



January 12, 2025  
9:30 AM Worship Service



ALTAR FLOWERS  
GIVEN BY:

Nat Davies, in honor of  
Lars, Hope, Helen, and  
Henry McCarter



*“Tender to the Creator”  
- Pastor Doug Widger*

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Opening Song:** O Savior of Our Fallen Race

LSB #403  
v. 1-4, 7

O Savior of our fallen race,  
O Brightness of the Father's face,  
O Son who shared the Father's might  
Before the world knew day or night,  
Alleluia!

O Jesus, very Light of Light,  
Our constant star in sin's deep night:  
Now hear the prayers Your people pray  
Throughout the world this holy day.  
Alleluia!

Remember, Lord of life and grace,  
How once, to save our fallen race,  
You put our human vesture on  
And came to us as Mary's son.  
Alleluia!

Today, as year by year its light  
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,  
One precious truth outshines the sun:  
Salvation comes from You alone.  
Alleluia!

Δ O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,  
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.  
Alleluia!

## Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

C: Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

P: We have had other gods before you.

C: We have worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator. We have sought satisfaction in this world's pleasures rather than in You. We have loved to praise our own glory more than yours.

P: Lord, on behalf of your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, hear our pleas for mercy and grace. Forgive us and make us new.

C: Yes, Lord forgive us and make us new.

P: I, as a called servant of the Lord, remind you that all your sins are forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ who died that you might live. Be free to serve with joy! Now share that joy with one another.

## Share Grace

### Epistle Reading

Romans 1:16-25

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
- 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
- 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
- 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Message** - Dr. Serena Pace

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-40

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

38 This is the great and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

### **Message Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

LSB #525, vs. 1-5

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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**Message: "Tender to the Creator" - Pastor Doug Widger**

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Connection Points**

## **Offering**

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB #739  
vs. 1-3

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Ways to Follow Jesus

### Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

C: Amen.

### **Sending Song:** On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB #921  
vs. 1-3

On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

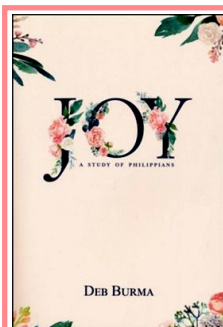
To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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## BOOK STUDY ON JOY BY DEB BURMA

Starting January 2025!

Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby to participate in an in-person small group or in a small group online. Please let Serena Pace know if you're interested in leading a small group.



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CHECK IN!**

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LINK ABOVE TO CHECK IN, SUBMIT  
PRAYER REQUESTS, AND MORE!

## New Year — New Message Series and Study

Martin Luther's Small Catechism was written for the head of the household to teach his family. The Large Catechism was his effort to give Pastors a tool to train their congregations in Godly living. Beginning in January, we will be leaning into God's word and the Large Catechism to make our hearts tender towards the things which he built into the design of creation. The following quote explains it well:

**"The commandments are the most complete summary of creational design for human life."** Professor Charles Arand, pg. 72. *Luther's Large Catechism*, CPH 2022.

Come and rediscover joyful living as we come to understand anew how life was designed to work. We will center our worship around these themes and then move to the gym for "Table Talk" discussions. Please plan to be a part of this exciting journey.



January 12th – 1st Commandment – Tender to the Creator  
January 19th – 2nd Commandment – Tender to His Name  
January 26th – 3rd Commandment – Tender Rest  
February 2nd – 4th Commandment – Tender to Authority  
February 9th – 5th Commandment – Tender to Life  
February 16th – 6th Commandment – Tender to Purity  
February 23rd – 7th/8th Commandment – Tender to Truth  
March 2nd – 9th/10th Commandments – Tender Contentment

~ **Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.** ~

- ♦ The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talk - *Gym*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*

**ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS**

Joe Masterson	A-B
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

- 9:30 AM *Worship Service - Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM *The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - Gym*
- 12:00 PM *Thrivent Annual Meeting & Lunch - Gym*
- 12:00 PM *Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room*
- 4:45 - 6:00 PM *Grace Youth: Broomball & Pizza*



**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

- 9:30 AM *Braille (Smiths' Group) - Braille Room: MR1*
- 7:00 PM *Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Room 2*
- 7:30 PM *Community Basketball - Gym*

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

- 3:00 PM *Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - MR1*
- 7:00 PM *Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - MR1*
- 7:00 PM *Board of Elders Meeting - Meeting Room 2*

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

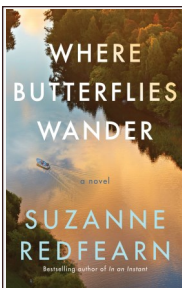
- 9:00 AM *Altar Guild*
- 10:00 AM *Bible Journaling Workshop - ZOOM Gathering*

**Friday - Sunday, January 17 - 19, 2025**

\* High School Reset Retreat - *Mt. Lebanon Cedar Hill*

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

- 9:30 AM *Worship Service - Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM *The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - Gym*
- 12:00 PM *Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room*



**Book Club** - New date for this month!  
Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00 PM

Please join us in the library as we will be discussing the book *Where Butterflies Wander* by Suzanne Redfearn, which is a heart-wrenching story about a grieving family and the different ways people cope with grief.

**BRING CANNED SOUP TO CHURCH IN JANUARY UNTIL THE SUPER BOWL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

Bible Journaling will meet in person Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. What is Bible Journaling? It is a creative response to God's Word. You don't have to be an artist to participate. Each meeting starts with prayer and a time of devotion followed by a creative activity in response to the Scripture that has been shared. If you are interested, please register for this event on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Suggested supplies: markers, colored pencils, black sharpie, glue stick, scissors, Bible, notebook or art pad. Bring your own snack and bottle of water.

**BIBLE JOURNALING**

Join us for a morning of learning, art and joy.  
No experience or artistic talent needed!

Saturday  
Feb. 8, 2025

10:00 AM  
12:00 AM

In person at Grace Lutheran Church  
and on Zoom!