

YOU ARE WELCOME AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH because God welcomes you. You are welcome here regardless of your religious background, race or ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, national citizenship, economic circumstances, political views, marital status, or anything else that may divide or diminish our common humanity. Sharing faith in Jesus, who came to be the savior of all humanity, we strive to uphold and rejoice in the dignity, value, and gifts of every individual and to celebrate the richness that diverse backgrounds and personal stories bring to our community.

CHILDCARE: We welcome the sounds & sights of young people in our Sanctuary and want them to experience worship. If your young worshiper (or you) need a break from the Sanctuary, we offer a tended nursery to the left & down the hall from the rear Sanctuary doors.

SERVICE: In Lutheran worship, we usually stand to pray and sing, and as a special sign of respect when we hear the words of the Gospel. We sit to listen to the announcements, the readings, and the sermon. If you ever prefer to sit while others are standing or to stand and stretch your legs while others are sitting, please feel free to do so! Sitting or standing is never required. Please let an usher know if you need to receive Holy Communion in your seat rather than coming to the front.

HYMNAL: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). The red hymnal in the pew in front of you.



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE: "I Come with Joy" B.A. Wren, W. Walker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" ELW 358
(Verse 1 sung by choir, verses 2-3 by all)



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

(The Kyrie/Lord Have Mercy are omitted for the Easter season)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (Silence). O God,

C: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *(The refrain is sung once by the cantor and repeated by all. The cantor sings the verses and the congregation joins in the refrain)*

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
 whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
 O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
 you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.
 You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
 all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
 Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
 lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing.

C: Refrain.

Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
 with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
 With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
 shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.
 Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
 the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
 Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.
 The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
 and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

C: Refrain.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174

(The Acclamation is sung by the cantor and repeated by all)

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

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,
 and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

(Repeat acclamation)

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

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

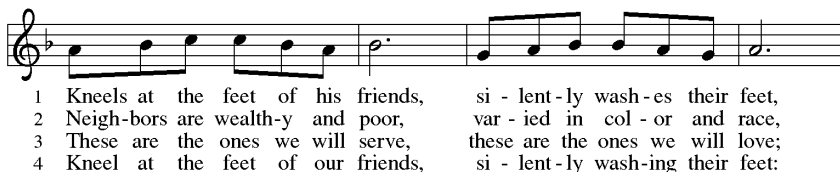
(Repeat acclamation)

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love " ELW 708

Please stand



NICENE CREED

A: We confess the faith of the church in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(After each petition the congregation responds with the refrain)

Refrain



God of mer - cy, hear our prayer.

A: Let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ Our Lord.

Coda



Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERINGS RECEIVED (*Many of our members give electronically. Learn more at clcdallas.org*)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O God Beyond All Praising" M. Perry, G. Holst

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord" (Verses 1, 4-6) S494



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now
 2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove, stars of heav - en, now
 3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold, dews of sum - mer, your
 4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing his worth, all you green things that



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
 sing his love; dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
 song un - fold; light and dark - ness, you day and night,
 grow on earth; seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,

Refrain



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty:
heat and fire, . . . you ice and snow: Raise your voic - es high,
clouds of thun - der, you light-nings bright:
beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:



praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
sing, you people of God, a song;
priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
all you humble, his praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

P: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord

God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

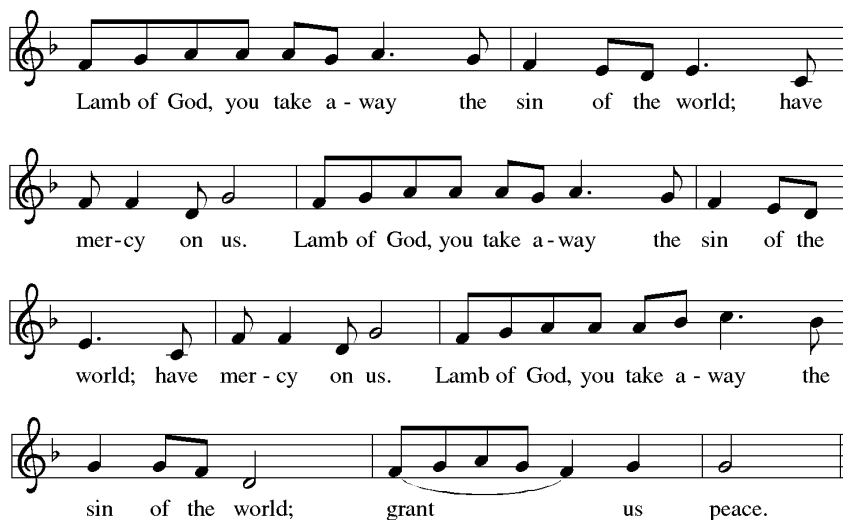


LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW Setting 3



P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated

(Please use the sanitizer in your pew as you come forward for the Sacrament. Communion will be

distributed continuously at the front of the center aisle. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or white grape juice. If you want to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms before your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a proper way to receive the Sacrament. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail for prayer after you receive communion. Someone can pray with you if you wish. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as they can)

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray (Silence). Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The presider blesses the people

SENDING HYMN: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" ELW 358 (Verses 4-5)



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con-fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

DISMISSAL

A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news! Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" B.A. Wren, T. Williams

ChristNotes



PLEASE BE A BOTHER!

Stop me if you've heard this (or said it yourself): "I'd love a visit from Pastor Ben, but I don't want to be a bother." I've

heard this firsthand and, maybe more often, secondhand from people as long as I've been a pastor. And I genuinely appreciate the kindness and consideration that motivates this line of thinking. People think I'm busy, which is usually true, and they may underrate the significance of their own particular needs.

But today, I want to talk to you about how important it is for you to bother me. It's true that I have a lot of tasks to attend to, and I greatly appreciate the support this congregation gives me in doing them. One thing I can't do for my own well-being and the practical requirements of my job is spend time wondering who might

want me to call or visit. I'm a pretty easy person to find—I'm in the same place every Sunday, I'm around a lot during the week, and my email address (and meeting appointment calendar) is in every email from the church—so if I don't see someone or hear from them, my working assumption is never "I bet that person really wants to talk to me." I count on people to let me know that they'd like to talk or want to visit their home.

The truth is, I like making visits. I try to be present as often as I can for anyone who is hospitalized, in a rehab facility, or receiving end-of-life care. But I don't always know when that's happening. And if people are having a hard time getting out of the house, to church, or just need some prayer and spiritual guidance, I'm not likely to know unless they tell me.

So please, be a bother! Send me an email, call me, or come to church on Sunday and ask to make an appointment. I'm grateful for all the time I've spent praying with people and walking with them through hard times. Try not to worry

whether your concern is “important” enough. If I can’t make it at that moment, I’ll try to set you up with someone who can or find a better time. Sometimes, things reach me “through the grapevine,” but it helps me if everyone assumes that unless you’ve said something to me directly, I may not know about it.

Thank you for all you do to support each other and me as we seek to be shaped into the image of Christ for the world. Be in touch any time— I’m happy to talk.

See you in church!

Pastor Ben

MT. OLIVE NEWS: If you enjoy serving others, please join us as we pack and distribute Blessing Bags every **Wednesday** at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3100 Martin Lutheran King Jr. Blvd. Please dress for work and the weather, and be prepared to make new friends!



- 9:30 to 11:00 AM – Pack Bags
- 11:00 to 1:00 PM – Distribute Bags

The Blessing Bags cost about \$4 per bag and consist of a portable, well-balanced lunch meal with Vienna sausages, a fruit cup, juice, water, a protein bar, peanut butter crackers, and other items. Up to 300 clients can be served this lunch every Wednesday.

For May, we request donations of Vienna Sausages that can be left in the red wagon in the Narthex. Donations of any amount are always appreciated and can be made online at clcdallas.org or by check/cash to CLC annotated with “Mt. Olive Food Pantry.” Not surprisingly, food prices and the number of clientele have continually increased.

If you have any questions, please contact Madge Earnshaw at 214-679-5391, Michelle Lamb at 214-886-3226, or Sharon Karol at 415-385-7988. We are incredibly grateful to our faithful donors for their continued support— you are a vital part of this ministry!

YOUTH: Elementary and Youth who are not in First Communion instructions will meet today. Classes will be combined with Ms. Kjerstine. They will be studying Acts chapter 10 and planting seeds.



(Hannah Dvorocsik - String Art Cross)



(Reagan Neuhoff - String Cross)

First Communion Instruction will take place after service, beginning at 11 AM. We will start in the sanctuary and then move to the Narthex to paint our chalices. First Communion will be held on May 12 during our worship service.



Consider donating to our Youth Gathering Trip to New Orleans by taking a crown located in the narthex or scanning the QR code. Thank you!



(First communion students try on vestments for worship)



VBS is May 30-June 1 with the theme "The Greatest". Register now using the QR code for 3 days of Love God, Love Yourself & Love Your Neighbor.



We need your help to make our Vacation Bible School a success! You can get involved by leading a group or assisting behind the scenes. If interested, please contact Eliana or

sign up using the QR code.

Do you have a passion for art and design? We need your help with the VBS setup. Your creative touch will bring our VBS to life. Please let Eliana know if you're interested.

We want to do a Middle School mission experience in June or October. Email Eliana if you have a child in grades 6-7 this fall and are interested in this opportunity.

ADULT EDUCATION: May 28, 2024



(Morgan Schmidlin of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest visits adult education (thanks to Melissa Dvorocsik)

BOOK CLUB will meet at 7 PM on Monday, May

6, at 9343 Forest Hills Blvd, Dallas. Madge Earnshaw will host and lead the discussion on Boys from Biloxi: A Legal Thriller" by John Grisham. Everyone is welcome whether or not they have read the book.



BASEBALL & FIREWORKS!

Join CLC for Baseball & Fireworks! We're cheering on the Frisco Roughriders on May 10 at 7:05 PM. Seats are \$12 each. Sign up in the narthex or

email pamstein92@gmail.com. Payment by check or QR code. Tickets will be sent via email a few days before the game. Don't miss this exciting event!

M&M: The next M&M meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, at 6 PM. This is our official "end of the year" meeting/dinner. Please mark your calendars and join us at the Thirsty Lion, 7859 Walnut Hill Lane (Preston Hollow Village).

In order to make a reservation, we will need to know if you can attend, so please RSVP to Cissy - palomares9090@gmail.com.

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT:

Have you ever changed a person's life in a single day? The Texas Ramps Project does it 2400 times a year!

Join us for our Fall ramp build on Saturday, October 12, and give a deserving soul the gift of freedom and independence! For more info, contact Ron Palomares at rsp9090@gmail.com or go to www.texasramps.org.

THE BLOOD DRIVE The Fall blood drive is tentatively scheduled for September 15; stay tuned for more information. ~ Community Outreach

SERVING TODAY

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Kerry Dueholm

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Hando Nahkur

Cantor/Musicians: Sanctuary Choir, Romali Fernando, Karen Morton

Assisting Minister: Greg Smith

Communion Assistant: Shannon Cockrell

Crucifer: Kyle Bruns

Acolyte: Noah Bruns

Altar Guild: Shannon Cockrell

Altar Flowers: Pam Stein

Ushers: Jeff & Connie Uhri, Russ Sharp, and Murray Smith II

Audio Tech: Gary Haschke

Stream Tech: Sergio Peña

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Flower Committee.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

<u>For Healing</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Manuel Acosta	Friend of Suzanne D.
Eric Barr	CLC Member
Mary Ellen Durham	CLC Member
Bonnie Fisher	Friend of Don & Pat
Lauren Lee	CLC Member
The Reynolds Family	Friends of the Smiths
Elaine Smith	CLC Member
Courtney Spellicy	CLC Member

Jack Strobel	CLC Member
Shirley	Mother of Mark Lamb
Marc Walker	Brother of Suzanne D.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Christina Hagens	05/05
Mary Ellen Durham	05/06

BIRTHDAYS

Elijah Dueholm	05/05
Linda Palafox	05/06
Sarah Dzygun	05/08
Matthew Breitenstine	05/10
Linda Marquart	05/11

NEXT SUNDAY'S ASSISTANTS: 9:30 AM

Assisting Minister: Virginia Worley

Communion Assistant: Rita Horst

Crucifer: Michael Claussen

Acolyte: Abby Morton

Altar Guild: Madge Earnshaw

Altar Flowers: Laura Smith

Ushers: Jeff & Connie Uhri, Russ Sharp, and Murray Smith II

FINANCIALS - FEBRUARY

General Fund

Income	142,558.94
Expense	\$117,907.50
Net	\$24,651.44

Building Fund

Income:	21,082.16
Expense:	14,118
Net	\$6,964.16

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