

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of the ELCA**

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***Worship Plan for Sunday, December 28, 2025 \* First Sunday of Christmas***

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, where grace and love abound. While we wait and prepare for a new pastor, we invite you to participate fully in the vibrant life of the congregation, and to join us in prayer as we continue to serve God and God's people during this time of transition.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Enriching lives through faith and God's grace.

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please fill out a worship attendance card found in the pew racks. Prayer requests may be included on the reverse side for one Sunday or bulletin publication.

**INVITATION TO BAPTISM:** We would like to extend to you the blessing of Baptism and encourage you to contact the church office to be baptized.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Christ is truly present through the power of God's Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to come forward and be renewed in the covenant God made with us in our baptism. All are gladly invited and welcome. If, in coming forward, you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we ask you to fold your hands over your chest so you may receive a pastoral blessing. The Sacrament will be brought to those unable to come forward to the altar (notify an usher). Available upon request: gluten-, wheat-, corn-, dairy- and soy-free wafers.

**CHILDREN'S COMMUNION:** Families are encouraged to come to the rail together during the distribution. Children may receive Communion or a special blessing from the Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children of all ages is immediately following the Children's Chat.

**CELL PHONES:** Please silence your cell phones before Worship.

***Following worship, ALL are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.***

## **Introduction to the day**

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE: God Still Speaks**

Today’s gospel reading contains a terrible story. There is no way around that fact; there is no way to wrap this account in fancy paper and tie it with a bow, disguising the fact that this is a terrible story. There have always been terrible stories; maybe there always will be. And yet, tucked in and around and between Bible stories of death, despair, and hopelessness are often stories of new life, courage, and hope. This gospel text is no exception.

Where is God when evil happens? This is a question people have pondered since time began. What the Bible tells us over and over is that God never abandons people, no matter how bad things get. As God was with Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as they rushed to leave the area and find shelter in Egypt, God was with all families in Bethlehem too, weeping alongside them.

In today’s story, God speaks to Joseph through his dreams. Remarkably, Joseph responds by fleeing to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, and then returning to Judea after Herod dies. While we’re more likely to set dreams aside as we look at all the facts and weigh all our options, Joseph simply pays attention and acts. If he had waited for some sort of proof that Egypt was the only way out for him and his family, this would be a very different story.

God still speaks to us today, especially in holy baptism, holy communion, and the Bible. In the gospel reading, what might God be saying to you and to your faith community? How might you spend more time listening for God this week?

***Please stand for the Processional***

## **PROCESSIONAL *Come, All You People: Uyaimose* (ELW 819)**

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt. Text © 1986 World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, and the Asian Institute of Liturgy & Music, notation and English paraphrase by I-to Loh.

## **AM: WELCOME**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church where grace and love abound. A special welcome to those joining us on line, to those of you who are here for the first time, and to our guest preacher, David Moe. The long-awaited Messiah comes to us in human form – a baby boy named Jesus. As we celebrate with humility and joy God's life-changing, redeeming gift to us, we are renewed and refreshed, ready to love as Jesus loves us, and eager to welcome the permanent pastor to whom God leads us. Our days and weeks here at Faith are filled with opportunities to know, love, and serve God. Join us – you are ALL always welcome!

## **AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers were provided by Sandra Miller, celebrating Chandler's birthday, and by Mike and Joanne McGavran, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary...which happens to be today! Come down to the Fellowship Hall following the service and have some cake!

If you would like to donate towards the poinsettias, they are \$16.00 each. You may take one home, if you'd like. Please either place a check in the offering plate, or pay through Zelle, Venmo, PayPal or Vanco and note "poinsettia."

Today is the last day the Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex. Pick up a flyer for all of the information you'll need.

This quarter (October - December) Outreach is collecting the following items for MilVet: Chewing gum (individually wrapped packs) and beef sticks (individually wrapped). The items will be used in monthly boxes sent to deployed military. The donation box is in the Narthex.

For December, we are collecting canned tuna and meat, grocery bags, and empty egg cartons. Please place donations in the wire basket in the foyer.

For more information and a complete monthly calendar, contact the church office.

## **SILENCE**

Let us take a moment of silence to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

## **P: GATHERING**

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

## **P: 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.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,

**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 275**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

## **GATHERING SONG: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (ELW 275)**

**With Pr. Ken on guitar**

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## **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

### **P: WORD**

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

### **FIRST LESSON INTRODUCTION**

The prophet recalls the goodness of God when the nation was being born. He harkens back to the covenant God made with His people at Sinai and His guiding them through the wilderness. Though God punishes His people for their sins, He continues to love them, care for them, and guide them. God carries on His gracious work of salvation. God himself will come to save His people, getting involved like a parent who picks up a child and carries him.

### **LECTOR: FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior <sup>9</sup> in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM INTRODUCTION**

This hymn of praise is the third of five ending the Psalter and often named the "Hallelujah Psalms" from the Hebrew words, Hallel Yahweh, shortened to

HallelYah with which each begins, ends and frequently resounds throughout the hymn. The jubilant outburst of song summons the whole of creation to celebrate. Just as each element of creation honors God best by existing as created, so humankind can best fulfill God's command by living as God created us to live. Our purpose in life is to praise God alongside and as part of God's creation. From animals to the natural elements, from the sun and the moon, and from the most powerful leaders to the youngest child playing outside, this psalm calls creation to join together in praise of God.

### **LECTOR: PSALMODY: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! Amen.**

### **SECOND LESSON INTRODUCTION**

The writer contends that it was God's will to make Jesus "perfect through suffering" (v. 10). Perfection here means "to be complete" or "mature" (telios). By implication, it could be argued that it is God's will to make us complete through suffering also. After all, didn't Jesus charge that we must take up our cross and follow him? God can also make us perfect (complete) through suffering for the sake of righteousness.

Hebrews 2:10 presents the key claim of the passage: that the sovereign, Creator God brings human beings to salvation through the suffering of the divine Son who was born as a human (incarnate), Jesus. The word pioneer (archegos) used of Jesus in verse 10 is significant. It can refer both to someone in a preeminent position, such as a leader or ruler, and to a founder or originator of something. Both meanings apply to Jesus as the pioneer of human salvation, and they certainly overlap.

**LECTOR: SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand for the gospel***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL INTRODUCTION**

The fury of Herod finds tragic expression. He decides on a "permanent solution" to ensure that a messiah is not born in Bethlehem. Matthew uses the tragic story

to illustrate how not even evil in its most catastrophic form can thwart God's determination to save.

Four times a messenger from God, an angel, converses with a sleeping Joseph. The first subconscious dialogue proclaims the birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:20). The second provides a way of escape (2:13). The third dream posits the all-clear signal (2:19). Joseph is to leave Egypt because the security and refuge that it offers is no longer needed. A fourth and final sleeping encounter portends the perpetual presence of danger. Joseph himself surmises danger and acts accordingly.

**P: GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." <sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." <sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** David Moe



## **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 650**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)**

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## **AM: APOSTLE'S CREED**

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

### **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.**

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

## **PASTOR AND ASSISTING MINISTER: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

God of grace, you show us mercy not according to our worthiness, but according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Grant us the courage to go into the world and do likewise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have desecrated your creation, make us into a healing balm for what we have broken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of righteousness, when leaders fail to fulfill their calls to enact justice, you suffer alongside us. Propel those in power to see you reflected in the faces of all they serve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as Christ's siblings. Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand. We pray especially for the family of Pr. Ken Anderson; Briana; Ian Berger; Mary Booth; Arnette Calkins; Rich and Sandy Chandler; Vicki Crow; Eleanor Diaz; Debbie Ehrig; Doris Hays; Sarge Hunter; Eileen Johnson; the Kadow and Forbes families; Mike Latchford; Don Little; Donna McCain; Sandra Miller; Dee Mills; Carol Morris; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Nancy Randolph and family; Marilyn Rieti; Amy Sinclair; Shalonne Stone; Joyce Stromberg; Kiki Thomas; Nicholas Thomas; Earlean Wagner; Diana Ward; Harold Whitford; the homebound; the emergency responders; the San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you nurture children as the apple of your eye. As you sheltered your son Jesus from Herod's grasp, shelter all children in danger. As you comforted Rachel, comfort all who have lost children to violence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you console those who weep for lost beloved ones (*especially*). Even as we mourn, we offer thanks for those who have gone before us, trusting in your comfort and protection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those on the Call Committee who shall discern a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**P: PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **P: OFFERING**

This week we highlight the ministry of the Church Council, the governing body of Faith Lutheran. They assure that the constitution of our congregation is followed and updated when necessary. They also oversee staffing, various committees and teams, finances and special ministries of the church. It is an honor and privilege to be invited to be nominated and elected to serve on the council. Please prayerfully consider helping in this vital and necessary ministry as we approach elections in February, 2026.

This morning's offering, including our prayers and pledges, will now be brought forward and lifted up to God during the Musical Offering.

***Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along***

## **MUSICAL OFFERING: *Mary, Did You Know? (sung by Pentatonix)***

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## **AM: OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**P: GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Pr. Ken Puccio presiding

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

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.**

**P: PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ALL SING)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### **P: THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

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.

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.**

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

**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.**

### **P: INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table. Gather at the altar rail to receive the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you've received the communion elements. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the Pastor. Then pick up a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the Communion Server. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets/trays on your way back to your seat unless they are collected at the altar. If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

### **P: INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **DURING DISTRIBUTION: *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)**

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### ***Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471, vs. 1-3) with Pr. Ken on guitar**

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### ***Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)**

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### ***Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life* (ELW 472)**

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### **P: COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

### ***Communion Dismissal***

### **AM: PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**P: BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**P: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 288**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**SENDING SONG: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW 288)**

**With Pr. Ken on guitar**

Public Domain; Sources: Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; Music: German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856

**AM: INVITATION**

We would like to invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that our council members can welcome you, and you can join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation....and today, cake!

**AM: DISMISSAL**

P: Unto us a Savior is born! Go share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God!! We will!**

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH:**

Wednesday, the 31st: New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1st: New Year's Day. Church office is closed.

Friday, the 2nd: Al-Anon meets at 10:30

Saturday, the 3rd: Donation Drop Off Day

Sunday, the 4th: Worship begins at 9:30 with Pr. Rex

**THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY:**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Candy

**LECTOR:** Marlene

**COMMUNION SERVER:** Sandy

**POWER POINT:** Madeline

**USHER:** Gina

**ATTENDANCE:** Judy Ad.

**GREETER:** Jean

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marlene and Diane M.

**SOUND:** Mars

**LIVE STREAM:** Madeline

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