

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Gainesville, Florida

Epiphany (observed)
January 8, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.

Announcements and Reminders

Communion Statement

In accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we believe and confess that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the forms of bread and wine. Our gathering at the Table of the Lord is not a mere symbolic eating and drinking. Receiving the body and blood of Christ together at this Holy Table is confessing that we who here receive this Sacrament share this common belief. Such celebration of the Sacrament carries two pastoral concerns:

- That all communicants understand what God is giving to us in His Supper. The New Testament speaks of grave harm that will come upon anyone who does not “discern the Lord’s body” (1 Corinthians 11:29). We desire that you receive this gift to your good and never to your harm.
- Each one should be able to examine themselves and recognize their sin and need for God’s grace, lest we contradict Christ by sin against Him and sin against His people. In this Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and with one another, and so we should come to this Table at peace with Him and at peace with all our sisters and brothers.

Because communion at the table of our Lord is such a confession of common faith, worshipers who have a different understanding, or who hold a differing confession of faith, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament should first speak with an Elder or the Pastor before communing.

For those with health concerns, gluten-free wafers are available on request and non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups of each communion tray. Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest at the communion rail.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies will meet again next week, January 8th.

9:45 a.m. – Join Pastor Glover on Sunday mornings during the Bible Study hour in the Fellowship Hall for an in-depth discussion on the Augsburg Confession. Presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, on June 25, 1530, the Augsburg Confession is the first confession of faith by the Lutheran reformers. This statement of faith set the stage for what we know as Lutheranism today.

9:45 a.m. – “Girl Friends” Bible Study remains on hold for the next few weeks. Attendees are encouraged to go to Pastor’s Bible Study

9:45 a.m. – Study the Bible with Chuck Moss in the Building 1 classroom. The Bible study is currently using the book *Summary of Christian Doctrine*.

Contact Chuck_Moss@msn.com for a Zoom link for this class.

Parents and Tots Sunday School will meet in the Youth room in the FLC at 10:00 a.m. today.

2023 Altar Flower Chart is up on the narthex wall near the church office. Sign your name on the line corresponding to the week you would like to sponsor. The cost is \$40 and you may place a check in the offering plate with “Altar Flowers” on the memo line or pay through the giving portal on the church web site.

Update contact information. If your address, email or phone number have changed recently, please send any updates to the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries. Pastor Glover and the church administrative staff takes time to pray for those having birthdays and anniversaries during the coming week. Let us know if your birthday or anniversary has been left off of the back page of the church bulletin during 2022; it means we do not have your important dates.

Confirmation class & Youth activities resume today at 3:00 p.m. and Youth at 4:00 p.m.

A basic chainsaw safety class will be held at Abiding Savior on Saturday, January 14, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. While this is a training for LCMS Disaster Response, anyone age 18 or older is invited to attend and learn how to safely and efficiently use a chainsaw. The morning will be classroom time, while hands-on training is in the afternoon. Find registration and more information at: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need_id=729141 or contact Joel Mathews at (810) 215-8098.

Undecorate the church on Saturday, January 14, 2023 beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a job for everyone and help is appreciated!

LWR Sewing will not meet again this year. Meetings resume in the library of the FLC on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

2023/2024 Preschool Registration Begins: Enrollment for the new school year, which begins in August, takes place in January. In-house registration begins on Monday, January 9th. Former preschool families may register beginning January 17. Open registration for the community begins on January 23, 2022. Please call our office at (352) 331-7770 or email us at preschool@abidingsavior.info if you would like more information. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Girlfriends Bookclub will be meeting January 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Borrowing Life* by Shelley F. Mickle. Ms. Mickle will be attending this event as a special guest. To RSVP contact Carol Wilson at (352) 538-0835

New Member Class: Are you new to Abiding Savior? We are so happy to have you in fellowship and worship with us. If you would like to arrange a transfer from another LCMS church or participate in a new member class, contact Pastor Glover at PastorG@abidingsavior.info or call (352) 494-4532.

Portals of Prayer for January through March are available on the welcome table.

+ *The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)* + + *Preparation* +

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 703 How Can I Thank You, Lord

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

+ *Confession and Absolution* +

Exhortation

LSB 167

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 167

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Sit

Liturgy Catechesis

The Collect of the Day

A collect is a short prayer which is prayed by the pastor on behalf of the entire congregation, collecting their prayers into one. Thus he begins by an invitation for the people to join him in mind and spirit with the words, “Let us pray.” Because the Collect of the Day is one of the Propers and changes according to the day in the Church Year, the petition is often tied to the lessons which are about to be read.

The practice of having a chief collect of the day probably dates from the time of St. Leo the Great (d. 461). Most of the collects used in the Divine Service are of very ancient origin and come from either the Leonine Sacramentary (c. 450), the Gelasian sacramentary (c. 480), or the Gregorian Sacramentary (c. 600). A few find their origin in liturgies from the Reformation period in both Germany and England.

The pastor prays the collect facing the altar with his hand(s) held out at his sides and open toward heaven, a gesture which both implies supplication to God and the expectation of receiving from God. It also reflects St. Paul’s admonition to the young St. Timothy that “men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or doubting.” (“About Our Liturgy: Meaning, History, and Practice”, David A. Kind)

The Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
 they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from afar,
 and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and exult,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,
 and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
 Extol him, all | peoples!
 For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
 bringing an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me
 for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written
 briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now
 been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the
 Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in
 Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which
 was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all
 the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of

Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day: 369 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Gathering of Offering & Prayer Requests Voluntary

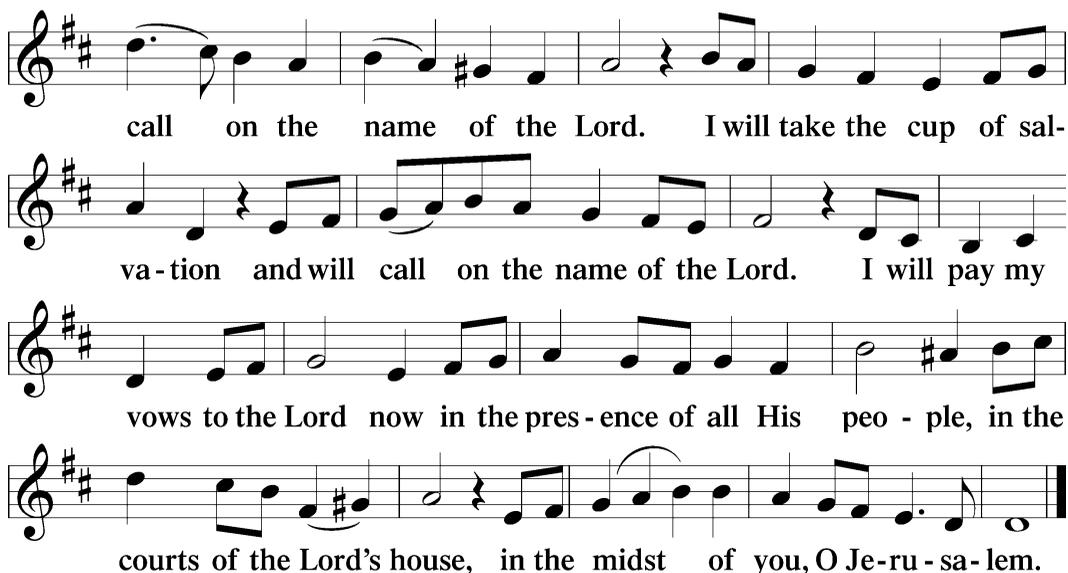
Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 176

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

+ *Service of the Sacrament* +

Preface

LSB 177

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

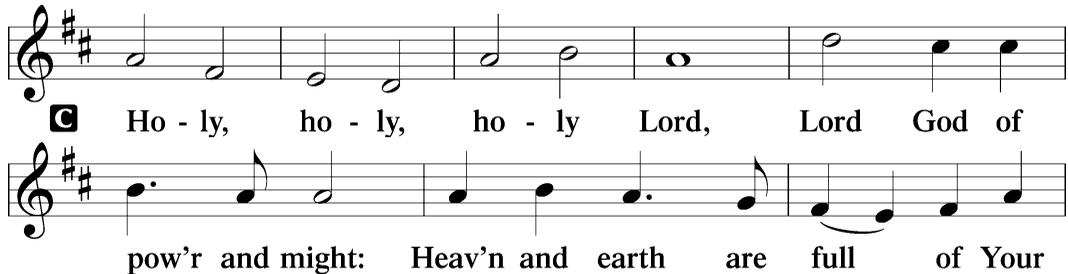
Proper Preface

LSB 177

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

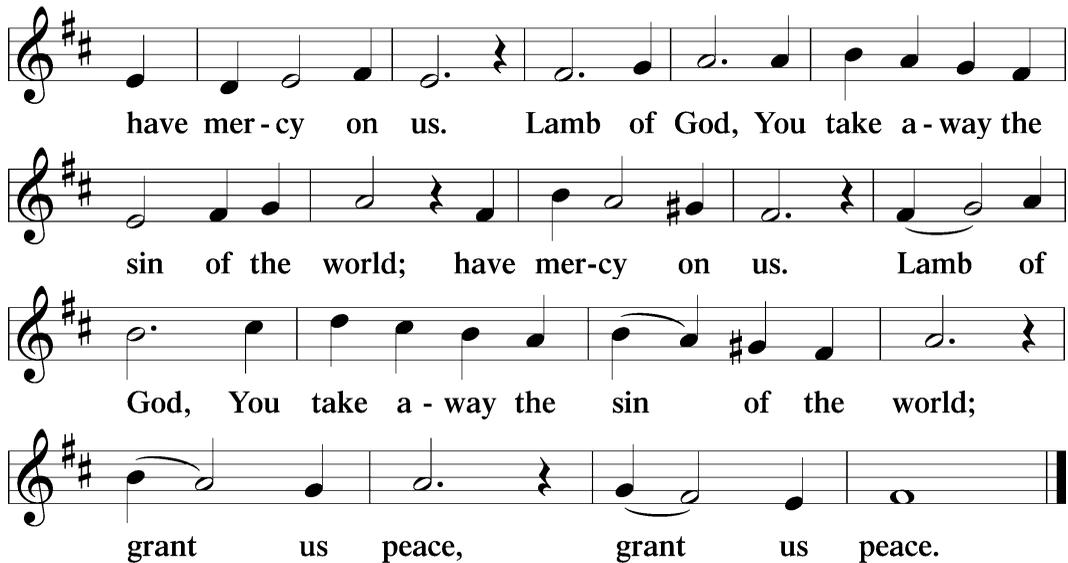
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



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.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 874 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

The Dismissal

LSB 181

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

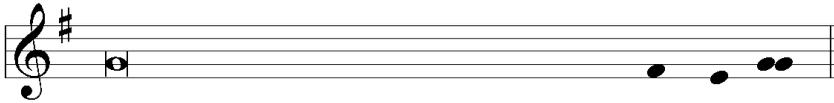
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 183



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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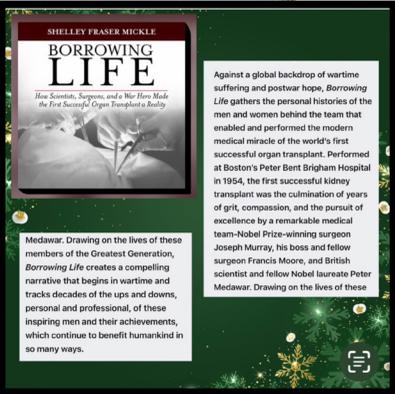
FLC Grief Share Support Group

GRIEF SHARE™

**New session begins February 7th
at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Offering help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

To register email office@flcgainesville.org or go to the GriefShare website griefshare.org and click on the Find a Group option.



Against a global backdrop of wartime suffering and postwar hope, *Borrowing Life* gathers the personal histories of the men and women behind the team that enabled and performed the modern medical miracle of the world's first successful organ transplant. Performed at Boston's Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in 1954, the first successful kidney transplant was the culmination of years of grit, compassion, and the pursuit of excellence by a remarkable medical team: Nobel Prize-winning surgeon Joseph Murray, his boss and fellow surgeon Francis Moore, and British scientist and fellow Nobel laureate Peter Medawar. Drawing on the lives of these

Medawar. Drawing on the lives of these members of the Greatest Generation, *Borrowing Life* creates a compelling narrative that begins in wartime and tracks decades of the ups and downs, personal and professional, of these inspiring men and their achievements, which continue to benefit humankind in so many ways.

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WHEN?
January 31, 2023,
Tuesday, 7:00 -8:30
pm

WHO?
ASLC Girlfriends
Bookclub invites you
to discuss this book
with the author,
Shelley Fraser Mickle!

CLAIM YOUR SPOT:
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Serving Today

Pastor: Rev. Graham B. Glover

Director of Music Ministry: Joshua L. Mazur

8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Elder of the Month: Chuck Moss *Elder of the Month: Michael Arden*

Reader: Kris Pagenkopf *Reader: Ann Stone*

Attendance

Christmas Eve: 253

Christmas Day: 74

New Year's Day: 101

Last Weeks Offering:

Total: \$ 9,010

Building Fund: \$ 0

December Offerings: \$30,985

Fiscal Year-to-Date

(7/1/22-1/1/23)

Average Attendance: 124

Total offering: \$181,003

Avg. Weekly Offering: \$6,704

Building: \$2,824

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

January 15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

*Today's Altar Flowers
are provided by the Stone
family in celebration
of Ann & Bill's 33rd
anniversary.*



Birthdays

Jeremy Hernandez 1/8

Dave Buth 1/11

Sarah Suter 1/11

Jan Banks 1/12

Larry Mackenzie 1/14



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