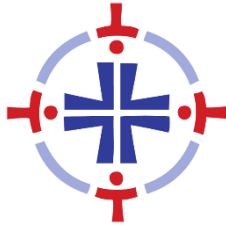




St. Simon's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 2, 2026



Welcome to St. Simon's

Celebrating God's love for all. Embodying Christ in the world.

If you are here today, you belong, no matter where you are on your journey of faith. Welcome.

St Simon's is a joyful and hopeful congregation that invites all who seek God into community, questions and doubts included. Please feel free to participate as fully in the worship of God as you wish. Lift your voice in praise, respond to the prayers and readings, and come to the altar for communion or a blessing. Or, if you prefer, sit back quietly and allow God's Spirit to speak to you in the way that feels most comfortable.

Welcome, Children. You are invited as full participants in our worship just as you are. God delights in you.

Welcome, Elders. Your wisdom and experience are valued in our community. God has shaped you and you are beautiful.

Welcome, you.

Welcome, everyone, to God's table. This is the table of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, and all who seek God are invited to share in communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to give you a blessing instead. If you wish to have communion brought to you at your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please notify an usher.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey, there is a place for you here.
May you encounter God in this community.

The Holy Eucharist

** Indicates the assembly stands, if able.*

*All portions of the service in **Bold** are spoken by the assembly.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn 433



“We gather together”

Kemser



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



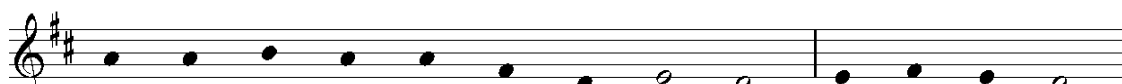
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Assembly is seated

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

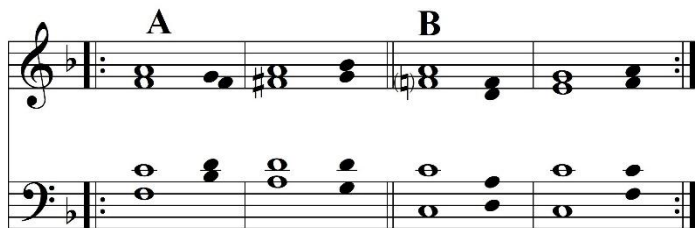
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 145:8-15



A Gracious and merciful is the Lord,
slow to anger, full of love.

B The Lord is good in every way,
merciful to every creature.

- A Let your works praise you, Lord,
your faithful ones bless you.
- B Let them proclaim your glorious reign,
let them tell of your might.
- A Let them make known to all
your might and glorious reign.
- B Your dominion lasts for ever,
your rule for all gen-er-ations!
- A The Lord is faithful in every word
and gracious in every work.
- B The Lord supports the fallen,
raises those bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.

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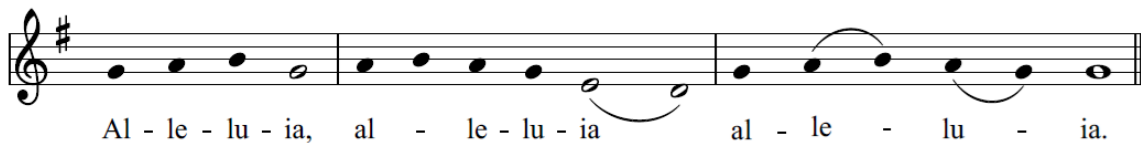
The Assembly stands as they are able to face the Gospeler.

*The Gospel Procession

All join in singing both before and after the gospel.

1st time - Intro

2nd time - Congregation



*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silence is shared after the sermon.

***An Affirmation**

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant,
so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

**We believe that God is love,
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

**We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,
so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.**

**We believe that God is the light of life,
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.**

**We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news
of abundant life in the world God loves.**

***The Prayers of the People**

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our siblings
as dear to us as our own needs.

Loving our neighbors as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

Come Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies
That your beloved may find justice, equity, and community.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and bring renewal
That your beloved may have safety, peace, food, water, education, and medicine.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, fill your Church
That your beloved would be changed in prayer, grow in faith, serve in your name, and partner with you.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, cleanse us of all violence in thought, word, and deed
That your beloved may live together in right relationship.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, strengthen and heal all who suffer, especially Mary Edith, Jan, Sunita, Jerry, Maria, Teri-Ellen, Sandy, Pat and all patients, family members and staff at Northwest Community Hospital.
That your beloved may turn again to thank and praise you.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, console all who mourn
That your beloved may not be overwhelmed by loss, but find comfort and strength.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Come Holy Spirit, guide us through change and the unknown
That your beloved may rest in your eternal changelessness.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud, or in the chat

Hear our prayers, God of power, And through the ministry of your Son fill us with your Spirit, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.¹ **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.

The Ministers and Assembly stand to greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Blessing Birthdays and Anniversaries

All those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries of any kind are invited to add their name to the chat on Zoom or feed on Facebook

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Engagement Opportunities

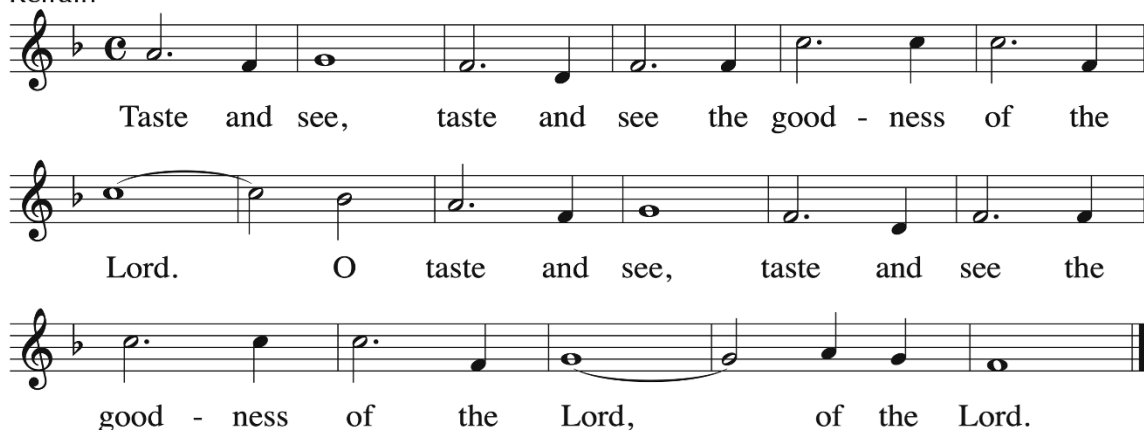
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Offertory Hymn

“Taste and See”

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

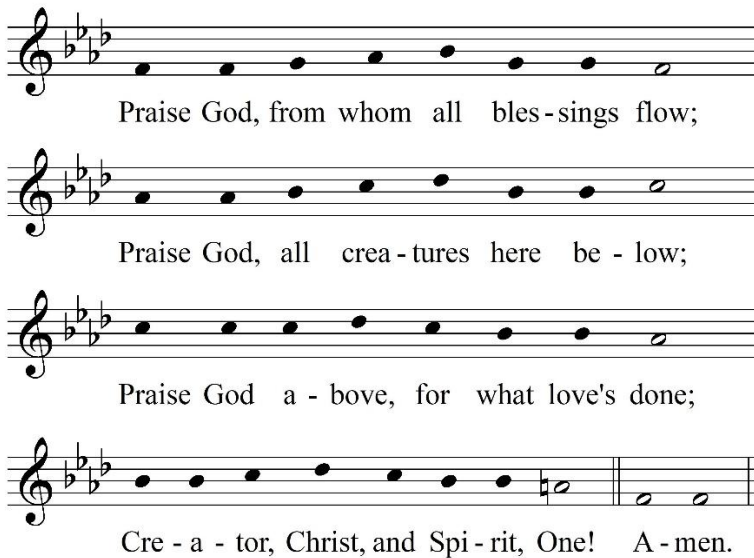
Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

*Presentation of the Gifts



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is a simple, ascending and then descending line of eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow;
Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise God a-bove, for what love's done;
Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit, One! A-men.

*The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

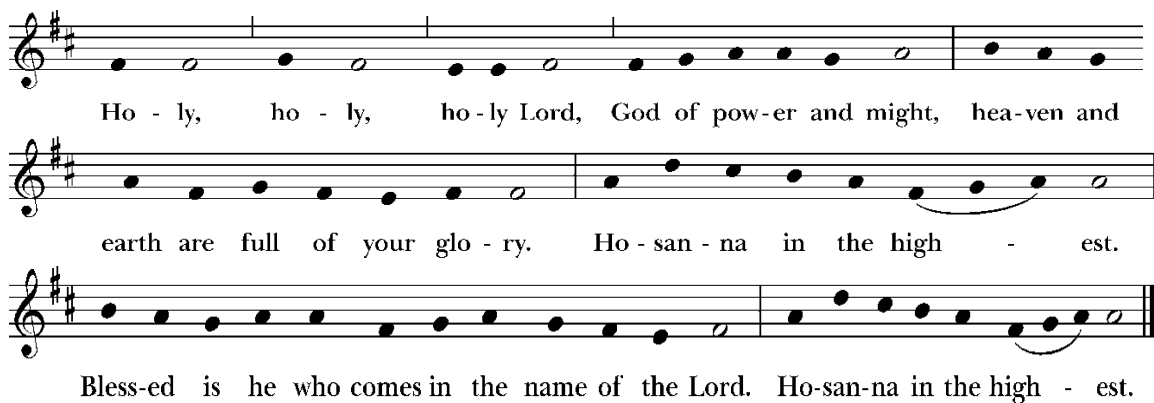
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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**.

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 all 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.

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,

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.

The Fraction

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

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.

The Presider and those worshipping online consume the host together with these words:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Everyone has a place at God's table and all are invited to share in communion. You may stand or kneel at the rail. Wine is offered in individual cups around the outside of the tray. Grape juice is offered in the middle. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. If you would like to participate but do not wish to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

Both the common cup (chalice) and individual cups are offered. Join the line for the chalice on the left (pulpit) side or the line on the right (screen) side to receive the individual cups. Grape juice is available in the individual cups.

Note: Generally, we will begin to sing the communion hymn once the final group of communion recipients has knelt at the rail. This way, more of the congregation can fully participate in singing most of the communion hymn.

Communion Hymn “Gift of Finest Wheat”



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment,
this place,
those around us,
Christ among us,
we give ourselves to you our God.

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have met the risen Christ
and cannot be the same.

**Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.**

**So may we live to your glory
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Through Jesus our brother,
with the aid of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.²**

When members of the community are unable to attend the service, representatives of the people are sent with bread and wine to extend our communion with them.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

***The Blessing**

Closing Hymn “I come with joy to meet my Lord”



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

 This symbol, next to a hymn, denotes that the hymn (music and/or lyrics) was identified as a “favorite” as part of our recent Hymn Favorites survey.

Worship Space “I Spy” Adventure –



This summer we are drawing attention to the places our building tells a story about ourselves and about God.

<< Can you spot this?

What it tells us about our story:

Our windows tell us many things about God and God’s story with God’s people, but only one window tells a story from

the years of Jesus’ ministry. The Gospel today describes one of Jesus’ miracles that touched the most people at one time, more than 5,000 in fact. It’s the story we re-enact each week.

The church says there is a 4-step process in “building” holy communion: take, bless, break, and give. “Take” really could be better understood as “receive”: Jesus *received* the donated loaves. Before the Eucharistic Prayer our priest *receives* the “bread” from the usher – that is she receives the round silver bread-box full of bread wafers, along with the flask of wine. In earlier days when “real bread” was used it was a donation, home-made by members of the congregation. It was a gift shared gladly, open to mystery and miracle, just as in today’s gospel.

What we *receive* we also share. This window is about a moment in time, *and* it reminds us that, though we might not have much, God can make it more than enough to help someone else have enough – a multiplying factor.

Notice, there are two baskets in the window, what’s in the other one?

Answer: The big window on the right/west side of the church beside the altar.

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The Rev. Mary Haggerty, *Sabbatical Supply Priest*

Jo Gantzer, *Associate for Parish Ministry*

Martin Pazdioch, *Music Director*

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Preacher	The Rev. Jenny Hulen
Crucifer	Sara Lewandowski
Chalice Minister	Jo Gantzer
Readers	Kathy Ponce Michael Medsker
Intercessor	Mark Leimbeck
Ushers	Kathy Ponce Allison Newhouse
Altar Guild	Jeana Clark
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