



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

2024  
**CONNECTED**  
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

**Saturday, January 27, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 28, 2024 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**

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“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

## Welcome to Immanuel!

*Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!*

**If you are a guest**, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Members**, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

**We celebrate Holy Communion today!** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

**During the communion service:** If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

## Worship at Immanuel is...

**Christ Centered.** We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

**Trinitarian.** We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Multigenerational.** We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

**Eclectic.** Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

*In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.*

## Divine Service, Setting One

(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 151)

### Preservice Music / Bells

**Welcome** (5:30 p.m. – Welcome, Mike & Lisa Segelhorst)

(5:30 p.m. & 7:45 a.m.) **Opening Hymn**, *LSB* 394, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

(10:15 a.m.) **Preschool Songs & Presentation** (*See the screens for words to one of their songs.*)

(10:15 a.m.) **Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

*Please stand*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

### Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you  
all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of  
the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)



Amen.

### + Service of the Word +

#### Introit of the Day

(Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10)

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**whose sin is covered.**

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you  
forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when  
you may be found;

**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

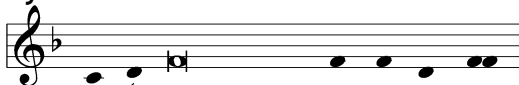
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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#### Kyrie

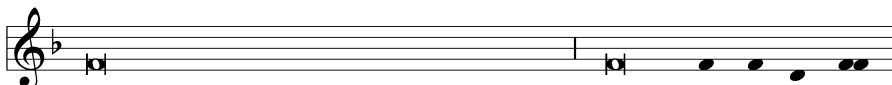
(Mark 10:47)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



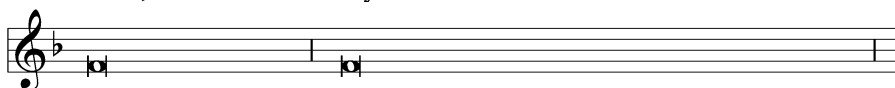
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



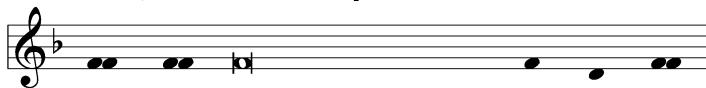
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.



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.



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.

### Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia & Verse

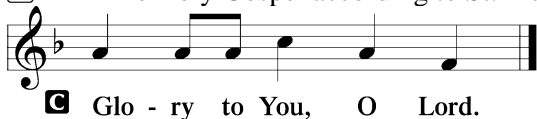
(John 6:68)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel, Mark 1:21-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

(5:30 p.m. & 7:45 a.m.) **Children’s Message** (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

**Hymn of the Day**, *LSB* 842, “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

**Sermon**



*Please stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Offering** (*During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.*)

*Please stand*

## **Offertory**

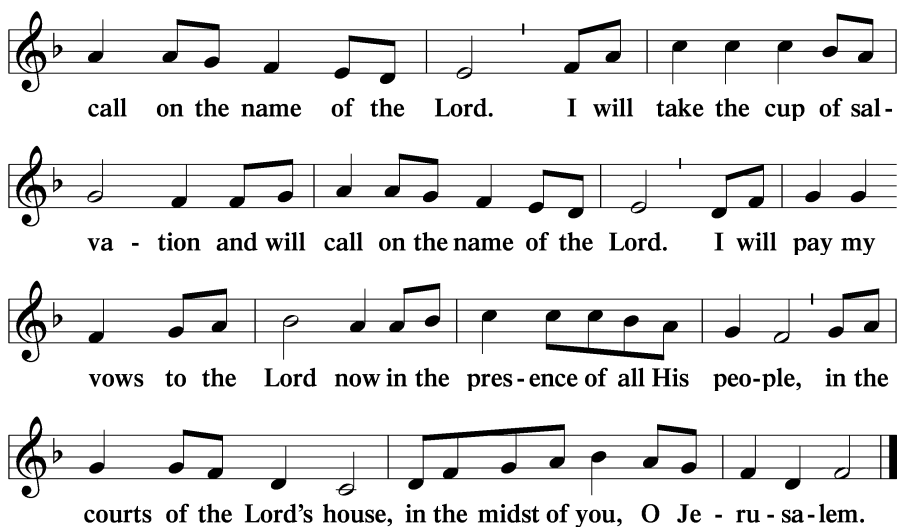
(Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.  
(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now.")

## The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** **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.**

**Words of Our Lord** (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

## Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

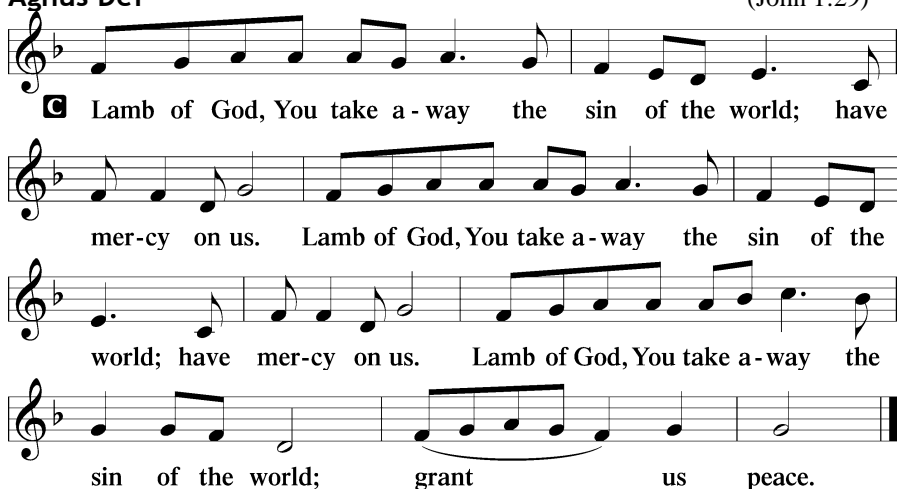
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)



**C** 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.

*Please be seated*

### Distribution

LSB 620, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB 698, "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

*Please stand*

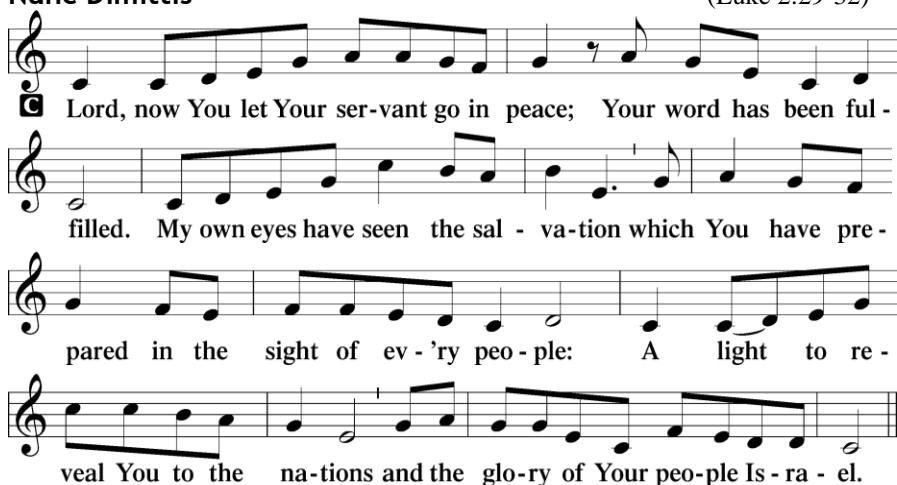
### Dismissal

**P** The body and blood... Go in peace.

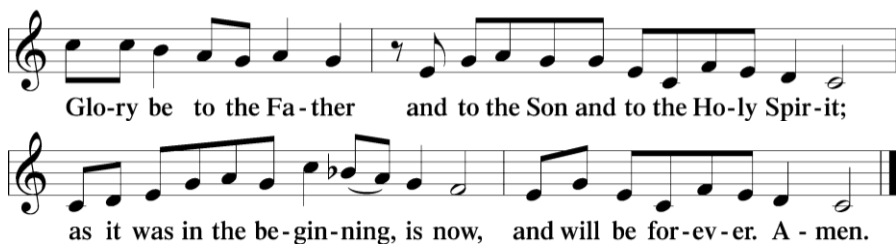
**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

(Luke 2:29-32)



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el.



## Post-Communion Collect



Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Amen.**

## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)



The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn, “Jesus Is God’s Living Vine”** (*See words on the screens.*)

**Bells**

**Postlude**

*We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: [immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org).*

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## Worship Helpers

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**Saturday, January 27, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Cal Neeman

Altar Guild - Diana Heins

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 - 7:45 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Chase Richey &amp; Tyler Major

Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 - 10:15 a.m.**

Pastor - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Acolytes - Ayda Eggemeyer &amp; Keaton Roberts

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna &amp; Nicholas Hoeffken, Masson Fink

**Ushers - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow

10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius, Jeriah Fink, Trinity Drewes, Brielle Fink

**Acolytes - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Colton Glessner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Olivia Rusteberg &amp; Mason Wilhelm

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Michael Evers &amp; TJ Joellenbeck

**Servers - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky

**Media - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Will Hanks

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Avery Collmeyer

Media - Jensyn Collmeyer

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector/Media - Don Birrittier

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Music Director - Ann Frank

Altar Guild - Linda Gutknecht

Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

Masson Fink

**Lectors - Sunday, Feb 4, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Bob Polansky

**Altar Guild - Sunday, Feb 4, 2024**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Debbie Olsson

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Joyce McDaniel

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Pastor Demski's Farewell Weekend

February 3-4, 2024

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

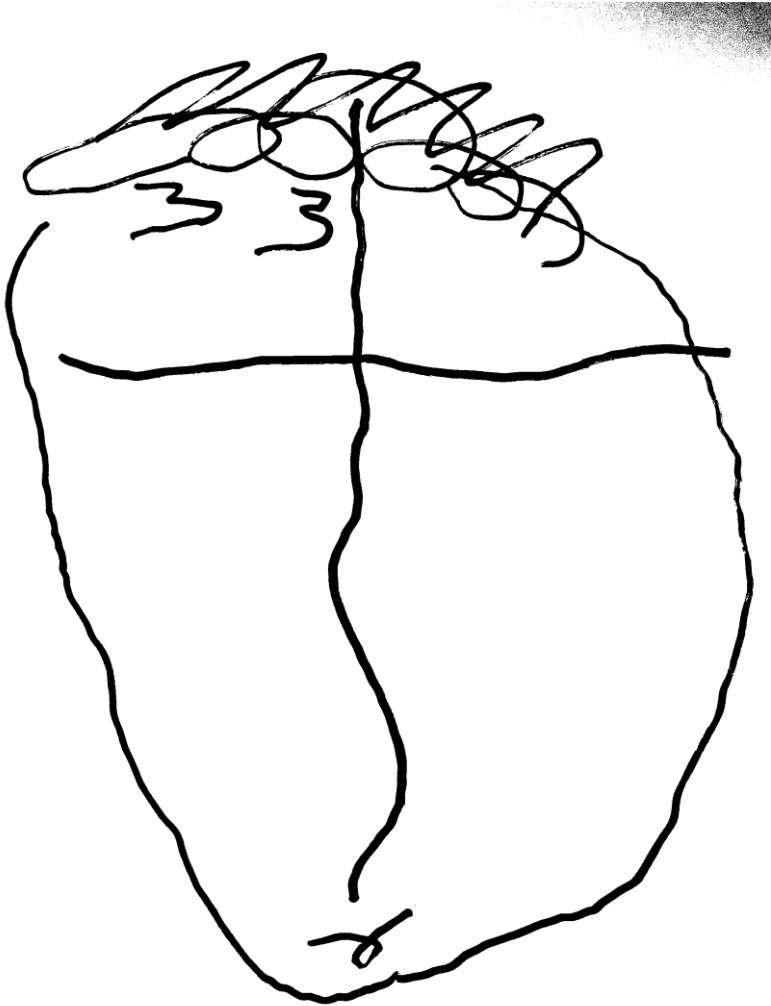
Potluck Luncheon following the  
10:15 a.m. service. All invited!

Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone to bring a dessert or side dish/salad.

Last names A-M: a dessert  
Last names N-Z: side dish or salad

## Connected to Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5



Grace Ziegler