



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**Baptism of Our Lord  
January 8, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting One

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude: “*Borning Cry*”**

**WATERLIFE**  
*Setting, Lynette Maynard*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

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.**

- 1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.

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## **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 mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
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.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come

to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**

**Hymn of the Day: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized***

**ELW 304**

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| 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,<br>God's Spirit on you came,<br>as peaceful as a dove, and yet<br>as urgent as a flame,<br>as urgent as a flame.       | 3 Straightway and steadfast until death<br>you then obeyed the call<br>to serve with free and willing heart,<br>to give your life for all,<br>to give your life for all. |
| 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";<br>you are God's servant true,<br>sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,<br>God's holy will to do,<br>God's holy will to do. | 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;<br>your cross on us be signed,<br>that likewise in God's service we<br>may perfect freedom find,<br>may perfect freedom find.       |

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## **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**

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
... power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offertory Music: “Ar hyd y nos”**

**setting, Timothy Shaw**

**Offering: *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**ELW 188**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



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## **Offering Prayer in Unison**

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

### **Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

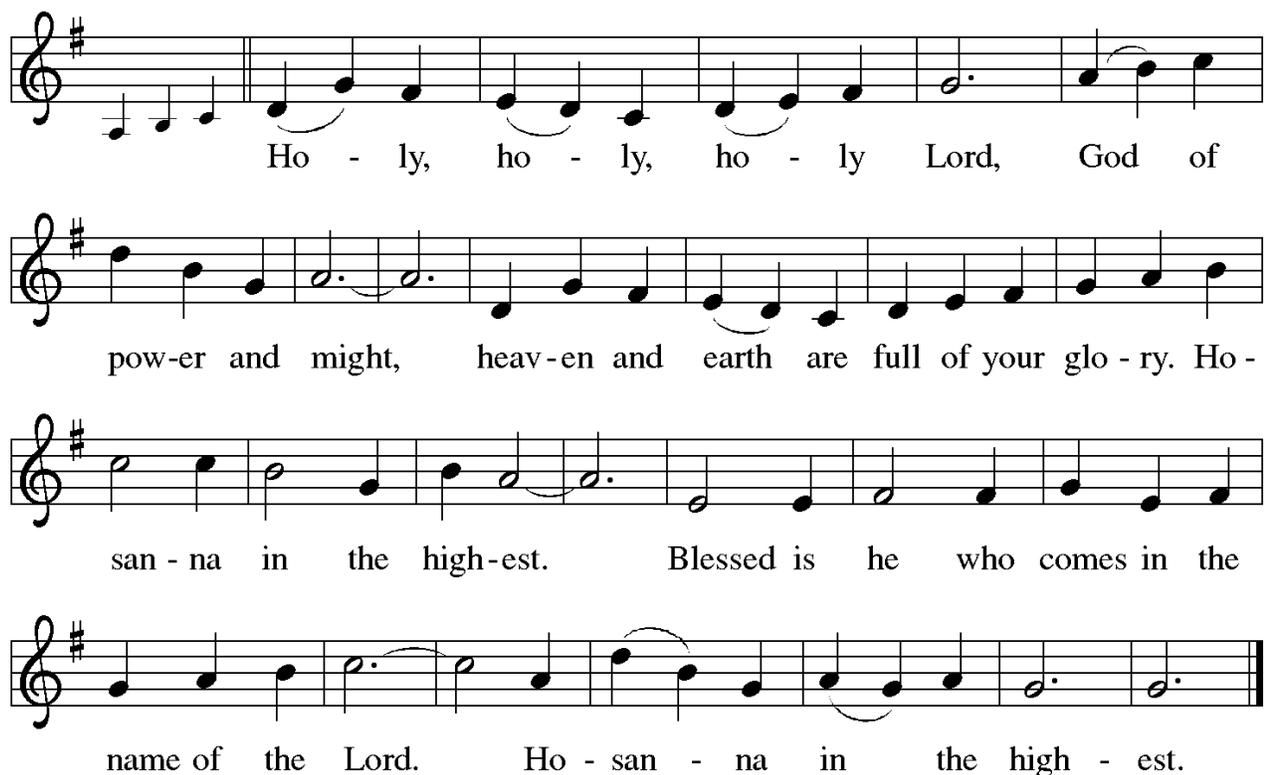
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### 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,

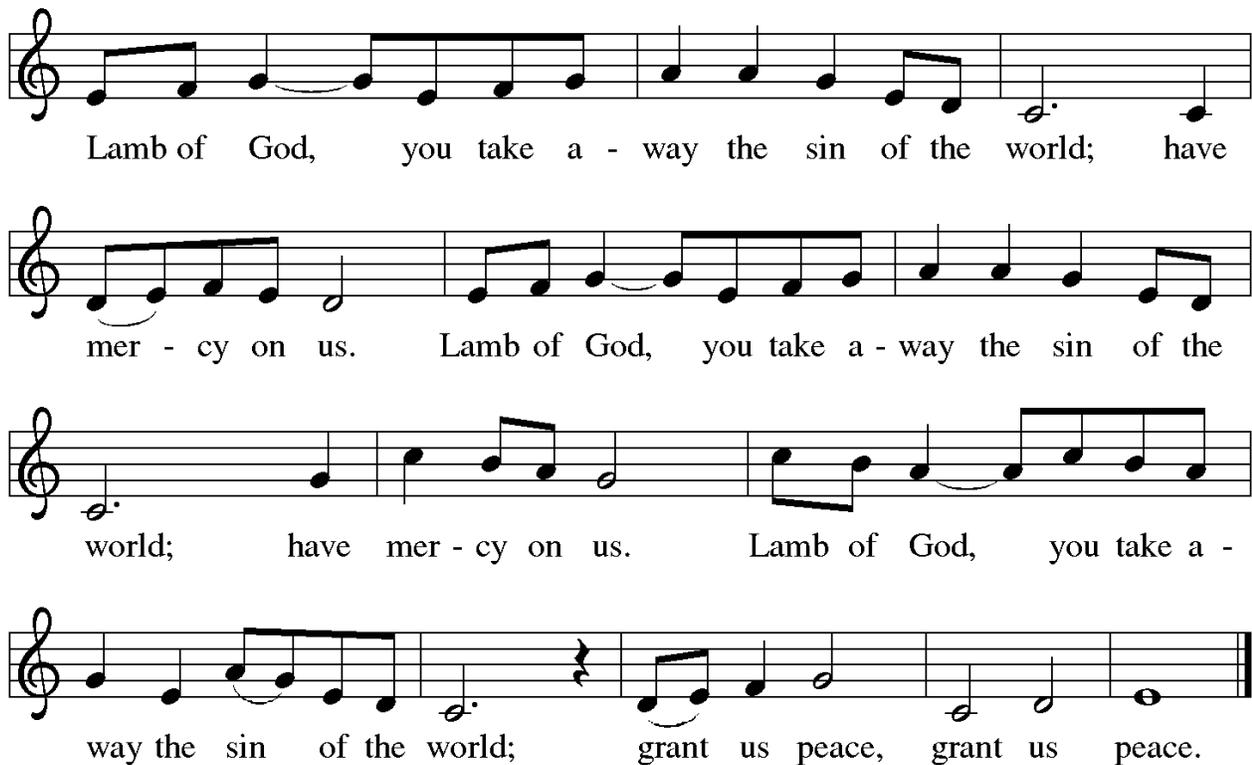
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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 and Healing Prayer

## 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 Distribution Songs: *Now the Silence*

ELW 460

Now the silence  
Now the peace  
Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling  
Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the hearing  
Now the pow'r  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the body  
Now the blood  
Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding  
Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation  
Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing  
Now  
Now  
Now

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## *Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

### **Refrain**

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain**
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**ELW 310**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee  
at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue**

**O WALY WALY  
setting, John Turner**

## Announcements

### Worship Online

#### Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: Luther

#### Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: 456037

### Altar Flowers

### Upcoming Budget Informational Meetings

There will be two informational meetings regarding the budget held prior to the Annual meeting. Following is the schedule of meetings:

#### **Budget Information Meetings**

Sunday, January 8 11:30am

Sunday, January 15 9:15am

#### **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 29 9:15am

### This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Cross-Generational Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
	11:30 AM	Budget Informational Meeting
Tuesday, January 10	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11	6:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday, January 12	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, January 14	8:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, January 14	4:00 PM	Brian Spahr Coffeehouse

## **Brian Spahr, singer, songwriter, author**

Join us Saturday, January 14th at 4:00 pm as Pastor Spahr shares his ministry with us through songs, stories, and spiritual practice. A love offering will be received to support Brian's ministry.

## **Youth Movie Day!**

January 22nd 2-4pm 6th graders and older are invited to meet at church for a movie and some popcorn. We will watch the movie and have a short discussion afterwards.

## **Out of Office...**

Rita will be out of office the week of January 16-19 to visit family in PA. Office hours will be sporadic – if you need access, please contact Pastor Paul.

## **Prayer List**

Sam & Sue Deaver  
Dan & Joan Decker  
Jon & Rita Dienst  
Richard & Vicki Dirksen and family  
Kevin & Kris Erickson-Eipperle  
Brianna & Alan Ensign  
Paul & Kathy Erickson

## **Servants:**

### **Sunday January 8**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita		Sandy Arp	Heers
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Diane Frambach	Phil G.

### **Sunday January 15**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Susan Hansen	Al Simms
<b>10:30 AM</b>		

## **Hospice of Dubuque to sponsor bereavement support group**

Hospice of Dubuque will be sponsoring two six-week bereavement support groups. Sessions are open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The groups will meet on Tuesdays, beginning January 24 through February 28. One group will meet from 10 – Noon, the other will meet from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Meetings will be held at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions are meant to be both educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited, therefore, pre-registration is required by January 17. Please contact the hospice office at (563) 582-1220 for a registration form.

## **Announcements from the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque:**

**Franciscan Common Venture** – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities this year. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF:** 563-583-9786, balekm@osfdbq.org, or visit our website for a listing of the 2023 opportunities and downloadable application materials: [www.osfdbq.org/commonventure](http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure)

**"BUZZ-by" Quilting Bee/House-Tidying Franciscan Common Venture Service Trip** to the **Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT April 23-29, 2023**. Open to men and women 20+ years of age. Cost: \$125 plus bring \$50 for food purchase on site. Be part of a quilting bee to create quilts used in the Native American ritual of "Give Away" and learn about Native culture as you engage in the ministry of presence – listening and sharing stories. If quilting isn't your thing, there are many housekeeping tasks that could use your help! ***Due date to apply is March 27<sup>th</sup>***. For more information contact Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org or visit [www.osfdbq.org/commonventure](http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure) for application materials and more service opportunities.

**DC BOUND with FRANCISCANS: An Intergenerational Immersion-Service Experience: May 28-June 3, 2023**. This service offering is a collaboration between Franciscan Common Venture and the Franciscan Mission Service. This small team will have the opportunity to see and experience Washington, DC and many organizations with the lens of the Franciscan Tradition. Current DC Service Corps members will assist with the daily experiences. This is open to men and women, 21 years of age and older. We are hoping to have an intergenerational mix. If you or someone you know might be interested in this service trip, contact Sr. Shell balekm@osfdbq.org or 563-583-9786. ***Due date to apply is April 21.***

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