



**Church of the Savior**  
LUTHERAN

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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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## **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 is took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

## PRELUDE: Kristin Stewart: Sarabande from the Bach Partita in A Minor

### 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,  $\ddagger$  one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

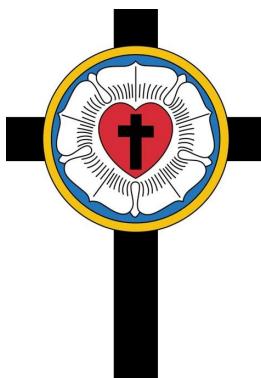
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

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  $\ddagger$  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

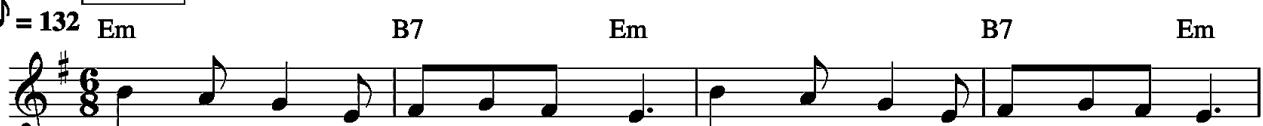


## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Three Kings

Words and Music by  
John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

### VERSE

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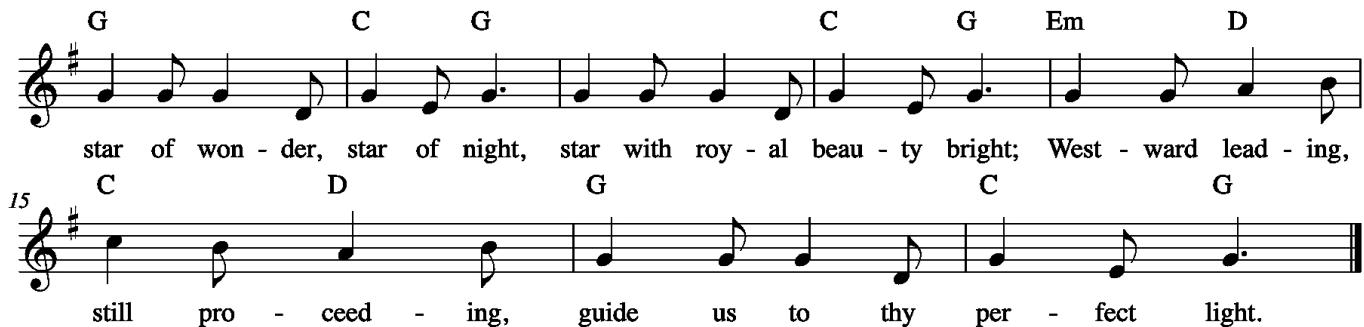


1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,  
3. Frank in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;  
4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of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



### 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

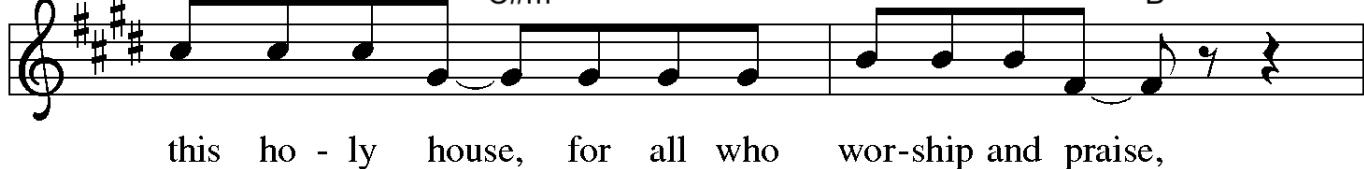
*Refrain*


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


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


  
 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned 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


  
 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


  
 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,


  
 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, 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

## FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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."

<sup>6</sup> "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?

<sup>7</sup> 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?"

<sup>8</sup> 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?

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.  
<sup>4</sup> **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.**  
<sup>5</sup> 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.

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## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.  
<sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY: Pastor Paul

### HYMN OF THE DAY: Blest Are They

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time (indicated by '8') and G major (indicated by a sharp symbol). The first staff starts with a Gsus chord. The second staff starts with a Dsus chord. The third staff starts with a C chord. The fourth staff starts with a G2 chord. The fifth staff starts with an Em chord.

**Chords:** Gsus, D, C, G, D/F#, D, Dsus, D, Gsus, G, G7, C, Dsus, G2, G, C, G/B, A, D, C, Dsus, D, Em, Em/D, C, Dsus, D, Gsus, G.

**Lyrics:**

1. Blest are they, the poor in Spir - it, theirs is the king-dom of  
 2. Blest are they, the meek and low - ly, they will in - her - it the  
 3. Blest are they, those who show mer - cy, mer - cy shall al - so be  
 4. Blest are those who are peace - mak - ers, they'll be called chil - dren of  
 5. Blest are you, when men re - vile you, they're real - ly re - vil - ing

God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 theirs \_\_\_\_\_  
 God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 me. \_\_\_\_\_

Blest are they, those full of sor - row,  
 Blest the hun - gry and the thirs - ty,  
 Blest are they, the pure and ho - ly,  
 Blest are all those per - se - cut - ed  
 Blest are you when you get li - beled

they will be com - for - ted. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be  
 They all will get their fill.  
 they all shall see their God.  
 God's glo - ry goes to them.  
 false - ly on my ac - count.

glad. \_\_\_\_\_ Bles - sed are you. Ho - ly are you. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be

glad. \_\_\_\_\_ Yours is the king-dom of God. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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)

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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

presence, 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:

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of four sharps (F major). The lyrics are integrated with the music, with chords indicated above the notes. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Chords indicated in the score include: E, B/D#, C#m, E/B, A, F#/m, B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#/m, B, B7, E/G#, C#m, A, F#/m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E, F#/m, E/G#, E7/G#, A, F#/m, G#/m, A2, E/B, E/G#, C#m, A, F#/m, E/G#, C#m, E/B, B7, E.

## EUCARISTIC 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

B.V

**See the Light. See the Star.**

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '4') and G major (indicated by a sharp symbol). The first staff starts with a G note. The lyrics are: 'See the light.', 'See the star.', 'Some-thing more'. The second staff starts with a D note. The lyrics are: 'than you are.', 'Je-sus shines', 'from a - far.'. The third staff starts with a C note. The lyrics are: 'See the light.', 'See the star.'.

See the Light. See the Star.

B.V

8 G C D G Em C

8 See the light. See the star. Some-thing more

8 D G Em Am D G

8 than you are. Je-sus shines from a - far.

8 C Am D C G

8 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.



RECESSATIONAL HYMN: Drawn to the Light

G C/G G C/G G  
 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

Em Am D G G/F# Em  
 heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn-ing dis - pels,  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come!  
 Bm/D C Dsus G  
 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.

D *Refrain* C G C  
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

G/B Amaj D G G/F# Em  
 light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a

Bm/D C Dsus G C G (C)  
 sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Once again, we thank our friend Kristin Stewart for sharing her musical talents with us.



**You're Invited!**

Take a stroll through our preschool halls today and step into **Jurassic World** during theme week Sunday! See how our children & staff have transformed the school into a land of dinosaurs, discovery, and creativity. All are welcome to walk the halls and enjoy the sights—no fossil-hunting gear required!





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## SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Feb 1	Christophe Moderacki	Brenda Heydt	Ed Moderacki
Feb 8	Dave Johnsrud	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
Feb 15	Ed Moderacki	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder

## FLOWERS

Feb 1	For: From:
Feb 8	For: Jake's 9th Birthday (Feb 5) From: Nicole Hazarian
Feb 15	For: Love For the Duffy Family From: Marge Duffy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 1	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Feb 7	Men's Breakfast
Feb 15	Sunday School
Feb 16	President's Day—Church and School Closed
Feb 17	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: 6pm
Feb 16-20	School Closed—Winter Break

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