

Time after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

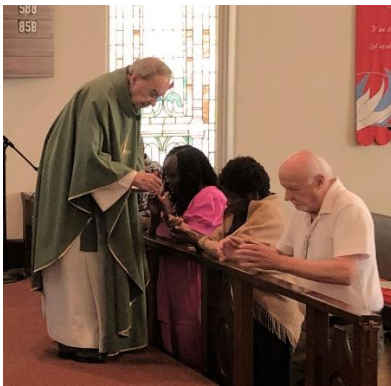
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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi leads our service today and shares his message. Wendy Stainbrook is our musician today, Rosemary Rader is our choir director, and Dardhe Lake is worship assistant for this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation



GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service.

We light the candles.

Prelude



Help Me, Jesus

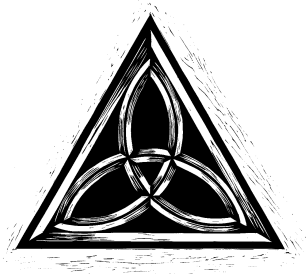
**The Ambassadors for Christ
Salem Youth Choir with Pastor James M. Capers**

Recorded December 8, 2019

Text: Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921-1996

Music: Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921-1996

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Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence for Reflection)

P Compassionate God,

All we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

in your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn



In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

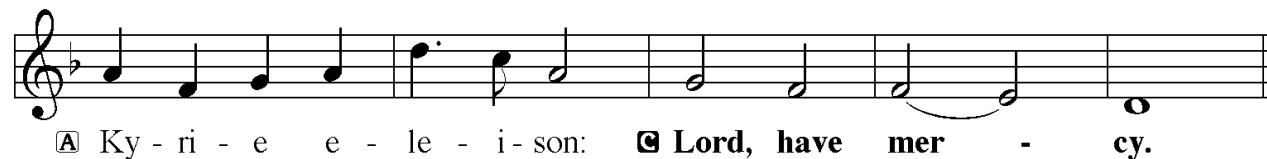
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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Kyrie



With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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Hymn of Praise





I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



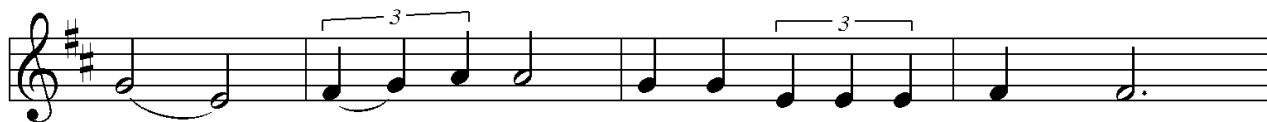
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



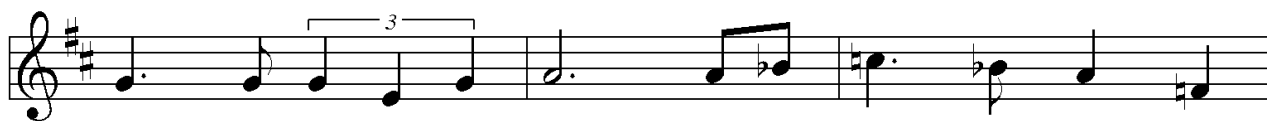
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



II 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.



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



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II 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.
III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

A ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
 may the light of God's face shine upon us.

All ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
 your saving health among all nations.**

A ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.

All ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
 nations on earth.**

A ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you.

All ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
 God, our own God, has blessed us.**

A ⁷ May God give us blessing,
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

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Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon **Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi**

Hymn of the Day

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy **ELW 588**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: North American, 19th cent. PUBLIC DOMAIN

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again 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

P With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Responses after each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Anthem

Faith of Our Fathers

Salem Summer Choir

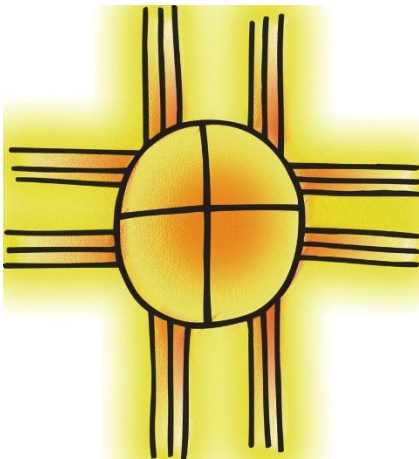
Rosemary Rader, Director

Text: Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

Arranged by Jill Gallina

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MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

A Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

All Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

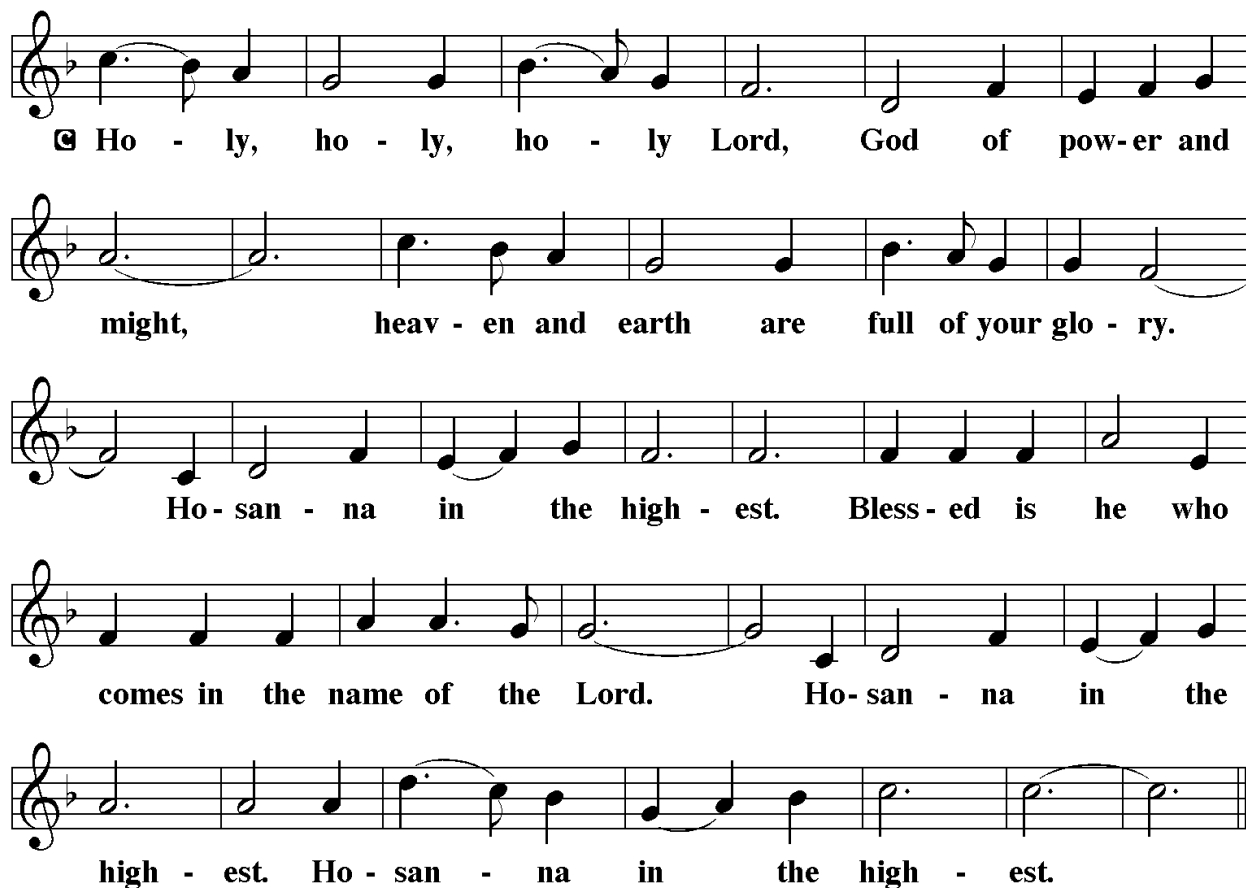
All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.**

The Communion Invitation

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
All are welcome.



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.

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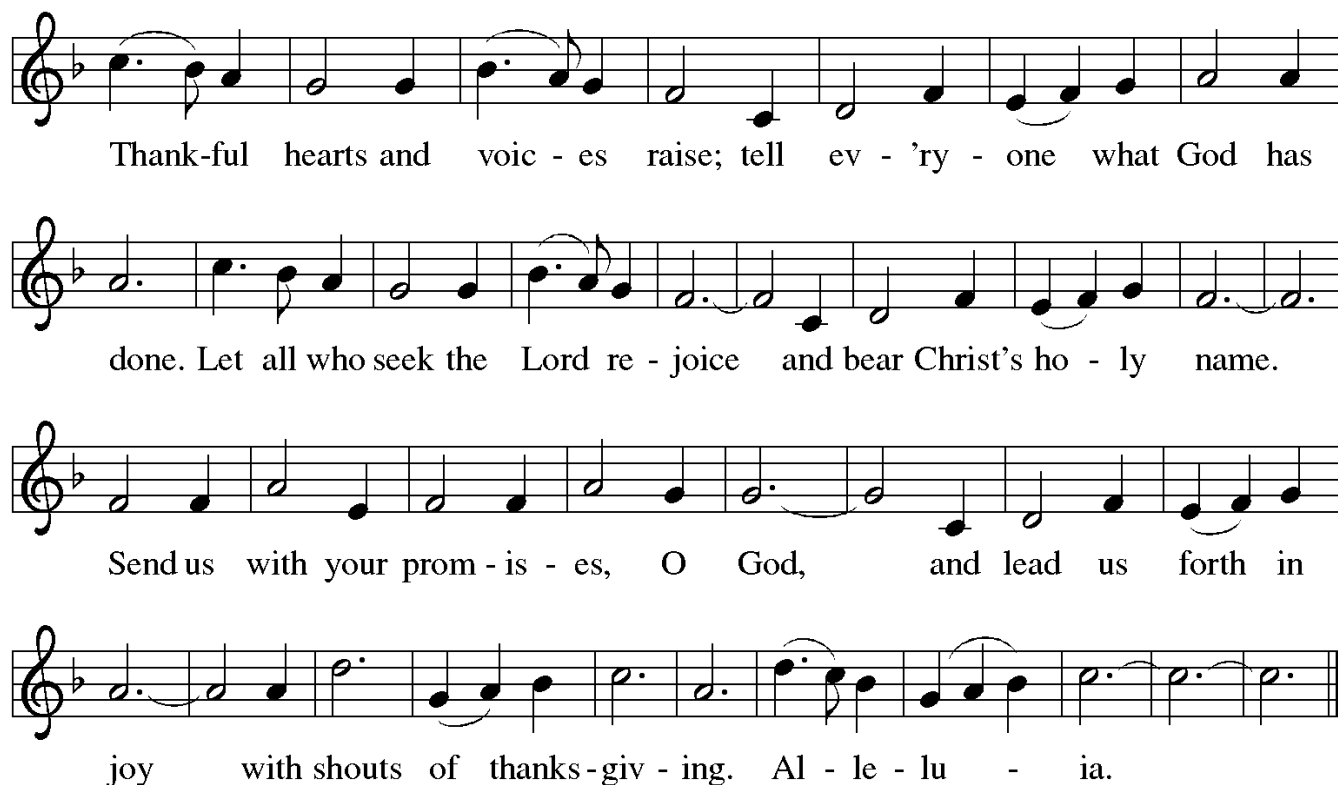
The Communion

Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Post-Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young

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Prayer After Communion

A Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All Amen.

SENDING

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Benediction

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872 PUBLIC DOMAIN

Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Wendy Stainbrook, Guest Musician

Rosemary Rader, Choir Director

Dardhe Lake, Worship Assistant

Divine Adolphe and Racheal Adolphe, Acolytes

Keith Kunze and Pete Bush, Ushers

Laura Morgan, Altar Guild

Kalamo Adolphe, Media Assistant

Devoe Slisher, Media Director