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October 15, 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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Prelude - O God of Every Nation - Arr. Anne Krentz Organ Welcome

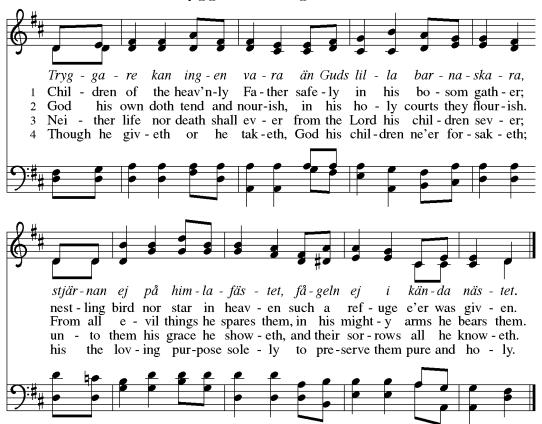
Baptism of Olivia Noelle Frenk Daughter of Nicole and Kevin Frenk



Baptismal Hymn - ELW #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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Presentation

- P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Olivia baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Olivia and pray for her in her new life in Christ and as a new sister in our Evangelical Durham family?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Olivia Noelle Frenk, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. . .We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Olivia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Olivia Noelle, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

Cong. Rep: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Opening Hymn - ELW 408

Come, Thou Almighty King



Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. (Please be Seated)

First Reading – Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

L: A reading from Isaiah, the Twenty-fifth chapter.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of wellaged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

A reading from Philippians, the fourth chapter:

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but

those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

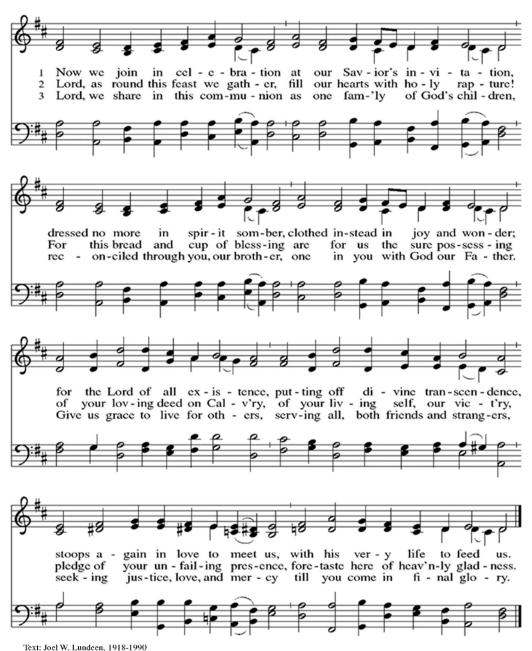
¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 462 Now We Join in Celebration



Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- P: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. (We pray especially for . . .). God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Think About These Things - Bob Burroughs

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

WE ARE AN OFFERING - ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands.
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we are an offering.

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

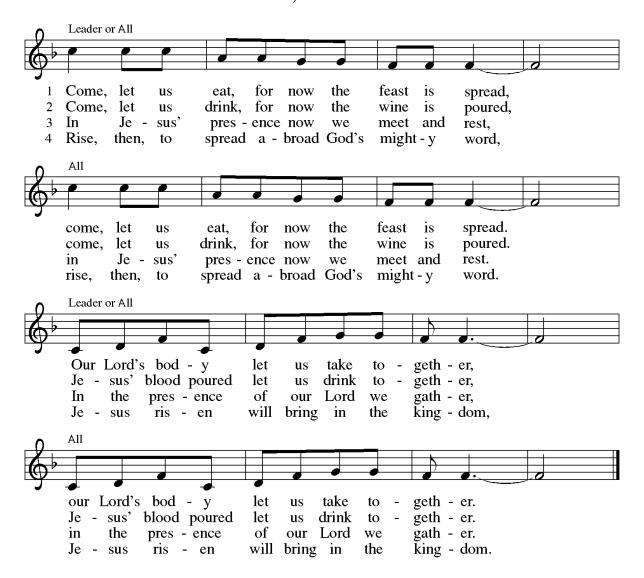


Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Communion: ELW 491

Come, Let Us Eat



Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt. Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

Text sts. 1-3 and tune @ Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and music adapt. @ 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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Prayer after Communion

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

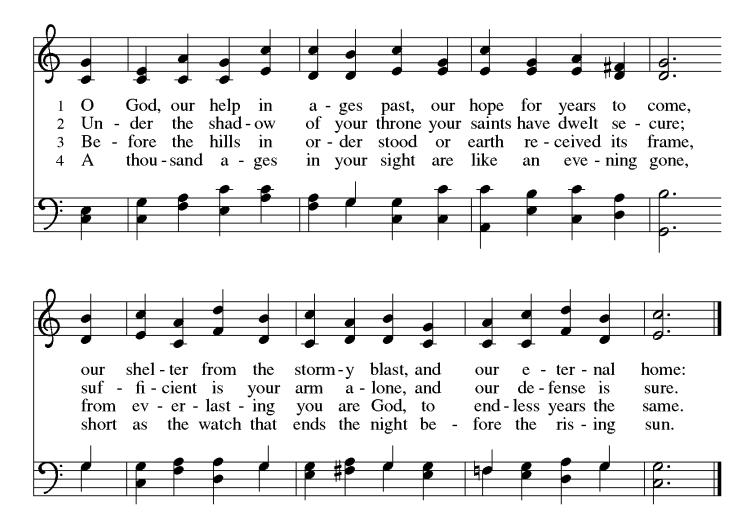
Announcements

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW 632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS
15			Val & Paul McGinn (29)		Sharron Streletz
16	Chris Roberts				
18	Karen Bolesta				
19	9 Joanne Antoni				
20	Lee Ann Kressman		Linda & David Sauter (42)		
21	Ed Xander				
		<u>TH</u>	IS WEEK'S A	CTIVITIES	
Sunday, October 15		10:00 AM		Worship - Pr.	Jim Heckman
(communion)				Olivia Noelle	Frenk Baptism
Monday, October 16		7:00 PM- 8:30 PM		Crop Walk Planning @St. Peter's	
Tuesday, October 17		7:30 PM		Finance Committee Budget Meeting	
Wedn	esday, October 18	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours	
		11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Care -A-Lot Visit	
		12:30 PM		Care-A-Lot Board meeting	
Thursday, October 19		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Choir rehears	al
		11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours	
		1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 20		10:00 AM		WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary	
		<u>UF</u>	PCOMING A	<u>CTIVITIES</u>	
Sunday, October 22		10:00 AM		Worship - Pr.	Jim Heckman
		5:00 PM	- 7:30 PM	Confirmation	@ Trinity
				DEADLINE TO	SUBMIT NAMES FOR ALL
				SAINTS DAY -	- BAPTISM & DEATHS
Wednesday, October 25		10:00 AM	1 - 1:00 PM	Office hours	
		11:00 AM	1 - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot Vi	sit
		12:00 PM	1	Chat & Chew	with Pr. Jim
Thursday, October 26		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM		Choir rehearsal	
		11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours	
		1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Sunday, October 29		10:00 AM		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman	
Reformation Sunday (communion)		1:00PM	– 4:00 PM	CROP Walk (@ St. Peter's
Wednesday, November		10.00 ΔΝ	1 - 1:00 PM	Office hours	
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_		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
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Thursday, November 2	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal			
	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours			
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Saturday, November 4	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Communion Education Class (PALM) @			
		Durham			



October Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for *Lutheran Disaster Response* for flood relief.



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Keep in your Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; The Schutt Family; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Sharon Fogelman; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

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Helping in Worship

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Altar Guild	Val McGinn & Bea Von Watzdorf	
Acolyte		
Lector	Val McGinn	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Counting Team	Barb Naska & Dave Sauter	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	