

# **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**9:15 AM —October 1, 2023 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

### *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the

read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

*Refrain*  
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.

Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.

Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.

The feast is read - y to be - gin;

the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950  
Music: Graham Kendrick  
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THE FEAST IS READY  
LM and refrain

## *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*Verses 1, 4 and 5*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

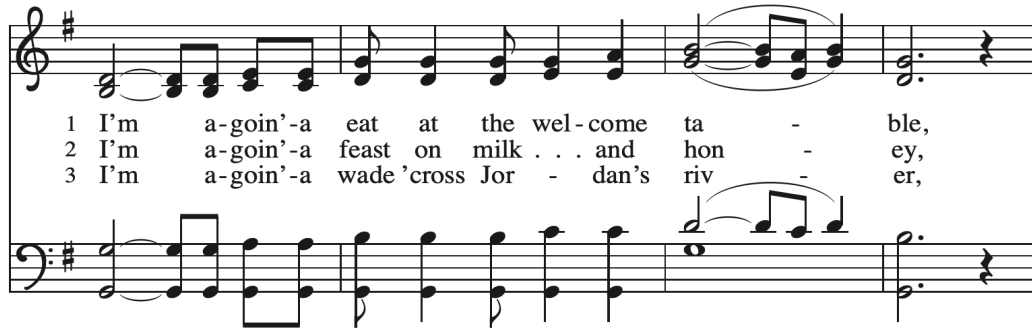
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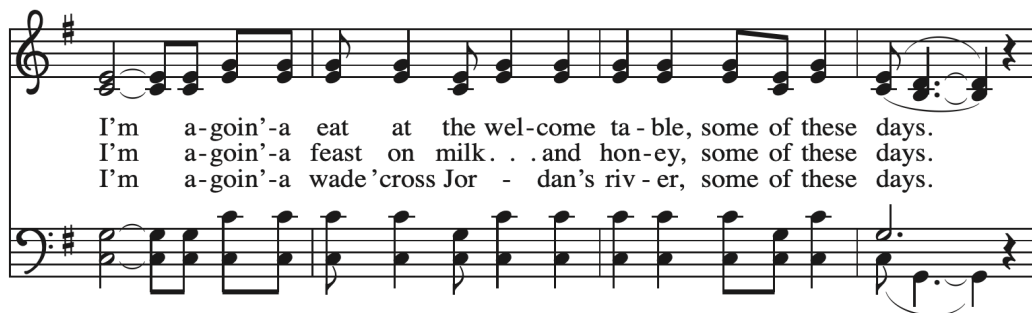
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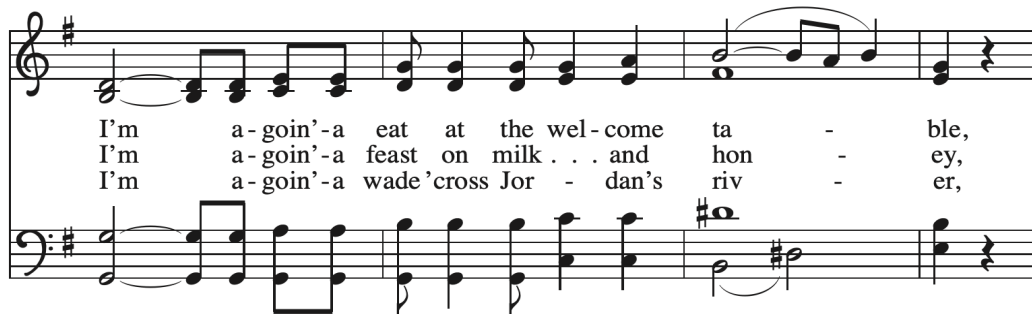
## Welcome Table



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



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 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS**

### **KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

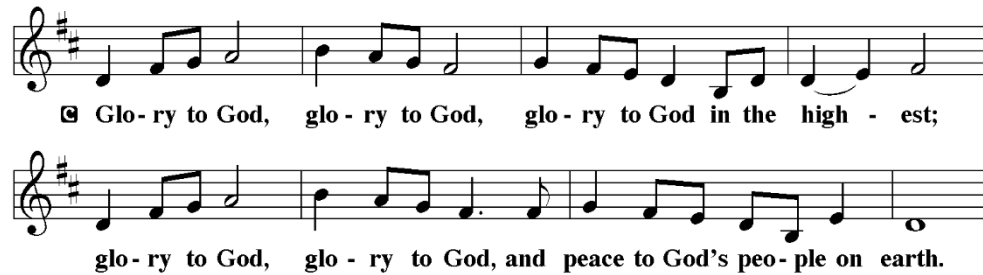
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

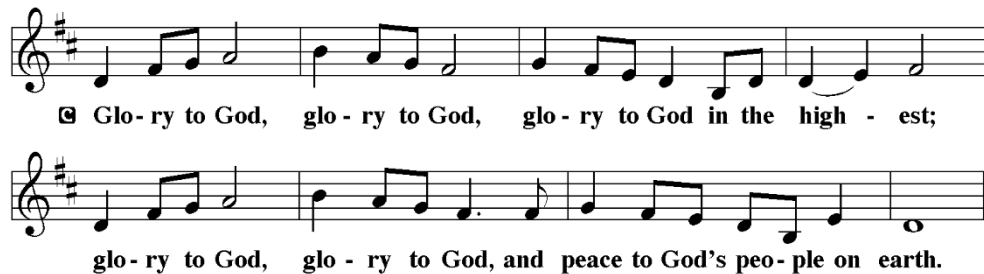
Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**



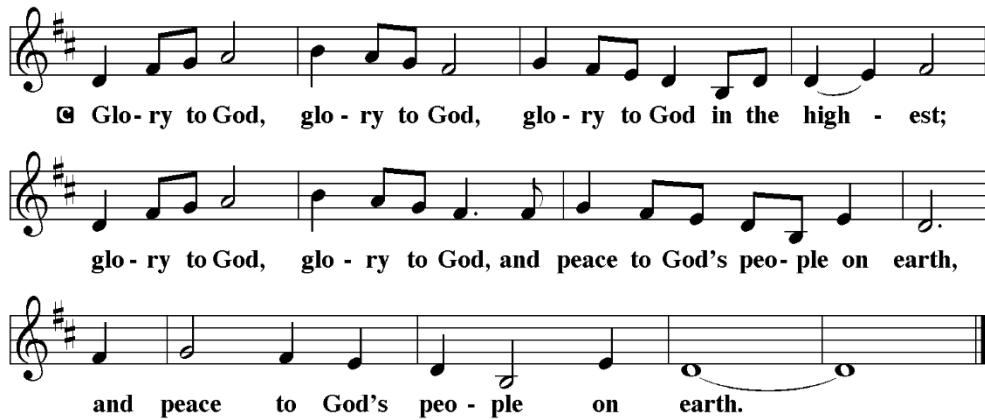
**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**



**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**



**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



## A READING

## Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians.

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM HYMN

## *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

(Congregation will sing twice)

Optional descant

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a single system. The Soprano part is on a treble clef staff, and the Alto part is on a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies. I will call up-on the Lord. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.' The score includes an 'Optional descant' for the Soprano part at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the corresponding musical notes.

I will call up-on the Lord

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

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va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.

Text: Michael O'Shields  
Music: O'SHIELDS, Michael O'Shields

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## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

## ANTHEM

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

arr. Wilson

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *We Come Now To Your Table, Lord*

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## **COMMUNION**

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *In This Feast of Love*

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (top staff), Alto (middle staff), and Bass (bottom staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in Finnish and English.

**System 1:**

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,                      täs - sä  
 1 In this feast of love,                      in this  
 2 In this bread and wine,                      in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord,                      grant us

**System 2:**

pöy - däs - sä                      syn - ti - sil - le  
 feast of love,                      Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine,                      you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord;                      fill us with the

**System 3:**

it - se - si an - nat,                      Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!  
 blood and your bod - y,                      Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us,                      Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it,                      ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

### FURTHER STUDY

#### Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. R

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. R

#### Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

# SENDING HYMN

## *I will Sing, I will Sing* Verses 1, 3 and 6



1 I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord.  
2 We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.  
3 If the Son, if the Son shall make . . . . you . . . free,  
4 They that sow in tears . . . . shall reap . . . . in . . . joy.  
5 Ev - 'ry knee shall bow . . . and ev - 'ry tongue con - fess,  
6 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



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We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.  
if the Son, if the Son shall make . . . . you . . . free,  
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if the Son, if the Son shall make . . . . you . . . free,  
They that sow in tears . . . . shall reap . . . . in . . . joy.  
ev - 'ry knee shall bow . . . and ev - 'ry tongue con - fess,  
In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
you . . . shall be free . . . . in - deed.  
Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
that . . . Je - sus Christ . . . is . . . Lord.  
Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le -



lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo -



- ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

### ***ALIVE! Musicians***

*Gale McLeod, Co-Director*

*Clark Ebener*

*Ricky Lusk*

*Irelou Moye, Co-Director*

*Lyndsey Ebener*

*Ed Redmond*

*Beth Branham*

*David Moye*

*Roxanne Rich*

*Leah Conrad*

*Erin Hall*

*Brett Ebener*

*Vaughn Hall*

### ***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Rachel Bundrick*

*Communion assistant ..... Abby Grace Roof*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Ushers ..... Ed Fuson*

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Kaitlyn Liafsha Amaya McCoy, Carter McCoy, Paul Hutto, Melissa Hughes, Gilene McCullough, Evan Rybicki, Chris Dawson, Johnathon Hall, Tiffany Senn, Tanner Anderson, Sam Davis, Hailey DuVall, Eliza Scyphers, Peyton Lewis, Vaughn Hall, Lynn Hostetter, Miley Rhodes, Cassie Kelly, Christina Henricks, Karen Holton, Jensen Redmond, Nancy Lee, Logan O'Neal, John Payne.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Easton Casteel, Cecilia Dunlap, John Geiger, Rue Jeffcoat, Jimmy Williams,  
Alice Pollock, Elmer Sundlie, Mary Davis, Ken Smith

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Linda Price  
Lib Manus, Judy Jordan, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs  
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*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*