



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Northdale Lutheran Church and School

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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.



- Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

WORSHIP THEME

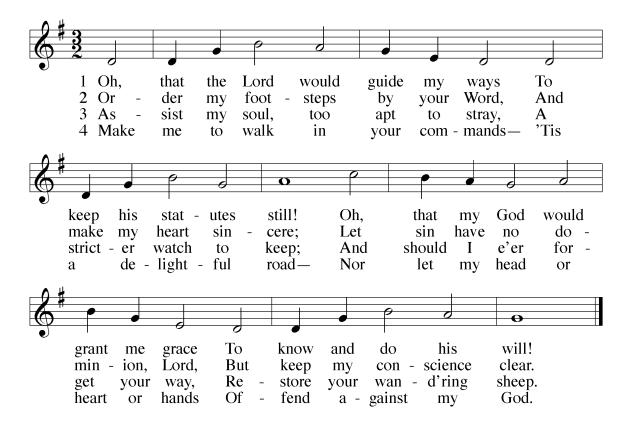
Live the holy life. This is the Savior's sermon to us this morning. He came to free us from sin not so that we can sin. We pray that God would give us the grace to know and do what pleases him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE "SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT" IS A VERSION OF THE HISTORIC LITURGY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

OPENING HYMN, CW #462, "OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793-1870, adapt.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you

CONFESSION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



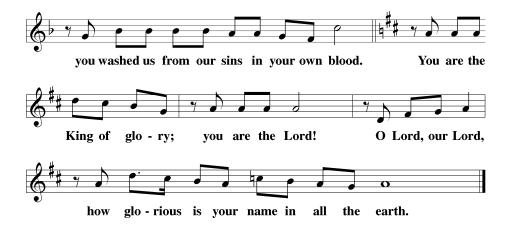
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

This lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual 8

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 119A



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



Refrain

Blessed are they whose ways are <u>blame</u>less,* who walk according to the law <u>of</u> the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his <u>stat</u>utes* and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down <u>pre</u>cepts* that are to be fully obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were <u>stead</u>fast* in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be <u>put</u> to shame* when I consider all <u>your</u> commands.

I will praise you with an <u>up</u>right heart* as I learn your <u>righteous</u> laws.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON: I CORINTHIANS 2:6-13

Godly wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit wholes two things: he reveals what God has prepared for us, and he makes us understand it. Knowing and understanding what God has done for us creates true, godly wisdom that will show itself as we live holy lives.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written:

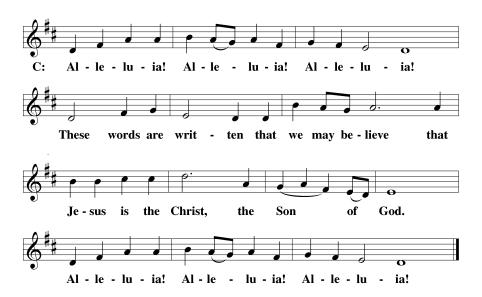
"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

10these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)



PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 5:21-37

Jesus commands us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God. The Savior who preaches the holy life is the Savior who lived the holy life as our Substitute.

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ³⁴But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord:



BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #283 ""SPEAK, O SAVIOR, I AM LISTENING"



Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite. Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

SERMON TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

SERMON THEME:

CHOOSE WISELY

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the rows and pass it to those sitting next to you.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. This automatically connects your contribution to your account for recording purposes. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to

overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Our Father in heaven.

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.



PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



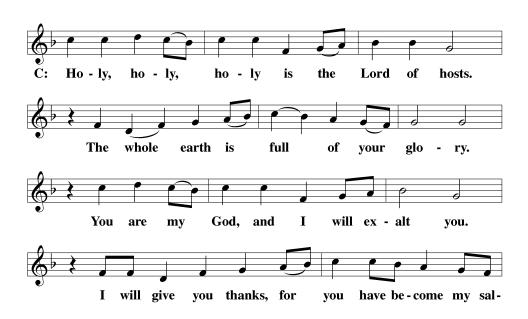
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

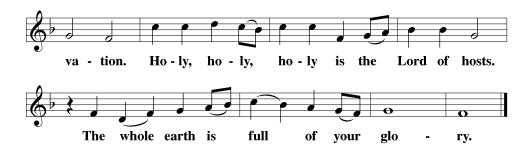
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

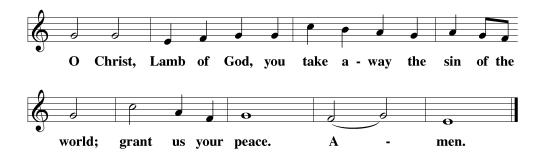
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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DISTRIBUTION

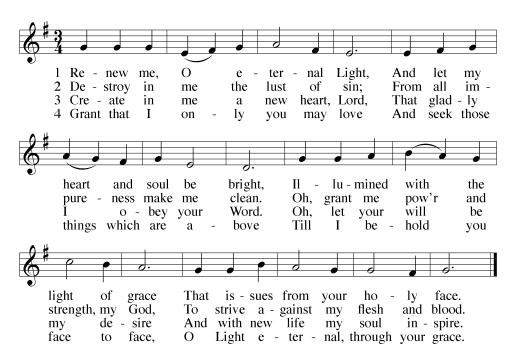
(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

GUESTS: SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

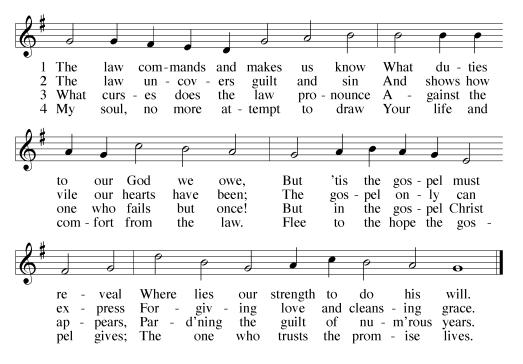
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #471, "Renew Me, O ETERNAL LIGHT"



Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

CW #286. "THE LAW COMMANDS AND MAKES US KNOW"



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.

PLEASE STAND

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



FINAL PRAYER

M: I

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M:

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace



BE SEATED

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Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue our Bible Study on the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) in our Sunday Morning Bible Study. We had a great turn out for our first class. We are excited to have so many people eager to learn about the Gospels. This class takes a look at the life of Jesus in a chronological order. It is a great way to become more acquainted with your Savior Jesus and know all that he did to live as your substitute here on this earth. It is through the study of God's Word that we remain connected to our Savior and grow in our faith and godly living. This is a great time for you to begin coming to Bible Study on Sunday. We hope to see you on Sunday morning.

<u>Chris Haring Deliberates Call:</u> Last Sunday, Chris Haring received a call to serve as teacher of grades 3-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Omaha, NE. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's Kingdom.

Martin Luther College Matching Grant Program: Martin Luther College, our WELS College of Ministry, has designed a program to help congregations support and encourage their young people to study for the pastoral or teaching ministry. The matching grant program will match up to \$1,000 given by a congregation for each student. So if the congregation can raise \$1,000, the student will receive another \$1,000 from MLC for a total of \$2,000 in aid. The Ministry Leadership Team authorized a drive to raise \$1,000 in support of Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven who is attending Martin Luther College as a freshman next year. If you are interested in helping to support Tabitha as she studies to be a teacher, you can place your checks in the offering plate and mark them: MLC Congregational Match. Thank you in advance for your support of this program. We at Northdale Lutheran have benefitted greatly from the pastors and teachers trained from Martin Luther College. This is a great way to support and encourage our own members to pursue this career.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is February 26, just a week and a half away. We begin our solemn journey of Lent with a mid-week worship opportunity. We'll offer worship on Ash Wednesday and the next 5 Wednesdays at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. Catechism will start with worship first and then meet after until 8:00 p.m. This is an important time as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. Please start planning to set aside this important time of reflection and worship.

Family Day at the Park: Our first Family Day at the park went so well, we are going to try another one! On Sunday, February 23, we invite everyone to join us after worship at the

Northdale Civic Park, located just a 1/2 block south of the church. Bring a change of clothes and your lunch and we'll all have a good time letting the kids play at the park while the adults enjoy fellowship together. Put it on your calendars and plan to join us for this.

<u>Pastor Vann to Wisconsin:</u> Pastor Vann will be traveling to Milwaukee Thursday afternoon through Saturday evening for a meeting. If you need to reach him during this time, you can do so by cell phone (listed below).

Called Staff

Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-4854

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113 Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283 Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596

Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279

Amy Vannieuwenhoven: 813-787-5025



This Week:

Monday (2/17) 6:30pm - Financial Advice Team

7:30pm - Elders Team

Tuesday (2/18): 9:30am - Moms and Tots

6:30pm - Bible Information Class

Wednesday (2/19): 6:30pm - Catechism Class Sunday (2/23): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:15am - Sunday School and Teen Bible Study

9:25am - Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: Dane Mattes

Ushers: 8:00—Brian Busch

10:30-Tom & Ona Scherer

Acolyte: 8:00—Daniel Busch

10:30—Carolyn Mattes

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00-Amy Vann

10:30-Nick Koren

Ushers: 8:00—Tom Faucette

10:30—Chris Teeples & Charlie Jacobs

Acolyte: 8:00—Sean Corrigan

10:30—Grace Mosakowski

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 33 10:30 a.m.— 94

Total: 127

Yearly Average: 109

% of Members in Worship: 44%

Financial Information

Contributions for 2/9: \$3,885.00

Online Contributions through 2/9: \$1,385.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$141,718.36 Contributions received to date: \$148,718.36 Ahead or (Short) through 2/9/20: \$7,179.80

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$845.00 Total received to date: \$338,883.41 Projected Completion date: March 2020

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through December 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$338,197.90 Total Expenses (Church and School): \$293,359.57

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$44,895.18

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1 Total Gifts received to date: \$175.00