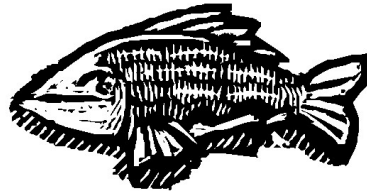
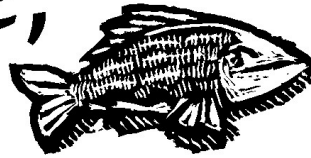


January 21, 2024
The Third Sunday After Epiphany

Follow Me,
and I
will make you



become
fishers
of men.

Mark 1:17, NKJV

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
Racine, Wisconsin

Special thanks to greeter Carol Riekema, assisting minister Lynn Sinclair, lector Marianne Jensen, communion assistants Steve Barootian and Roger Degerman, audio visual technician Todd Jansen, altar guild Joni Reske, Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, and Lori Neu, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, council person in charge Laurie Knudson, coffee fellowship Robin Albright Miller, the Senior Choir and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

As with Gladness Men of Old

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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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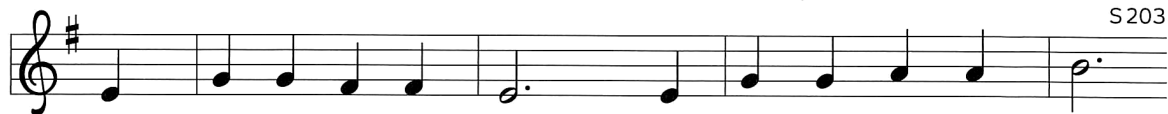
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GREETING

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

KYRIE



S203

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



S204a

- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit,

and make us worthy of your call,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

`Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

PULPIT HYMN

The Senior Choir will sing the first verse in Spanish. The congregation will sing the next four verses in English.

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

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You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,	no has bus -
1	You	have	come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the



ca - do	ni a sa - bios ni a	ri - cos;	tan só - lo
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



quie - res	que yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for me	to	fol - low.
fish nets	and will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to	call me.



Se - ñor,	me has mi - ra - do a los	o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to my eyes;		kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho mi nom - bre.	En la a - re - na	he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my	



bar - ca;	jun - to a ti	bus - ca - ré o - tro	mar.
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek oth - er	seas.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

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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.**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

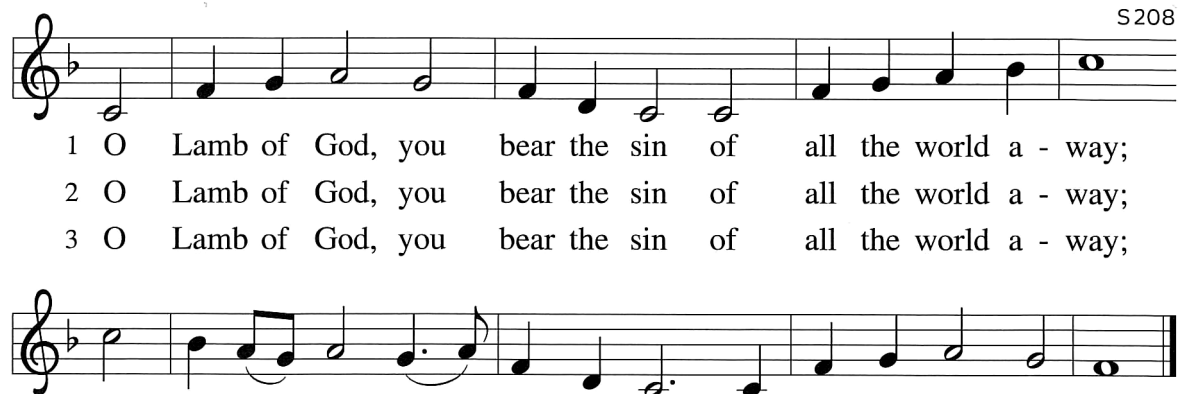
LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it in heaven.
Give us this day is 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.**

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COMMUNION SONG

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you, and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on each staff.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Grant us, Loving God, a glimpse of your splendid Light, that we might be guided through all of life's challenges and unexpected turns. Show us the way to the abundant life You desire for all of Your children.

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Grant us, Loving God, the vision of a world at peace. Inspire those who are working to resolve the most painful conflicts around the globe- and inspire each of us to do what we can to build a more just community and nation where all can be safe, secure and respected. Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Grant us, Loving God, a keen understanding of the exquisite, fragile beauty of the world around us - and what it means to be attentive stewards of all you have made. Make us especially aware and appreciative of the precious gift of fresh water and guide us to wise choices that will preserve this resource for generations to come. Loving God,

hear our prayer. .

Grant us, Loving God, the wisdom to be better connected with one another. In a world filled with screens and technology, remind us of the simple beauty of face to face conversation. Teach us what it means to truly listen to one another. And help us to be more fearless in our outreach to others. Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Grant us, Loving God, the uplifting presence of your spirit in the midst of our weakness and pain. Bless all who are heavy-laden with illness, injury, weariness or discouragement. We especially pray for..... Bless them - and bless doctors, nurses, aides, and caregivers, that their work may be an extension of your grace. Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Grant us, Loving God, sincere gratitude for the blessings we have been given. In the wake of life's frustrations or disappointments, remind us of what matters most. Open our eyes to more clearly see life's many gifts, especially those gifts we so easily take for granted. Remind us of how richly blessed we are, that we in turn might seek to be a blessing to each other. Loving God,

hear our prayer. .

Hear these spoken prayers - and the unspoken prayers of our hearts - and grant us grace sufficient for all our needs, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

BLESSING

God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Please join us in the lounge for a cup of coffee, a treat, and a time of fellowship.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Jim and Joleen Carlson in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a time cup of coffee, some goodies, and a time of fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. We understand that not everyone will be comfortable with this practice yet, so the individual wafer/juice cups are still available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary if you feel more comfortable taking communion in your pew.

Confirmation Class

The confirmation class will meet at noon today and next Sunday in the Youth Room.

Ketchup Club

Our Ketchup Club outings have been so much fun! We would love to have more of you come join this friendly, welcoming group to share some laughs and lively conversations. In January we will try another new restaurant. Join us for lunch on Tuesday, January 23rd at 11:30 at Aries Café, 4713 Douglas Avenue in Racine (the old Honeybees Restaurant). Please let pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com) or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know today if you plan to join us so we can reserve a big enough table. But, if you find yourself unexpectedly free that time, we will happily make room at the table for you, so please come join the fun! Hope to see you there!

Quilting Group Meets This Tuesday

The HCLC Quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No prior quilting experience is necessary and they would love to have more help. Please call Evelyn Lajiness, 262-634-0527, or Linda Holmquist, 262-633-0032, if you have any questions.

Save the Date For the Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on February 11th after the worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting where the budget for 2024 will be voted on and council members elected. If you are interested in joining the council, please see the back of today's bulletin for more information.

Finance Update

December Numbers

Revenue: \$91,279.75
Expense: \$55,876.09
Net Income: \$35,403.66

2023 Year-to-date umbers

Revenue: \$560,936.41
Expense: \$539,848.13
Net Income: \$21,088.28

Warm Clothing and Blankets for the Hospitality Center

If you have extra blankets, sheets, pillows or warm clothing, the Hospitality Center could use them! They give these items away throughout the cold weather season so you can bring them in until spring. You can put them in the back of the church on Sunday morning or bring them to the office during the week.

Food Pantry

For January we are asking for donations of these items: canned peas, cereal, tomato soup, saltines, chicken noodle soup and bar soap. We can always use brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags. We are so grateful to everyone who helps the pantry through gifts of their time, food items, or monetary donations. It would not be possible to continue this ministry without you!

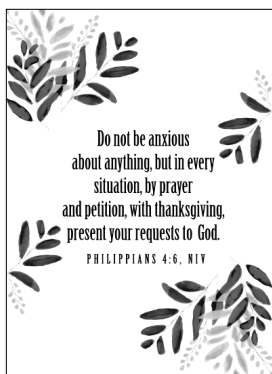
For about eight years we have been putting devotional booklets on a table for our guests to take. During the first year and a half of the pandemic, I noticed more of the booklets were being taken. That led me to believe people are spiritually hungry as well. We have now started putting our Bibles and children's Bible storybooks. The problem is that we can't keep up with the demand, so this is where we need your help. If you have any Bibles or Bible storybooks you are not using, please bring them for the pantry. The books don't have to be new - gently used books are fine.

Cooking Class With Staci Joers

Join us for another of Staci Joers fabulous cooking classes at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. Staci will prepare a menu of delicious classics featuring Arancini (fried risotto stuffed with mozzarella) served with five-minute Marinara, Beef Bourguignon, Rice Pilaf, and Cannoli Pudding. The cost of the class is \$23. The classes have sold out when Staci presented here in the past, and the class size is limited so don't delay getting your reservation in today!

Altar Flowers

We still have many openings for altar flowers. Each vase costs \$25.00 and you may take the flowers home after worship or we can take them to a shut in. Currently we have no altar flowers February 11, 18, and 25, March 10 and 24, April 14 and 30, May 5 and 26, June 16, 23, and 30, July 7, 14, and 21, September 29, October 6 and 27, November 3, 10 and 17, and December 8, 15, and 22. Other dates are available for a second vase. Altar flower forms are available at the scrip table, in the office and the welcome center, and on the table in the back of the church.



Prayer Team

How can we pray for you? Our prayer team wants to pray for you and all those you lift up in prayer. Do you ever think or say, "God please help me!" (Or help my mom, my child, a friend or the world.) Perhaps someone is weighing heavy on your mind, is ill or having surgery. Are you thankful or joyful for an occurrence in your life? Please share these thoughts using the wooden prayer box on the table in the back of the church. You can email them to Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net or call or email the church office. If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning.

Prayer changes things!

Giving With Tithe.ly

If you open your cell phone camera, focus on the QR code to the right and click on the screen, it will take you to a web page where you can make a donation to HCLC through Tithe.ly with your credit card or bank account. You can choose to make a one time donation or recurring donations, whether you pay by credit card or from your checking or savings account, and if your donation should go to the general fund, the food pantry, or another fund. Many of our members have decided automatic giving through tithe.ly is a simple way to stay up to date with their pledges and to make special offerings. If you need help, you can contact Keri in the office, and she will help you sign up.





Help Wanted: Join Our Church Council!



Are you passionate about making a difference? Do you have ideas for creating positive change and fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment? If so, we invite you to become a vital part of our Church Council!

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with a diverse team to shape the direction and initiatives of Holy Communion.
- Offer insights, guidance, and innovative ideas for community outreach, events, and support programs.
- Help facilitate decision-making processes that align with Holy Communion's mission, values and goals.
- Act as a liaison between the congregation and church leadership to ensure effective communication and understanding.

Qualifications:

- Enthusiasm for contributing to the growth and well-being of Holy Communion.
- Strong communication and teamwork skills.
- Willingness to commit time and effort to attend meetings and participate in planning sessions.
- Respect for diverse perspectives and a commitment to inclusivity.

Perks:

- The opportunity to make a meaningful impact and inspire positive change.
- Collaborate with a dedicated team of individuals passionate about serving others.
- Personal and spiritual growth through community engagement and leadership development.
- Deepen your connection with Holy Communion and its mission.

Join us in creating a warm, compassionate, and thriving community where everyone feels valued and supported. Your voice and ideas matter!

To Apply: If you're excited about this opportunity to serve and grow with us, please reach out to anyone on the Church Council or any one of the Pastors.

Kylee Albright	Jim Black	Joleen Carlson
Dave Knudson	Laurie Knudson	Andy Larson
Rebecca Mason	Polly Timmerman	

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 22 1:00 Food Pantry

Tuesday, January 23 11:30 Ketchup Club at Aries Café
1:00 Quilting Group

Friday, January 26 1:00 Food Pantry

Sunday, January 28 9:30 Worship & Sunday School
12:00 Confirmation Class

Monday, January 29 1:00 Food Pantry

Friday, February 2 1:00 Food Pantry

Sunday, February 4 9:30 Worship & Sunday School

Monday, February 5 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
1:00 Food Pantry

Thursday, February 8 10:00 Birthday Club

Friday, February 9 9:00 Men's Group

Sunday, February 11 9:30 Worship & Sunday School
10:30 Annual Congregational Meeting