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The Baptism of Our Lord

Service Notes: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: CWS#709 (CW21#379) "Christ Your Footprints Through the Desert"

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709 Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert



1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



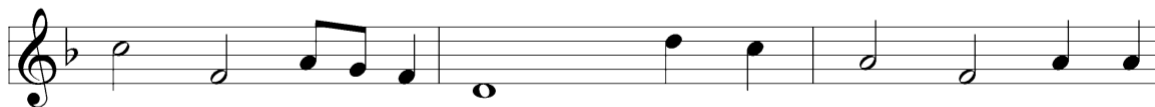
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic
 with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing
 cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's
 cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: "He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will
 flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the
 will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,
 Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the
 Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all
 yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to
 us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

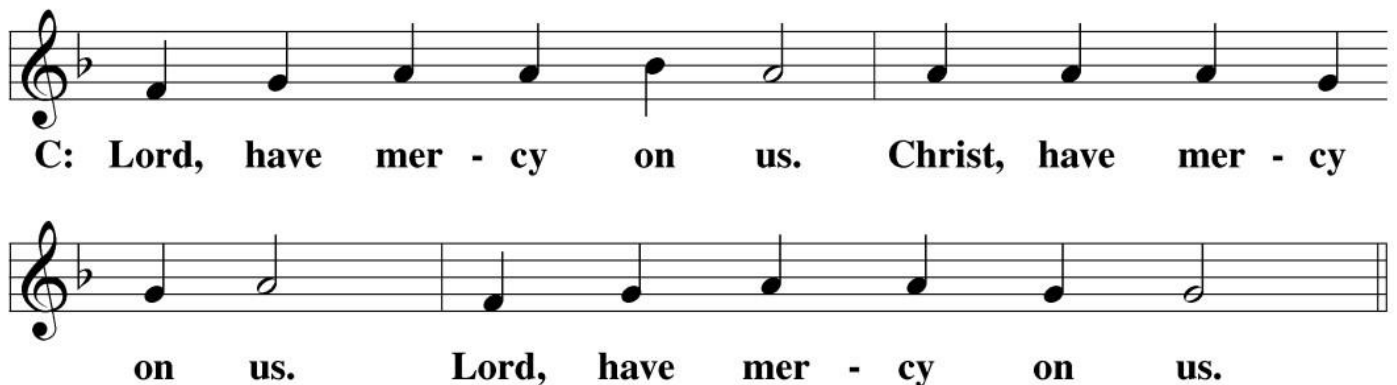


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

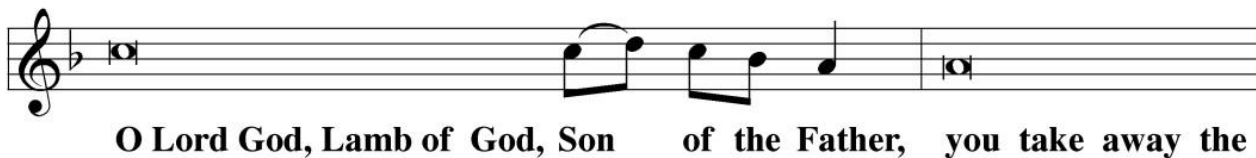
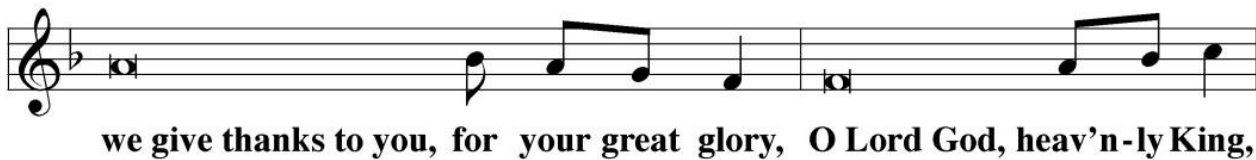
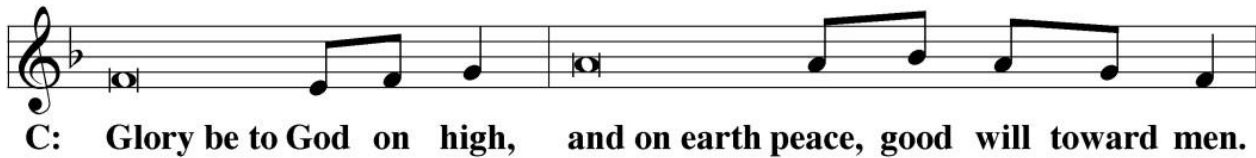


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the

LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel.

And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

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Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

*

Why do the nations conspire* and the
peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD* and against his
Anointed One. **Refrain**

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;* the Lord
scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:* He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

**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***

SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir) Mark 1:11b

Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.**

BE SEATED

**GOSPEL RESPONSE: CWS#710 (LSB#404) “Jesus Once
with Sinners Numbered”** Text: Stephen P. Starke b. 1955 ©1999 Concordia Publishing

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1. Jesus once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown;
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."

2. John confessed Him as the Savior— "Look, the sinless Lamb of God!"
yet he dared not loose the sandals of the One God's love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us.
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross.

3. This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God's love might know;
This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan's stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.

4. Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath;
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #89 "To Jordan's River Came Our

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To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God's own voice with words pro - found: "This
 noit - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son," was his de - cree, "The
 God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me."
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man in Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

RITE OF INSTALLATION - 2025 OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

C: We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.

M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy

Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

C: Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be they name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bead;
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.**

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



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



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



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

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 the new testament in my (+) blood, 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.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

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88 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do his
 2 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
 3 Oh, hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God him -
 4 All that the mor - tal eye be - holds Is wat - er
 5 To his dis - ci - ples spoke the Lord, "Go out to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell,
 as we pour it. Be - fore the eye of faith un - folds
 ev - 'ry na - tion And bring to them the liv - ing Word



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n-ly wash - ing
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is my be -
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his
 The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it. For here it sees his
 And this my in - vi - ta - tion: Let ev - 'ry - one a -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 lov - ed Son, In whom my heart has plea - sure.
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter free - ly flow - ing.
 pre - cious blood To all our ills bring heal - ing,
 ban - don sin And come in true con - tri - tion



And by his blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 Him you must hear, and him a - lone, And trust in full -
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 The won - ders of that crim - son flood The love of God
 To be bap - tized and there - by win Full par - don and



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."
 be - stow - ing The bap - tism of his bless - ing.
 re - veal - ing, As - sur - ing his own par - don.
 re - mis - sion And heav'n-ly bliss in - her - it."

#499 "God of Mercy, God of Might" Public Domain.

CHRISTIAN LOVE

499

O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care May we each



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and
o - ther's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in your sight, To live our lives to you.
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.
word and thought May work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.
need - ed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till you receive in heav'n above
All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Tune: ISLEWORTH (888 6) Samuel Howard, 1710–82.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.

C: A - men.

M: 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.



OFFICIANTS:

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Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland; Cantors: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 -10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 -10:30 AM Call meeting
 ~10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving January 19: Altar Guild – Lois Bude; Ushers: #2

THANK YOU! For taking down and storing Christmas decorations last Sunday.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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