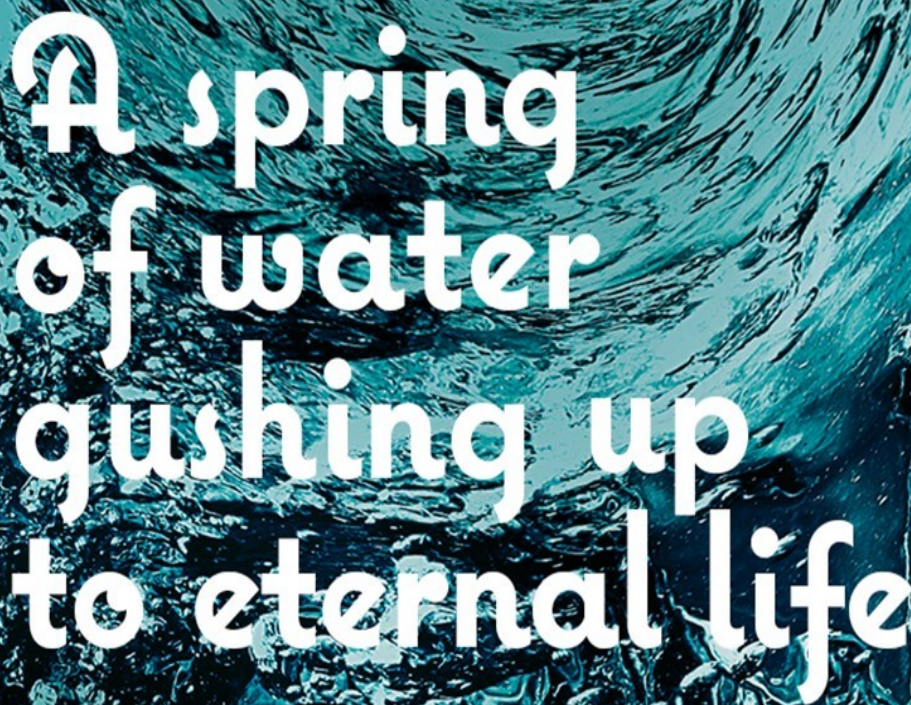


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



A spring
of water
gushing up
to eternal life

JOHN 4:14

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Third Sunday in Lent:

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

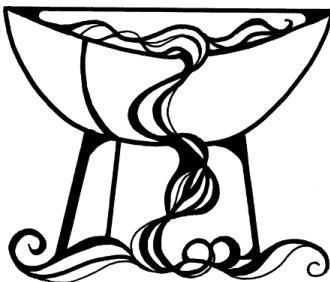
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*” (ELW 623)

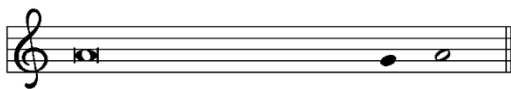
GREETING

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

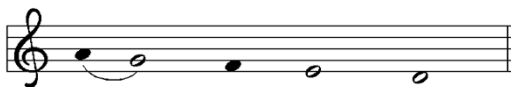
And also with you.



KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



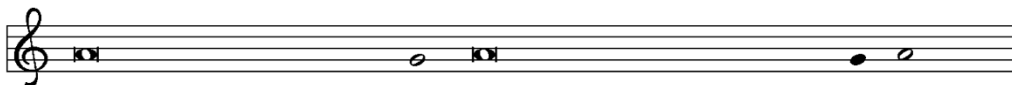
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



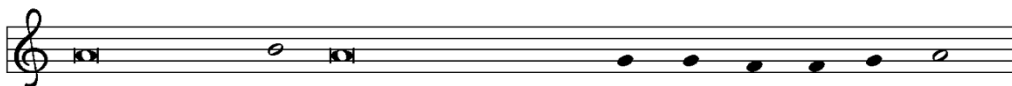
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. The Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95

The psalm for the day is sung.

- ¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

⁸**“Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’ ”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-15

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*” (ELW 618)

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

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. We pray especially for Pastor Rachel Larson; Eleanore Barrett; and Ruth Castor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the Pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” (ELW 188)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

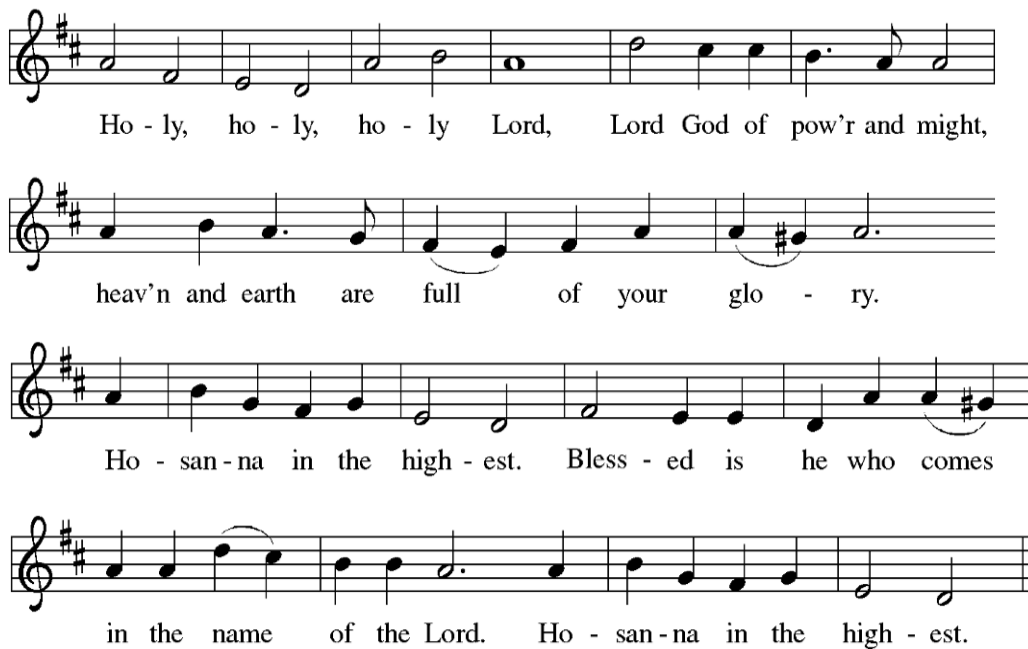
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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

Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God,
Father, Son, and ✝ Holy Spirit,
Keep you in his light, truth, and love.
Now and Forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” (ELW 807)

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Texts for Next Week:

First Reading—1 Sam 16:1-13

Psalm—Psalm 23

Second Reading—Eph 5:8-14

Gospel Reading—John 9:1-41

Lent 2017



LENTEN WORSHIP

As someone who enjoys tinkering, for years I have used the excuse of a project to buy a new tool. I bought a saw to make flower boxes for my mother-in-law, a sander to refinish the table in my office in college. We need tools and use tools every day. A computer, a needle for cross-stitching, a welder, a lawn mower, and a phone are just a few tools we use. When it comes to living out a faithful life, we also use tools. We need tools to have good relationships, tools to reach out to our neighbors in faith, tools to build, and tools to take down. Tools can help us perform a task with ease and tools can help us bring out the beauty that is within. Join us on Wednesday nights at **7pm** during this season of Lent to talk about tools and how we use them in our everyday lives of faith.

March 22 - Tape Measure

March 29 - Paint Brush **April 5** - Biscuit Jointer

Sky Ranch Camp

On **July 23-30**, all youth of Trinity are invited to join Pastor Nate at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado. The week is unique because Sky Ranch is offering youth events for all ages. Young kids will attend for a few days at the beginning of the week, middle school youth will be there all week at the camp, and older youth will have opportunities to serve off-site, white water raft, and experience a high ropes course. Pastor Nate is planning to stay at the camp all week to spend time with Trinity's youth, and all Wyoming ELCA congregations are planning to attend that week as well. So don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

Claiming Our Gifts Video Series

Rocky Mountain Synod has prepared a video series called **Claiming our Gifts**. Bishop Gonia leads this 5-part video series, which will be available for Lent. These videos will be around 15-minutes with discussion prompts, making them a great resource for adult Bible study. Join us in the Sanctuary as we walk together with Bishop Gonia on Sunday's at 10:30am, after Worship Service, continuing today, **March 19th**. Let us claim the gifts God gave us this Lent and proclaim them with the world!

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, March 19	9:00AM	Worship
	10:15AM	Claiming Gifts Video Series (<i>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</i>)
Monday, March 20	5:45PM	4H Club Meeting
Wednesday, March 22	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00PM	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00PM	Lenten Worship
	7:30PM	Trinity Choir Rehearsal



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ed Dolan (03/19); Mark Rehwaladt (03/20); Judy Rohr (03/20); Kerri Puckett (03/21); Don Holmstrom (03/22); Betty Carstens (03/25); and Jesse Garson (03/25).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Pastor Rachel Larson, Pastor Don Holmstrom, Phil Pape, Eleanore Barrett, and Ruth Castor. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence!

LENT SOUP SUPPERS Soup Suppers for this Lent Season will be on March 22nd and 29th. The Fellowship Committee is seeking members, or a group of members, to sign up for a crock pot of soup or to provide a dessert for each Wednesday. Crackers and drinks will be provided. For each Wednesday, it would be great to have at least 7 crock pots of soup and 6 dozen treats! Please sign up for a Wednesday on the Sign-Up Sheet located on the main board in the Gruver Room. The AGAPE meal will be on April 5th, and more information will follow shortly regarding this!

FIRST THURSDAYS You are invited to join your fellow Trinity family at downtown Coal Creek Tap and Coffee for fellowship, discussion, and laughter the first Thursday of every month, beginning on Thursday, April 6th, from 6 to 8pm. We hope to see you there!

Serving the Church

TODAY—March 19, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Cantor: Andrea Toven
Lector: 9:00AM Diane Fiedler
Acolyte: 9:00AM Beth Ferris
Ushers: 9:00AM Mike Smith
Laura Buckner
Greeters: 9:00AM Bobbie & Al
Schimek
Nursery: 9:00AM MacKenzie Muhsman

NEXT WEEK—March 26, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Musicians: Trinity Band Performing
Lector: 9:00AM Tary Stayton
Acolyte: 9:00AM Silja Alexander
Ushers: 9:00AM Debbe, Lindsay,
& Lily Conyers
Greeters: 9:00AM Janet Talbott
Shirley Heggie
Nursery: 9:00AM Derk Lyford

Stewards: Diahann Jablin & Martin Greller

Altar Guild: Laura Buckner

Coffee Fellowship: Edward & Lois Hiller

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.