FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"From now on you will

be catching people."

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

FEBRUARY 09, 2025

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Prelude 1

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

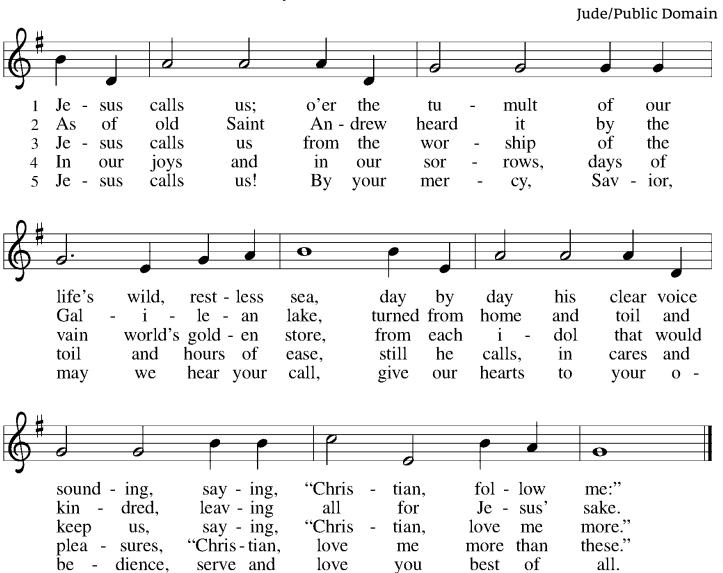
Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. *Amen*.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult



GREETING

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

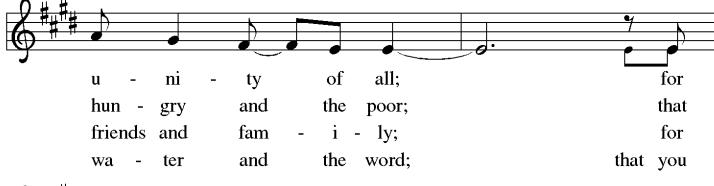
And also with you.







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, . . . for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.

We sit.

THE WORD

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Word of God, teaching us the way. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

We read responsively.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

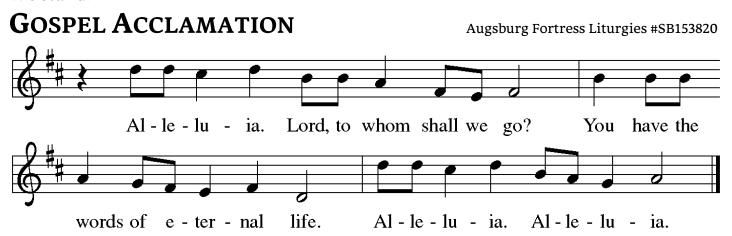
A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to

you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, teaching us the way. *Thanks be to God.*

We stand.



Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 5th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

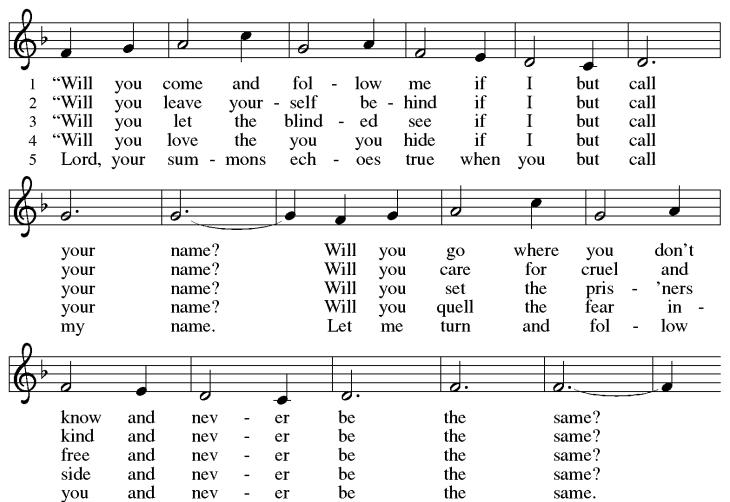
Jesus engaged, taught, and called

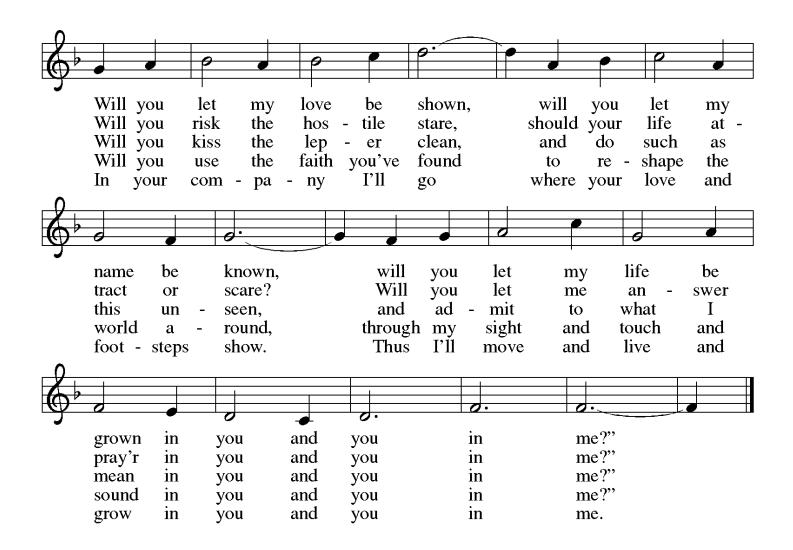
We stand.

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. *Amen.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. The Lord be with you.

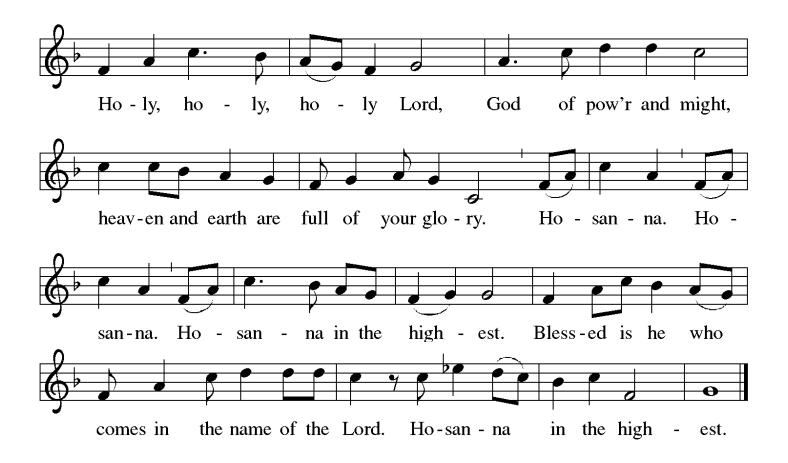
And also with you.

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, 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. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, in the miracle of water turned to wine, he revealed your glory. 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.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Make your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

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We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.
Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

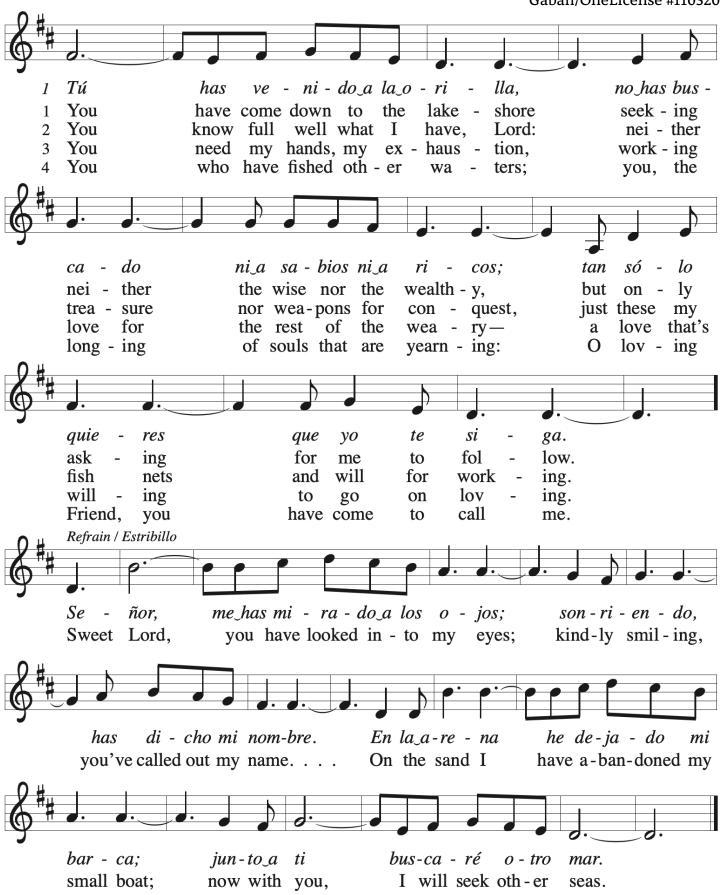
The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING The Blessing



SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Karl Bouknight and precious memories we have by Ann Bouknight & Family.

MT HERMON TRAVELERS



The Mount Hermon
Travelers met and has come
up with several ideas for
2025. The first event will be
March 15th. This will be a
day trip to Greenville SC for
lunch and then to "The
Sound of Music" production
presented by Bob Jones
University at 2 PM. If you

are interested, please sign up on the sheet located in the breezeway or contact Frank Bouknight for information.

Coffee, Food, and Fellowship

Care Team will be hosting a Coffee, Food, and Fellowship on March 2nd in the fellowship hall following worship service to honor our new members

Rick & Debbie Duval, Eddie & Amanda Robinette, Roberta Smith, office admin. Please note that we will not have Sunday School classes on March 2



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

02/02/2025

In person attendance 80 +live stream 151=231

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,246.69
Building Fund	Received	\$865.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$310.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

n/a





SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	David Marsh	Wynne Price
	Dion Metze	Mary Price
Crucifer:	Connor Eargle	need
Acolyte:	Cameron Bucknam	need
Lector:	Scottie Marsh	Mary Price
Communion Assts:	David Marsh	Wynne Price
	Scottie Marsh	Mary Price
	Connor Eargle	need
	DJ Plummer	need
	Charlene Corley	Angie Hydrick
Audio:	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen
Video:	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze
Nursery:	Kay Bryant	Charlene Corley
	Larry Amick	DJ Plummer
Flowers:	Ann & Lynn Bouknight	Joel Jr. & Devona Price

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

COUNCIL REP: Lock up: Sheila Eargle

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dennis Thurman, Susan Busby

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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Gloria Mathias, *home*Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*Cyndi Thurman, *Sedgewood*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*Bobby Carver, *Presby Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Chris Carroll Randy Clark
Debbie Duval Debbie Fulmer Michelle Gantt
Joye Haygood Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor John Catoe, family of the Ellisors Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease
Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll
Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Sandra Watson, aunt of Courtney Bucknam
Sarah Harmon, friend of Courtney Bucknam
Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant Tom Shaul, friend of the Kinard Family Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*Bryce McKelvey, *friend of Regan Gross*Max Schronce,

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts Hayes Wingard,

grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert
Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt
Mark King, coworker of Michelle Gantt
Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik
Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy, friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Jodi Harper, friend of Erin Rose
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware
Michael Tucker, friend of Michelle Gantt
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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Children's Choir

Monday, February 10th

6:30 pm FH: Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, February 11th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, February 12th

Meals on Wheels: Earl & Mary Frances Sease

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm OneBody Worship

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 14th

12:30 pm FH: Sarge Memorial Service

Saturday, February 15th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)