



**AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE,  
AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY  
TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER  
THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

# Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P.** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C.** Amen.

**P.** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P.** God, our provider,

**C.** help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P.** Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C.** Amen.

# Peace

## The Peace

**P.** May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C.** And also with you.

## Gathering Hymn

*This Is My Song*

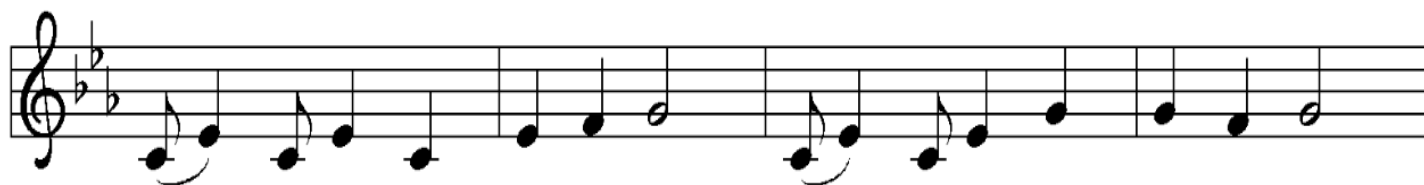
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## Greeting

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

**C.** And also with you.

## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.



*Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

**A.** Let us pray . . . God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## First Reading

### Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**L.** Word of God. Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 123

Spoken Responsively

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and  
the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look  
to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P.** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O God.**

*At home and abroad,  
Jesus and his disciples  
encounter resistance as  
they seek to proclaim  
God's word and relieve  
affliction.*



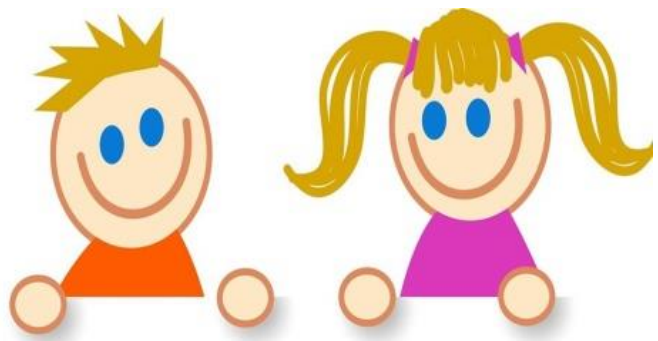
<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon



# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sermon

"Who Is This Guy?"

Pastor Wolfgang

Hymn of the Day

*This Little Light of Mine*

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## The Apostles' Creed

L. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C. 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 again 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**





# INTERCESSION

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**A.** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

*Other Prayers*

**P.** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## **The Offering**

**Anthem**

*Build Us Up, Lord ~arr. Mark Glaeser and **Donna Hanna***

Choir

Canticle

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

- A.** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P.** The Lord be with you.  
**C. And also with you.**

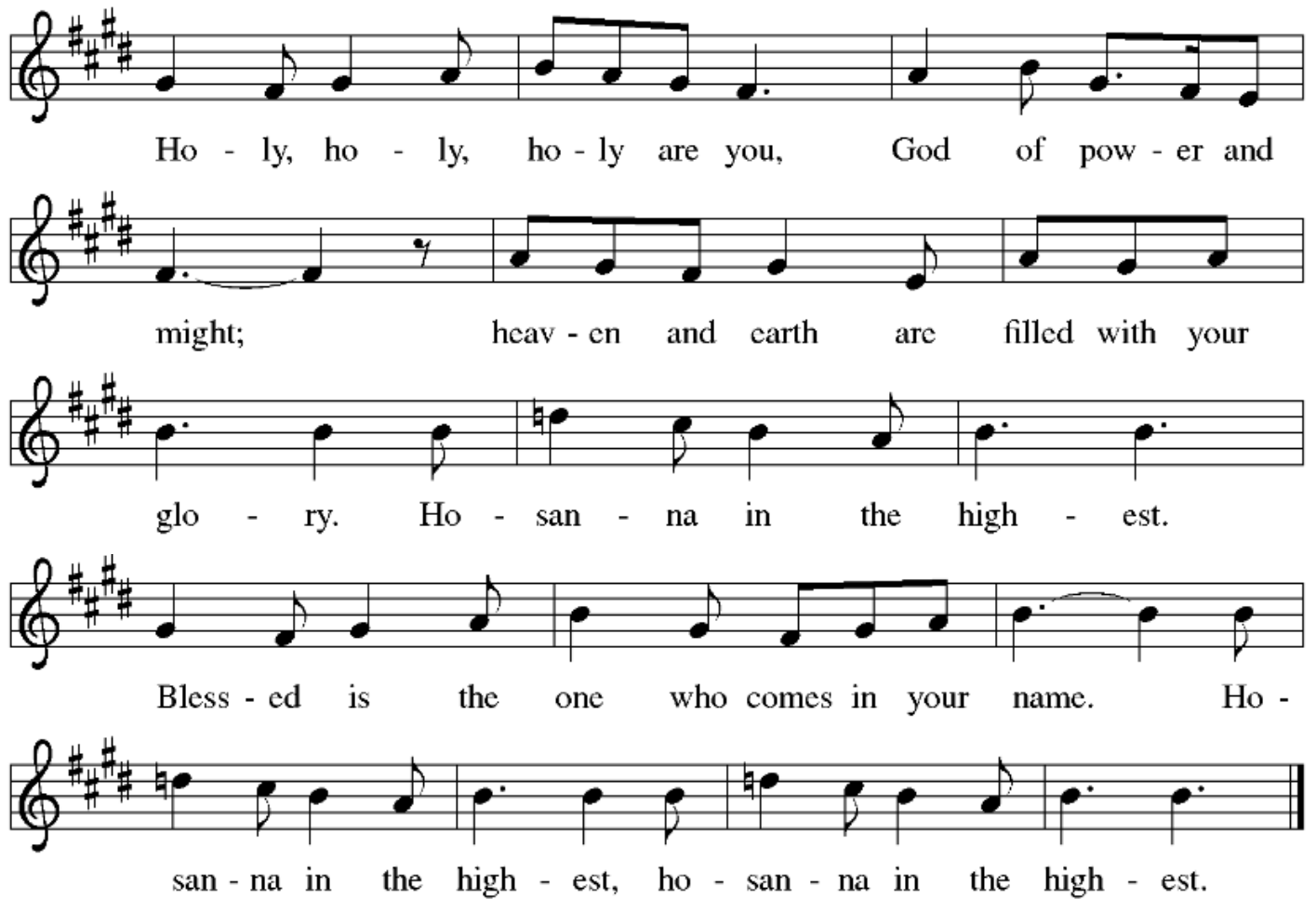
- P.** Lift up your hearts.  
**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

- P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P.** 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

**P.** 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.



# The Lord's Prayer

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

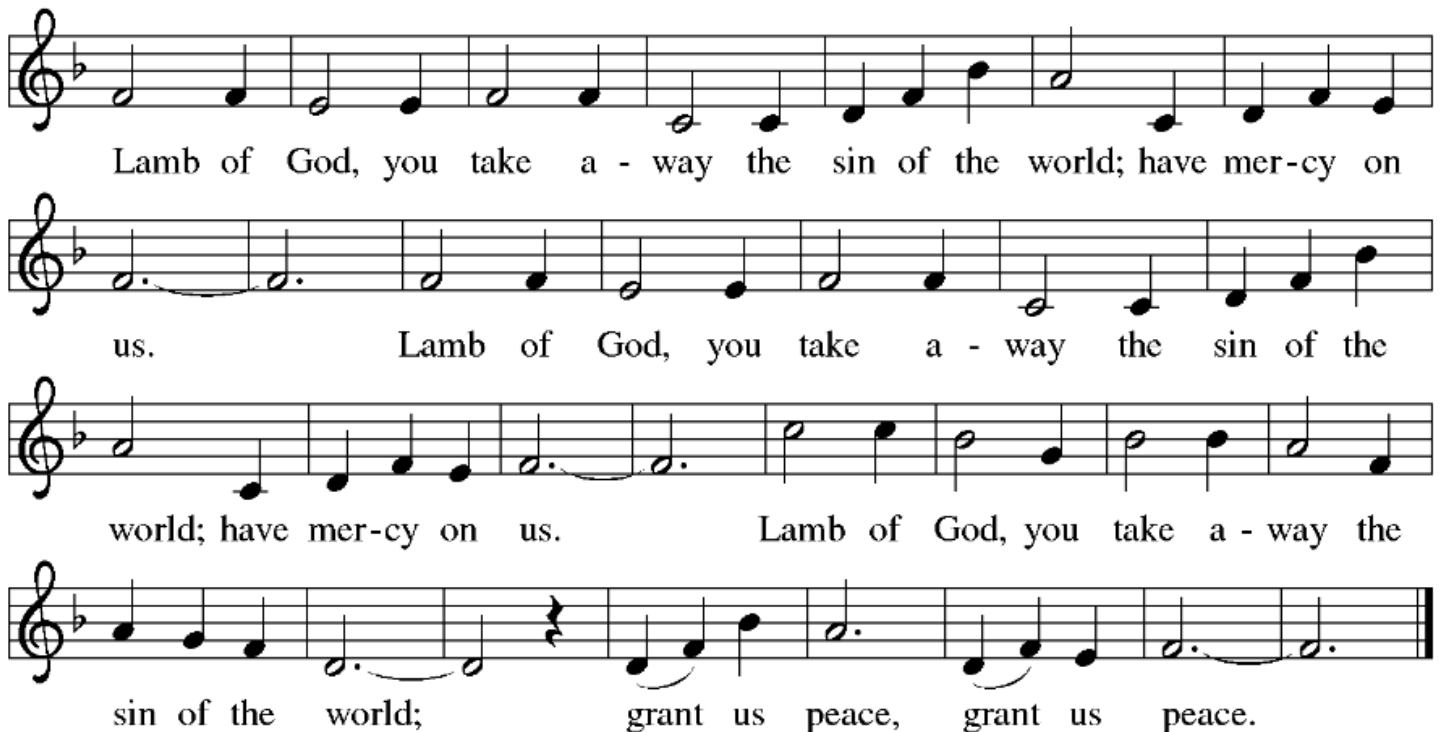
## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come! All are welcome, no exceptions.

**C.** Alleluia!

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymns

*For by Grace You Have Been Saved*  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

ELW 598  
ELW 488

## Post Communion Blessing

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

**C. Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C. Amen**



## Benediction

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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## Dismissal

**A.** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Mark Hayes

Gail Hrobuchak



## **This week AT LOL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Confirmation Classes** for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up start this Sunday, July 7, at 11:30 am. Linda Hash and Pastor Wolfgang will meet with the group on the first Sunday of each month and also on Saturday, October 19. Our young people will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27, with Bishop Timothy Marcus Smith presiding. If you know of someone in this age group who should be included, speak with Linda or Pastor TODAY.

**A very special invitation from Christ the King: All LOL members and friends are invited for dinner on Wednesday, July 10, 5:45 pm, at CTK, 600 Walnut Street. During dinner, we will witness the signing of the Covenant of Collaboration between our two congregations for the three-year process of ministry revitalization. Make sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby!**

**A reminder to please complete** the ELCA Vitality Survey, a planning tool designed to assess the current strengths and weaknesses of our ministry here in Garner. Find the survey here or at the link provided in last Thursday's email:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfYXi6Ly6BrEiWQP7maQh2iYZeTWc5eNmrhyrWlqO\\_wVe18A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfYXi6Ly6BrEiWQP7maQh2iYZeTWc5eNmrhyrWlqO_wVe18A/viewform)

## Servers for Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister/Reader..... Carol Wilheml  
Reader ..... Don Wilhelm  
Altar Guild ..... Grace Barnes  
Greeters / Counters ..... Tim Clark / Sylvia Lambert  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith

Serving   
from the  
Heart

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers** this week  
are provided by  
Carolyn Watkins  
in loving memory of  
Bob Watkins.

**Candles** this month  
are given by  
Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.