion, Jericho, Mother's Mercy, Fr. Ian and Polly Montgomery; UTO, Winnebago gifts and caroling and the Gideons.*

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Wade Lindholm E & E Kopczynski	No Acolyte Scheduled
Eucharistic Team:	Sandie Umland Dan Werbeckes	Carol Hert Bill Barry
Prayer Ministry Team:	Val Phillip Fr. John Peterson	Anne Peterson Fr. John Peterson
Reader:	Karen Powers	Jon Phillip
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:	Barb Barry, Peggy Langkau, Nancy Dombeck	Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton, Kathy Peterson
Vestry Announcements:	8am Martina Mims 10am Not Scheduled	8am Martina Mims 10am Not Scheduled

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