



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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## **Welcome to Worship!**

Imagine a beautiful guitar, carefully crafted out of the finest mahogany and steel strings. Now imagine that fine instrument is never played--it just sits in a corner and collects dust. Tragic, right? Of what use is a guitar that makes no music? What is the point of its existence? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that the same is true of discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he made us something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are so that God might bless the world through us.

## **Worship Notes**

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

## **Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

# The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

## February 4 & 5, 2023

The Savior's Sermon: You Are...So Be.

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### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Speak, O Lord (Saturday & 8:00 a.m.)

*Christian Worship 633*

O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near (10:30 a.m.)

*Christian Worship 693*

### Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

*Christian Worship, pg. 151*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*Please kneel*

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

Please stand

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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.

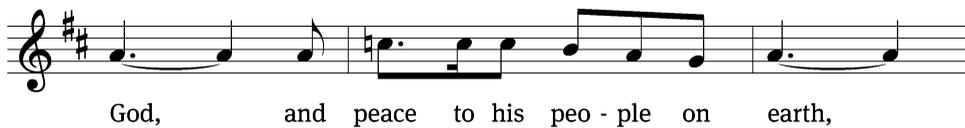
**Lord, have mercy.**

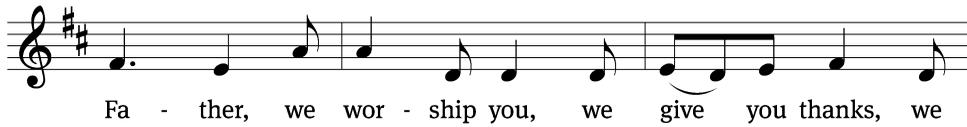
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

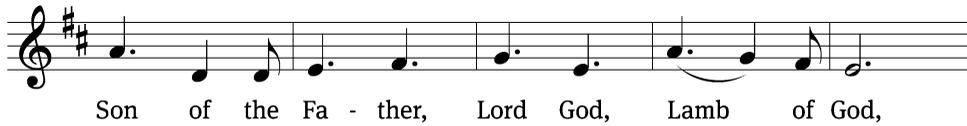




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



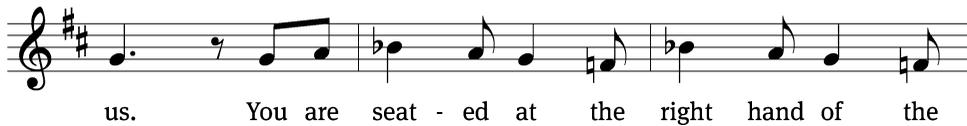
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

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

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

*God called Israel to be a kingdom of priests.*

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112 (see pg. 17)

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

*God called us to be a royal priesthood and his special possession.*

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia.



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Tone*



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

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## Gospel

Matthew 5:13–20

*Jesus called his disciples to be blessings to this dark, decaying world.*

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Anthem (Sunday)**

*Junior Handbell Choir*

Amazing Grace  
*arranged by Sandra Eithun*

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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## **Hymn of the Day**

Thy Strong Word  
*Christian Worship 630*

## **Sermon**

Exodus 19:1-8  
*Timeless Lessons From a Time Long Ago*

*Please stand*

## **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 truly 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

Dearest Lord Jesus, during this Epiphany season we thank and praise you for the wondrous works you did during your life here on earth.

**Thank you for these mighty signs and miracles that proved you are indeed the Son of God.**

Savior of the nations, we thank you for being born of a woman and coming to this earth to live as our brother—holy and without sin.

**Through your incarnation, you adopted us and made us members of your family.**

Anointed One, we thank you for your constant and unswerving adherence to your Father's law. From your baptism in the Jordan to your ascent to the cross at Calvary, you lived a pure and holy life.

**Through your perfect life, our feeble and broken efforts to follow God's commands are covered by your perfect obedience.**

Lamb of God, we thank you for the greatness of your love and the tenderness of your mercy that moved you to sacrifice yourself on the cross for us.

**Through your innocent death and victorious resurrection, our sins are not counted against us.**

Light of the world, we thank you for your preaching and your teaching by which you brought light to those sitting in darkness.

**Through your Word, we hear and share the good news of the salvation that is now ours.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Alpha and Omega, bring us at last to your throne in heaven where we will offer you our unending thanks and praise.

**Until that glorious day, move us to live out this thanks and praise in everything we do.**

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Offering

*Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



Please stand

## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son’s body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

### Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Lamb of God

## Agnus Dei

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, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 18 of the service folder.

## **Distribution Hymns**

On Eagle's Wings  
Christian Worship 821

Before You I Kneel  
Christian Worship 735

What Is This Bread  
Christian Worship 665

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go + in peace.

*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill (st. 2)

*Christian Worship 697*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joel Schwartz
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Dan Ebeling & Dave Leyrer (8:00 a.m.) Caleb Kuether & Jeff Scheibe (10:30 a.m.)
<b>Junior Handbell Choir Director</b>	Julie Handeland

## Worship Notes

- Otto John Warnke, son of John and Laura (nee Mueller) Warnke, will be baptized during the 10:30 a.m. service.
- The flowers are placed by Barbara J. Weihing in memory of her father, Gilbert G. Weihing, and her brothers, Gordon G. Weihing and Merle R. Weihing.

## In Our Prayers

- Mary Groth, scheduled for kidney stone removal surgery on Tuesday.
- Sue McTavish, scheduled for tests and an oncology consultation this coming week.
- Six-year-old Sawyer Sweet, scheduled for a second intracranial surgery on February 17.

## Psalm 112

### Refrain



### Tone



Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in / his commands.  
Wealth and riches are in their / houses,  
and their righteousness endures for- / ever. *Refrain*

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;  
they will be remembered for- / ever.  
Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.

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

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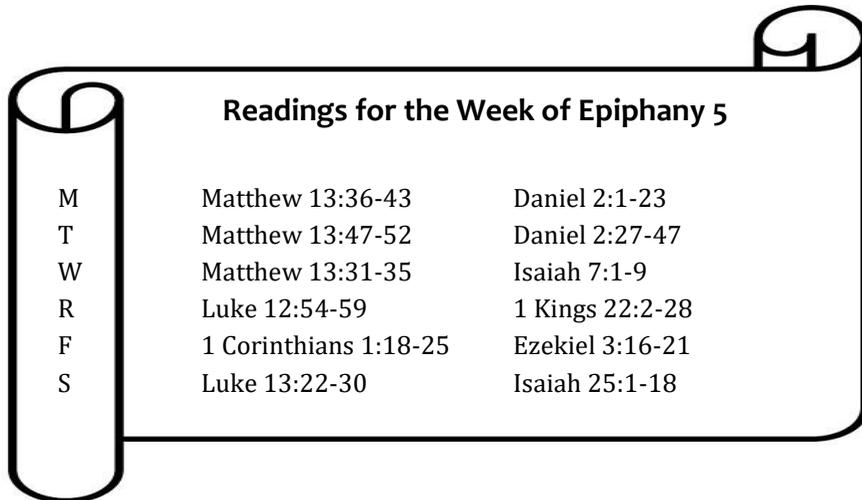
## Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Heavenly Father, through this sacrament you invite me to receive your Son's body and blood. I thank you for this gift of grace and for your forgiveness given here. Lead me to your altar with a humble and repentant heart. Strengthen me with your presence through the communion present in this meal. Amen.

## Personal Prayer for After Communion

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted me as your child and made me a member of the body of Christ. I thank you for the forgiveness of sins present in this Sacrament. As I leave the table, empower me by your Spirit to witness and serve in your name. Amen.

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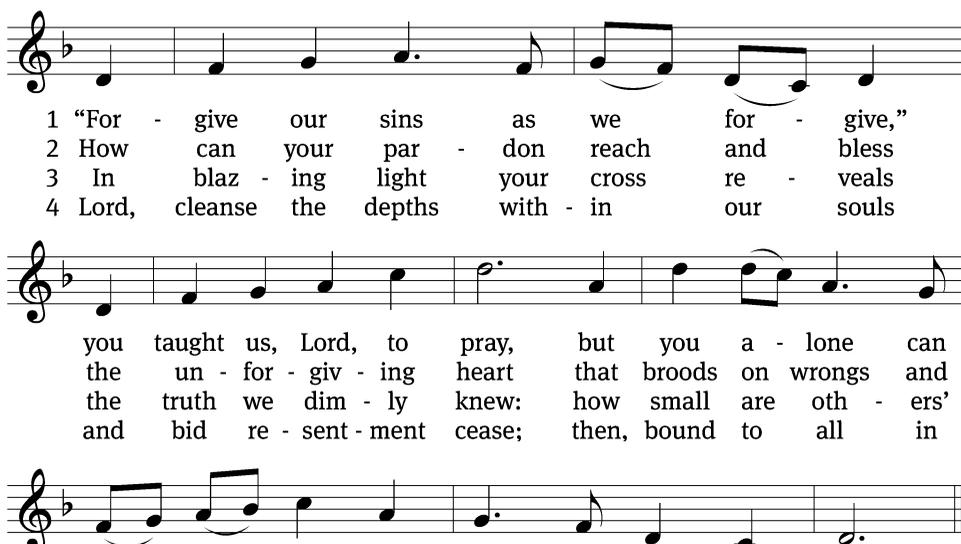


Readings for the Week of Epiphany 5		
M	Matthew 13:36-43	Daniel 2:1-23
T	Matthew 13:47-52	Daniel 2:27-47
W	Matthew 13:31-35	Isaiah 7:1-9
R	Luke 12:54-59	1 Kings 22:2-28
F	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ezekiel 3:16-21
S	Luke 13:22-30	Isaiah 25:1-18

## Parents' Preview for February 12

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

### Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive *Christian Worship 733*



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can  
the un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
the truth we dim - ly knew: how small are oth - ers'  
and bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
debts to us, how great our debt to you!  
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

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# The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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## Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

## Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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