

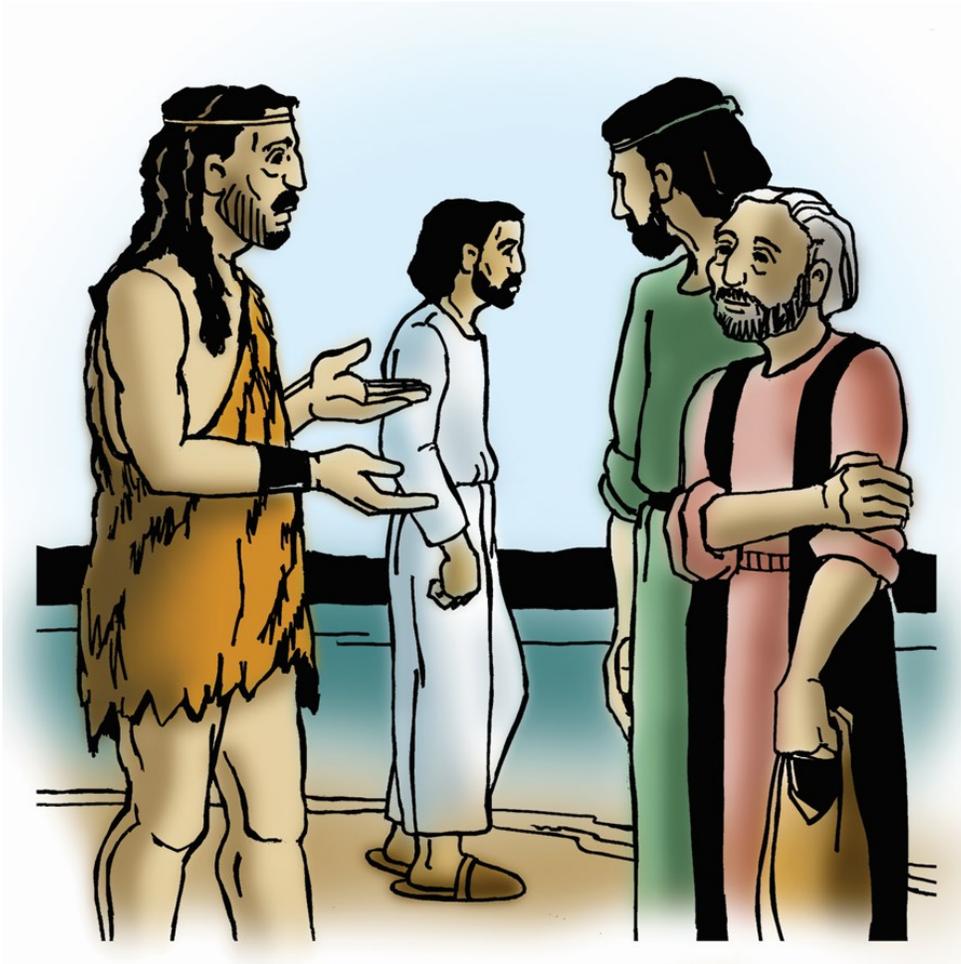


Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Second Sunday after Epiphany



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Kristin Stewart

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

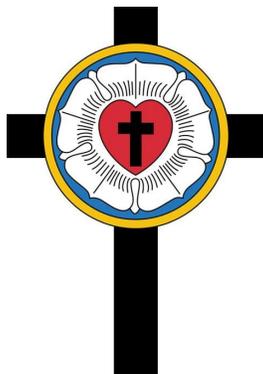
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

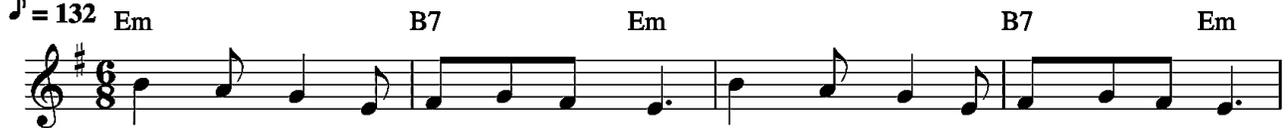


PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Three Kings

Words and Music by
John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

VERSE

♩ = 132



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star. O
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Peals thru the earth and skies.

CHORUS



star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Refrain E A E F#m Bsus B

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

E A B E B E

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

A C#m G#m B

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

A Bsus E E7

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

A C#m G#m B

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

F#m A Bsus B F#m A Bsus B *Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

THE GLORIA

Refrain F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

F Cm/F Bb/F Ab/F F Eb Db Ab Eb/G

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

Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Ab

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Fm Ab Bb *Refrain* F (ped) Gm/F F Eb/F

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F

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

F Eb Ab Eb Ab

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

Cm Bb2 Bb F Eb Ab

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Bb Db Cm Fm/Db Eb

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

Ab Bb7 Eb Cm Db Bbm/Db Fsus/C C

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

Refrain F(ped) Gm/F F Eb/F F Eb/F Dm/F Eb/F Dm/F C/F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

Dm/F Cm/F Bb/F C/F Bb/F Gm/F F Eb/F F Ab

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

Fm Eb Cm Db Bbm C

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

single Eb Db/Eb Eb Ab Db Eb Fm Db

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

Bbm C Ab Fm/Db Eb/C Eb

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Db Bbm Eb Cm Db Fm/Bb Bb/C C

A - men. A - men. A - men.

F2 Final refrain Bb/F F Bb/F F

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

Bb/F F Bb/C C F Gm

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

F/A Bb Amaj Dm Gm Bb Gm/C F2

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. R**

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your deliverance; I have not concealed
your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The chords are: F, C/E, Dm, C, C/A, Bb, C, F, F/A, Bb2, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Gm7, C7, F, Bb2, F/A, Bb, 8va, F/A, Bb2, Am, Dm, Bb/C, Fsus, F.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



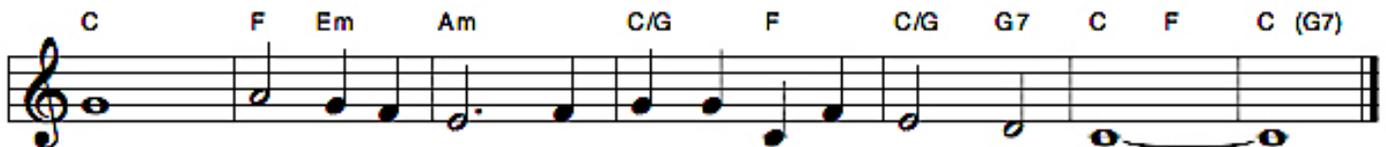
HYMN OF THE DAY: We Shall Overcome



1. We shall o - ver - come. _____ We shall o - ver - come. _____
2. We'll walk hand in hand. _____ We'll walk hand in hand. _____
3. We are not a - fraid. _____ We are not a - fraid. _____
4. We shall see the Lord. _____ We shall see the Lord. _____



We shall o - ver - come some day. _____ Oh— deep in my
We'll walk hand in hand some day. _____
We are not a - fraid to - day. _____
We shall see the Lord that day. _____



heart I do be - lieve that we shall o - ver - come some day. _____



CONFESSION 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Kristin Stewart & Bill Vollinger "The Three Kings" (Nicolai, Cornelius)

OFFERING

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C Am Em Bb/F Dm

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

G C Em Am

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

Bb Dm G Dm F/G G C

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Em Am Em Amaj D G Amaj

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

D Am D G Am Em

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

Bb/F Dm G C Em F C/G Bm Emaj

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

E B/D# C#m E/B A F#m B

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

E/G# C#m A F#m B B7

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

E/G# C#m A F#m E/G# C#m E/B B7

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

E F#m E/G# E7/G# A F#m G#m A2 E/B

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

E/G# C#m A F#m E/G# C#m E/B B7 E

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: **Amen**

A Em G D A Em

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

C G A Em G D

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

A Em C G A Em G D

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

F#sus F#m Esus E G D A

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: See the Light. See the Star

SEE THE LIGHT. SEE THE STAR.

B.V.

See the light. See the star.

Some - thing more than you are.

Je - sus shines from a - far.

See the light. See the star.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

We once again thank our friend Kristin Stewart for sharing her musical talents with us.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

*Go Now
 in Peace*



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Jan 18	Maggie Harrer	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder
Jan 25	Sally Leara	Rick Henly	John Leara
Feb 1	Christophe Moderacki	Brenda Heydt	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

Jan 18	For: Bea Wing's Birthday (Jan 11)
	From: The Moderacki's
Jan 25	For:
	From:
Feb 1	For:
	From:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 18	Congregational Meeting Sunday School
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day - Church & School Closed Council Meeting: 7pm—Room 5
Jan 24	Music at Savior—7pm
Jan 26-30	Theme Week
Feb 1	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Feb 7	Men's Breakfast

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