



HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves. We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope, and acceptance that is in Christ”.

Sunday, February 5, 2023
5th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHER

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

Gathering Hymn

ELW 873 vs 1-2,4

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

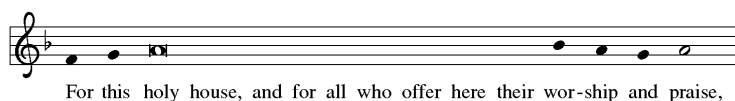
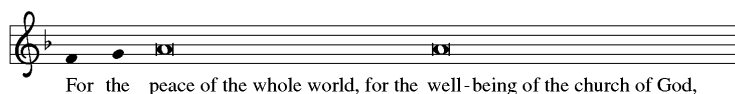
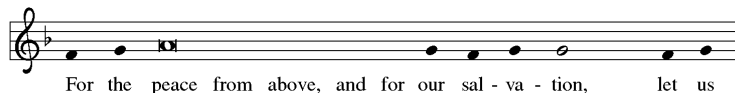
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



Glory to God



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



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



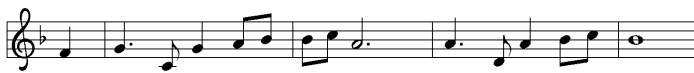
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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



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



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



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



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life,

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Word of God, word of life,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children’s Message

Pastor Annie

Sermon

Pastor Annie

Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially those on our prayer

list and those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Your gifts enable our ministry to continue even as we gather in different ways during this season! Here are ways to share God's abundance:

GIVE ONLINE: <http://www.hopelutheranrf.com/giveonline/>

Give by Text to: 833-961-2156. Learn how [here](#).

Give by Mobile App: Search "GivePlus Church" on Apple or Android devices and follow instructions

MAIL YOUR OFFERING: HOPE Lutheran, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave., River Falls, WI 54022

Offertory Hymn

ELW 312 vs 1-2,4

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Offering Prayer

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen

COMMUNING TOGETHER

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with some words underlined. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

Preface

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with some words underlined. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures.

Words of Institution

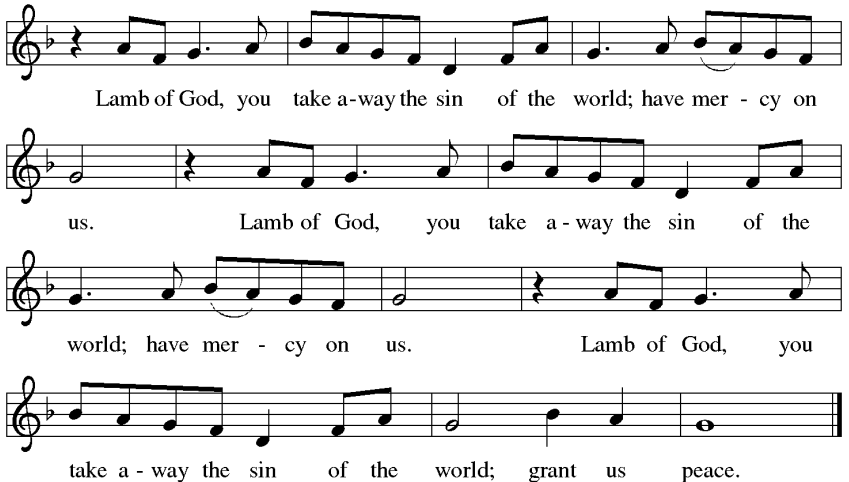
The Lord's Prayer

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Thanks be to God.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SEND

Announcements

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 546

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
Monday February 6 th	9:30- Education Ministry Meeting 11:30 – Congregational Life Ministry Meeting 7:00 – Worship Ministry Meeting
Tuesday February 7 th	11:00 – Coffee & Faithful Conversation 7:00- Communications Ministry Meeting
Wednesday February 8 th	6:00 – Wednesdays of HOPE
Friday February 10 th	All Day – Pastor’s Sabbath
Sunday February 12 th	9:30 – Sunday Service

PASTOR ANNIE OUT OF OFFICE

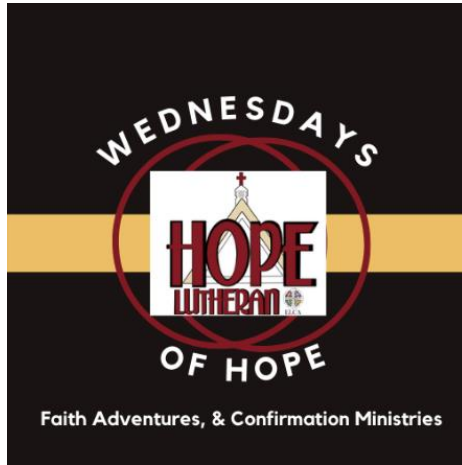
Pastor Annie is out of the office for vacation this Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 9-12th. Rev. Amelia Houdek preach and preside on Sunday, Feb. 12th. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Rev. Kim Suhr (Trinity, Hammond) at 715-307-5769.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship
AT ANY TIME!!!

Use [THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK](#) to sign-up to assist with our in-person
worship! Or sign-up on the entryway table in person.

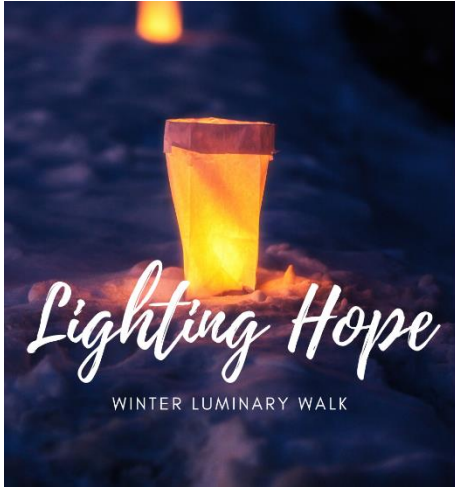
Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers,
Assisting Ministers & coffee fellowship hosts are all needed!



**For ALL K-9th grade youth!
6-7PM
Winter Session: Jan 18-Feb.15**



**February 22, 2023
6:00PM Soup Supper
7:00PM Worship
[SIGN UP FOR SOUP SUPPER HERE](#)**



Lighting Hope

WINTER LUMINARY WALK

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18TH
6-7:30PM**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3337 KINGSBARN AVE

ALL ARE INVITED!
ENJOY COCOA & COOKIES



FAMILY BOWLING EVENT

Sunday, March 26th

1:00-3:00PM

@ St. Croix Lanes, River Falls



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Betty Lou Oppegard

Mike & Lorraine Davis

The Trudy Loney family

Darwin & Margaret Bredahl (Karen Hamilton's sister & brother in law)

Olive Olson & family

Bruce Young (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)

Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)

Dawne Green (Friend of Olive Olson)

Miriam Monroe (Bill Montgomery's sister)

Gary Blowers (Friend of Linda Jacobson)

Noah Sailer (Nancy Sailer's son)

Naomi Brandt and family

The family of Jim Pratt

Tom & Judy Jensen (Friends of Nancy Sailer)

Meg Heaton Family (Friends of Nancy Sailer)

Milo Oppegard

Brian Fix & Katie (Nancy Sailer's cousin)

Kevin Rodewald & family (Jeff Rodewald's brother)

Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)

David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)

Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)

Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)

Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)

Barbara McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's mother)

Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)

Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)

Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)

Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)

Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)

Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)

Judy Karshbaum

Gary Siebold

David Hendrickson

Jon Boyce

Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)

Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)

Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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Sunday Schedule:

In Person:
Outdoor Worship Space:
9:30 a.m.

Online:

<http://youtube.com/c/HOPELutheranRiverFalls>
9:30 a.m.

Welcome to
HOPE Lutheran
Church.

If you are new to
HOPE, welcome!
It is a blessing to have
you join us for worship
this morning!

Leading Us in
Worship

Presiding Pastor:
Annie Ladnier

Pianist:
Phil Klacan

Assisting Minister:
Carl Warren

Reader:
Tessa VanOverbeke

Communion Asst.:
Tessa VanOverbeke

Ushers/Greeters:
Ross & Max
VanOverbeke

AV Support:
Ryan Brill

Communion
Preparation:
Kay Montgomery

Fellowship:
Donuts

Altar Flowers:
Tessa VanOverbeke