

**CHRIST**



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAY MARCH 10TH, 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



**OUR MISSION:** God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**. During your time at church today we recommend that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for all who wish to use them.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of  
sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you  
know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life  
through † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

# KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



**A - men.**

## GATHERING HYMN — *For our God so Loved the World*



For our God so loved the world, that he gave his on - ly Son.  
For our God so loved the world, that he gave his on - ly Son.  
Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,



His be - liev - ers shall not per - ish, but shall have e - ter - nal life.  
His be - liev - ers shall not per - ish, but shall have e - ter - nal life.  
Christ your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:



Just as Mo - ses, in the de - sert, lift - ed high the bronz - en ser - pent,  
Je - sus, sent by God from hea - ven, shines a light on deeds of dark - ness,  
Through your suf - f'ring, death and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.



So must the son of Man be lift - ed up for all to see,  
 Not to judge the world, but save it, that we may have e - ter - nal life!  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus un - to you.



That we may live for e - ter - ni - ty!  
 That we may have e - ter - nal - life!  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due!

**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**

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING—NUMBERS 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

**PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
 for God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
 that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
 from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

- <sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**
- <sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.
- <sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**
- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## **SECOND READING— EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

“Word of God, Word of Life.” **Thanks to be God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*♫ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*Repent, says the Lord, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*♫ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL—JOHN 3:14-21

The Gospel According to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON—PR DEE EMMERT

### HYMN OF THE DAY—*ELW 323 God Loved the World*



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## THE 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, Scott and Carol, Marty, George G., Maryann H., Michael H, Evie D., Pastor Sara, the family and friends of Dan L., and the family and friends of Shirley Cosgrove. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

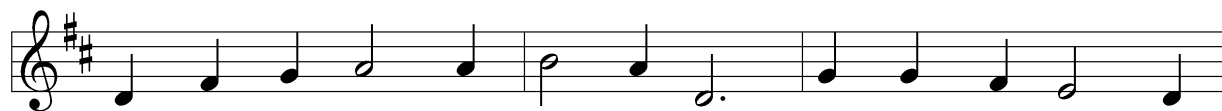
## MEAL

*Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.  
For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC— LBW 336: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no  
2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure  
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue and daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be thy love my peace, in weak - ness be thy



tongue de - clare; u - nite my thank - ful heart to thee,  
love a - lone; oh, may thy love pos - sess me whole,  
thee as - pire. Oh, may thy love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; and when the storms of life shall cease,



and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, thine a -  
my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, be thou my rod and



lone, I am; be thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; my ev - 'ry act, word, thought, be love.  
all my care to guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide, and draw me safe - ly to thy side!

### OFFERTORY 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly,  
Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav -  
en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your res-ur -  
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a gain.



O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.



When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, O  
Lord, un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a gain.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

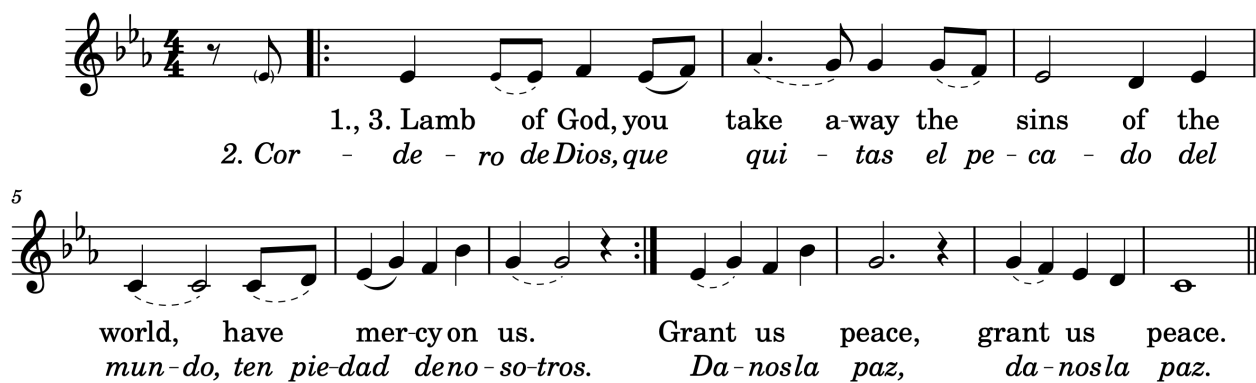
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

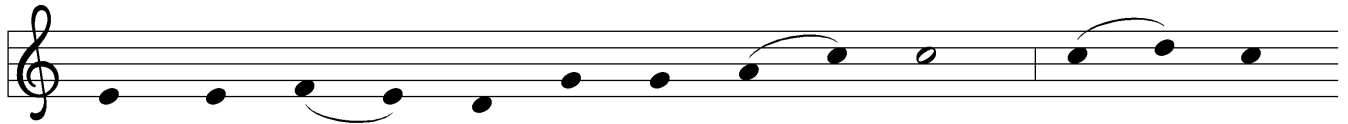
Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

### AGNUS DEI



1., 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
2. *Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del*  
5  
world, have mer-cy on us. Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
*mun-do, ten pie-dad deno-so-tros. Da-nos la paz, da-nos la paz.*

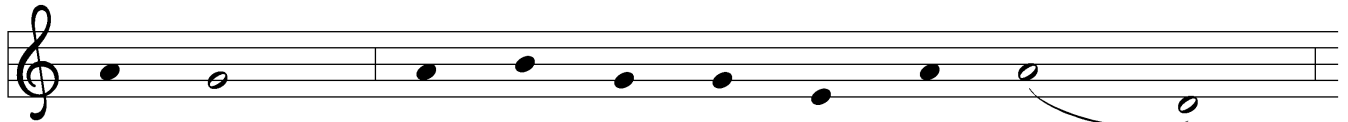
COMMUNION HYMN— ELW 355: *Sing, My Tongue* (PANGE LINGUA)



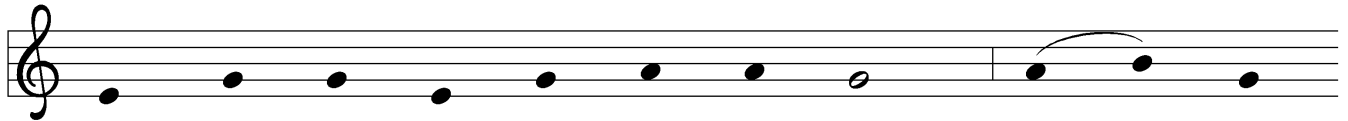
1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the  
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in  
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -  
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus  
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



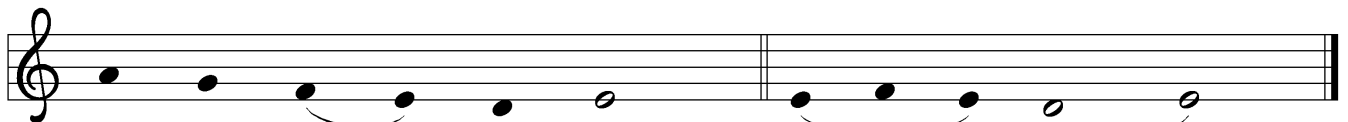
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous  
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's  
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of  
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,  
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;  
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;  
 wom - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,  
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;  
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished  
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the  
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as  
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the  
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.  
 world from death would free.  
 light a - midst the gloom.  
 cross his dy - ing breath.  
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
 be for all the noblest tree;  
 none in foliage, none in blossom,  
 none in fruit your equal be;  
 symbol of the world's redemption,  
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;  
 to the Father and the Son,  
 to the eternal Spirit honor  
 now and evermore be done;  
 praise and glory in the highest,  
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Community Announcements*

### BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace. Amen.

### SENDING HYMN— *Love Will Not Let Me Go*

1. O Love, O Love, O Love, that  
2. O Light, O Light, O Light, that  
3. O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that  
4. O Cross, O Cross, O Cross, that

will not let me go, O Love, I rest my wea - ry  
fol - lows all my way, O Light, I yield my flick' - ring  
seek - est me through pain, O Joy, I can - not close my  
lift - est up my head, O Cross I dare not ask to

soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
torch to thee. My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
heart to thee. I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
fly from thee. I lay in dust, life's glo - ry dead, and

in thy o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, ful - ler be.  
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the pro - mise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

During the season of Lent our worship concludes without a postlude, as we await the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

## WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

**Facebook Livestream:** Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

**Online Bulletins:** Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

**And Don't Forget Your Offering:** Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the "Giving" tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tiekou at 510-290-2125

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 13th & 20th**— Soup Supper/Evening Prayer @ CLC 6:30pm

**April 20th**—Church Clean Up

**CLC Library closing**— Please feel free to take books home with you.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

#### **Sunday**

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-Anon

#### **Monday**

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

4:30-5:45 PM Tai Chi

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

#### **Tuesday**

4:00-5:00 PM Tai Chi

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday**

5:30-6:30 PM Tai Chi

6:30 PM Soup Supper/Evening Prayer

#### **Thursday**

5:00-6:00 PM Tai Chi

7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

#### **Saturday**

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**The Ministers:** The Congregation

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pr. Dee Emmert

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Amy T.

**Coffee Hour:**

**Usher:**

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:**

**Flowers:** Greens for Lent

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Fred	Roz
Mike and Liz S.	Marty S.	Pat
Chad B.	Molly B.	Duwayne
TJ Baar	Scott & Carol F.	Joan
The Vale	Mark M.	Pastor Doris Ng
Community	Ted & Jacque E.	Evie D.
Robin & Wendy	George G.	Dee
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Anna
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	The friends and
Orlando G.	Michael H.	family of Dan L.
Karen H.	Heidi	friends and family
Laurie P.	Jan	of Shirley C.

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