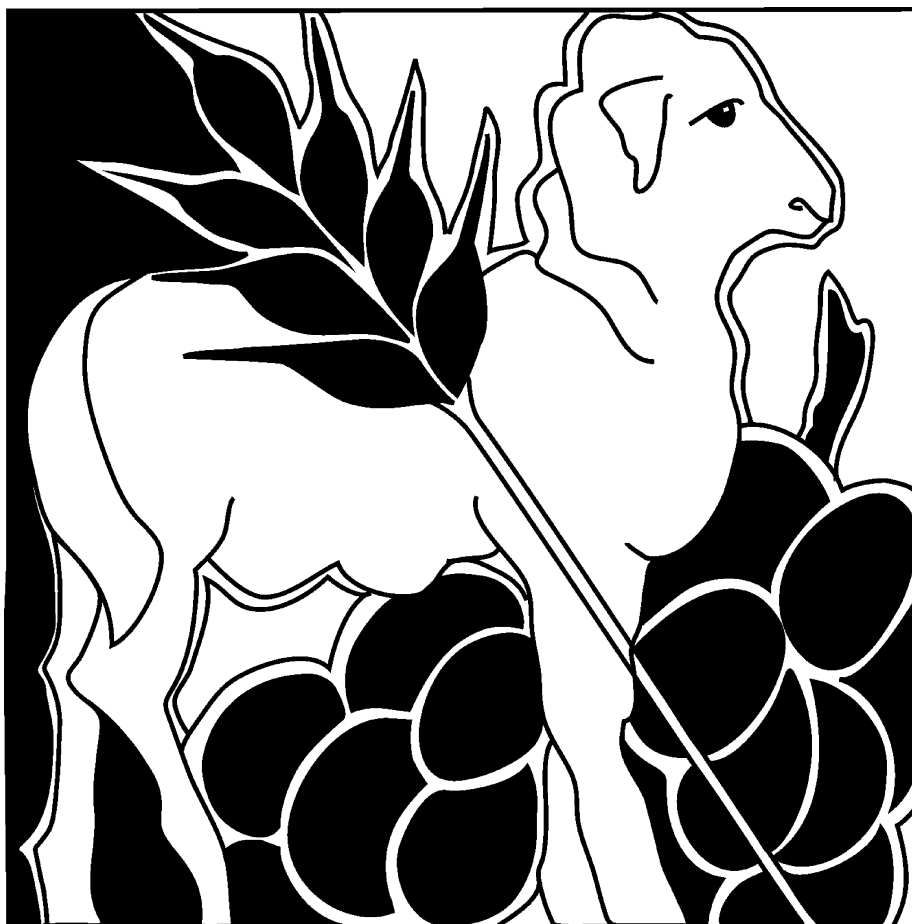


Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:30 p.m.



MIDVALE
COMMUNITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of
believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to
PRAISE, LIVE and **SHARE** God's love.

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Welcome to all - We're glad you're here!

Connect with Midvale! Cards are available in the seatback holders. If you are new to our worship, have a prayer request, an address change, would like a pastor to call, or would like to get involved in any of our ministries, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher.

Holy Communion is celebrated during each worship service. Jesus, who is present in this meal, welcomes ALL; there is a place for YOU at our Lord's table! In this meal, we receive the grace and love of God, and we are connected with one another in God's mission. More information about how to receive communion is printed in the order of worship following the Lord's Prayer.

Worshipping with children - All children are welcome in worship! To support families in worship, there are children's worship bags inside the entrances to the Sanctuary with quiet activities. Children's bulletins for both pre-readers and readers are available on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary. There is a Cry Room along the right-hand side of the Sanctuary and an unstaffed nursery with an audio connection to worship down the main hallway past the restrooms. Some families find sitting towards the front so children have a good view of worship works well.

Large Print bulletins are available.

T-Coil Hearing Loop is installed inside our worship center. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system without having to use a separate device. For those without T-coil equipped hearing aids, Loop Listener headphones are available from the ushers.



Midvale Community Lutheran Church welcomes all because Jesus welcomes all.
With you here, we are closer to who God is calling us to be.
If you've felt excluded or harmed in any way, you are welcome here.
Your gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are welcome here.
Your family, children, friends, and partner are welcome here.
Your abilities, culture, socioeconomic circumstances, race, and
religious background are welcome here.
Here you will find an affirming community committed to racial equity
and welcoming of all.
We strive for all people to experience God's abundance.

In Christ, you are loved.

Welcome!



*Midvale is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.*

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he gave the command, or mandate, from which Maundy Thursday receives its name, to love one another "just as I have loved you." Again tonight, Christ gives himself to us in the bread and wine of holy communion. In this meal we are blessed with and challenged by God's love in Christ and the command to share that sacrificial love with the whole world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Nearer My God to Thee

arr. Mark Albrecht
Tyrone Greive, violin
Laura Svaren, piano

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

First Reading: Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

There's a Cross for Me

Douglas E. Wagner
Adult Choir
Tyrone Greive, violin
Laura Svaren, piano

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

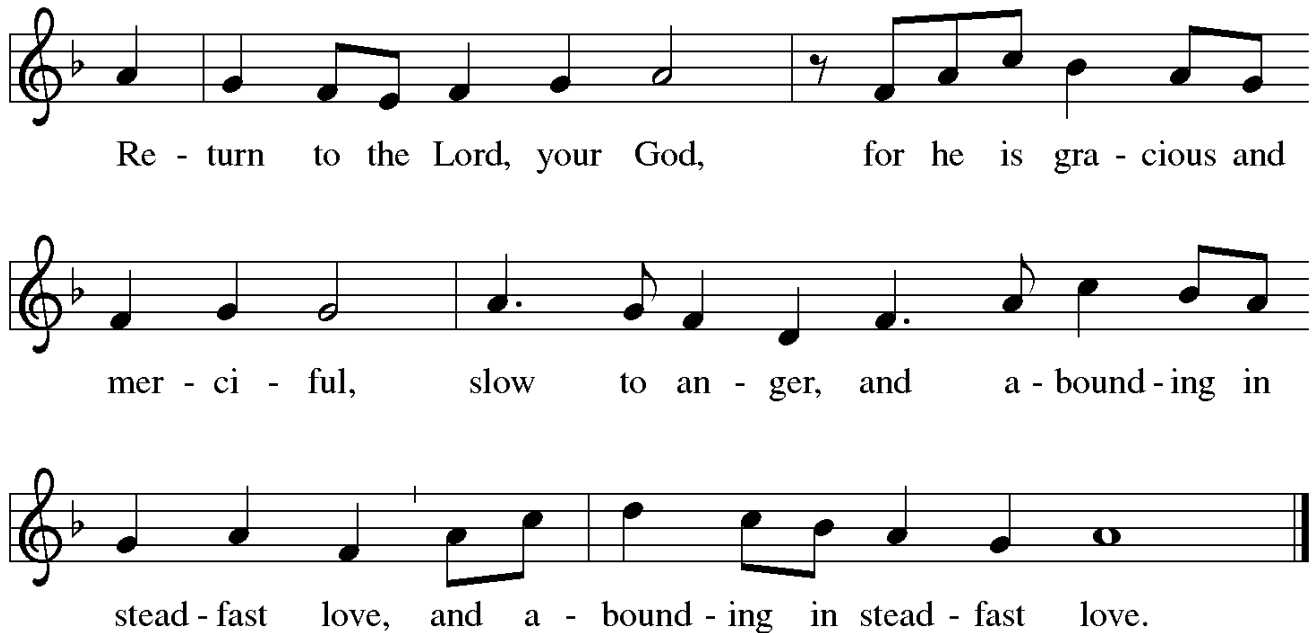
²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.


Sermon

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.


Hymn of the Day #708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

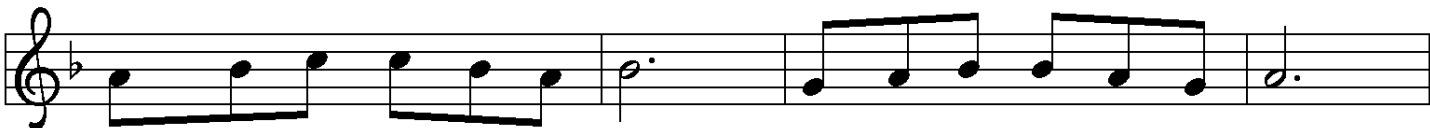
Refrain



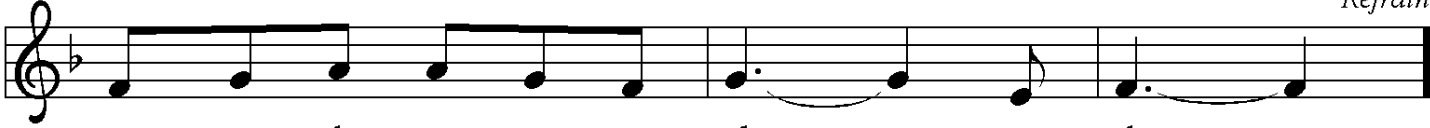
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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The assembly is seated.

Foot Washing

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

The pastor washes the feet of a representative of the congregation.

Hymn #360

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



- 1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
- 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
- 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

The assembly stands.

O God, in great love you formed the church. Continue to fashion your people. Lead us into unity; teach us to wash each other's feet; gather us all at your one table of mercy. Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As we share the peace of Christ, we extend the reconciliation we have received from Christ to one another. Respecting the comfort and health of all in our community, please use a verbal greeting, a raising of the hand, a handshake, or hug, based on the consent of each person.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and envelopes are available in the seatback holders. In addition to the offerings collected today, we recognize the offerings given by mail and electronically. All donations are a sign of giving our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts.

For those that would like to donate online, here is the QR code to the giving page of our website:



Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name. Amen.



MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Instrumental music is played as the table is set.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion is offered with bread or gluten free cracker, and wine or juice. To receive the sacrament, please approach the altar as directed by the ushers.

- To receive the bread, hold your hands open and the server will break off a piece of bread and place it in your hands.*
- To receive a gluten free cracker, approach the altar with your hands at your side. Say to the server that you would like a gluten free cracker. The server will hold out the tray of crackers and invite you to take one from the tray.*
- To receive wine or juice, move to the next server and take a cup from the communion tray; there is red wine and light-colored juice available in each tray. Place your empty cup in the basket.*

Children not yet receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing. Children can indicate their wish for a blessing by keeping their hands down at their sides. The server will make a sign of the cross and bless them in Jesus' name.

If it is difficult for you to come forward, or, if for any reason you prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. The pastor will bring communion to you after those coming forward have received communion.

Special Music

He Prays Alone

based on a traditional Spiritual

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen,

Adult Choir

Tyrone Greive, violin

Laura Svaren, piano

Communion Hymn #712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Communion Hymn #494

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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The assembly remains seated.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 22 - Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

You are invited to quietly meditate on the psalm as it is chanted by the cantors. Some may desire to follow along as it is sung. The psalms are included in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship book in the seat back holders, beginning on page 339.

Stripping of the Altar

As the psalm is chanted, the decorative elements are removed from the chancel area. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments and books are removed from the worship space. This is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation by his Roman captors and brings to mind for us the suffering of Christ.

There is no benediction. All leave the church in silence.

The worship continues on Good Friday at 7:30pm and concludes on Easter Day.

Holy Week Worship

Good Friday worship

March 29 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary and online

Easter Sunday worship

March 31 at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30am

8:00am service available online on Facebook Live

Easter breakfast

March 31 from 8:45 - 10:30am

Midvale Youth are offering Easter breakfast on in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving hot egg casseroles, with and without meat, yogurt, breads and fruit.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Preaching	Pastor Blake Rohrer
Presiding	Pastor Katie Baardseth
Accompanist	Laura Svaren
Violinist	Tyrone Greive
Cantors	Noah Lange, Meredith Loewenstein
Lector	Julie Walsh
Communion Assistants	Gayle Perlberg, Cheryl Krull
Ushers	Gene Nelson, Kip Schick, John Warnick, Margaret Hoffman, Susan Knowles
Footwashing Representative	Marie Nordeng
AV Technician	Jay Wians
Livestream Moderator	Kristen Crisp
Chancel Guild	Cheryl Krull
Director of Music Ministry	Laura Svaren
Adult Choir Director	Kathy Otterson

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