

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Mr. Charlie de Mets
Lectors	Jim Schneider, 8:15; Adrian Meyer, 11:00
Acolytes	Alexander Selsor, 8:15; Amanda Wisner, 11:00
Greeters	Sandy Rumbel, 8:15; Bill Williams, 9:30; Emma Lou Kuhn, 11:00
Head Usher	Al Zollers
Ushers	Lyn Matthew, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Gloria Inlander, Dick Millman, Terry Morissette, Mike Kearns, 11:00
Communion Steward	Stephanie McCurry
Sound	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck & Ed Travis, 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets – Organist, Keyboardist	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
Susan Tinney – Handbells & Children’s Choir Conductor	Lisa Lang – Administrative Asst.
Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager	Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coord.
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

LEHMAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL STAFF

Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher	Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown – Teacher

Teacher Assistants:
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga

MISSIONARIES

Mark and Deidre Zimmerman, Nepal



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8:15 a.m. 1st Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Meditation* Peeters
Charlie de Mets, Organist

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the *Covenant of Fellowship*, sharing as much information with which you are comfortable, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ denotes, please stand if comfortable.

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: The voice of God is upon the waters.
People: The voice of God is full of power.
Pastor: The voice of God is replete with majesty.
People: The voice of God echoes in mystery.
Pastor: The voice of God calls you to the water's edge.
People: We hear God's voice and we come with joy!

▲ HYMN *We Three Kings* No. 254

OPENING PRAYER OF EPIPHANY No. 255

INTERLUDE *Adoration* Peeters

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jim Schneider (8:15); Adrian Meyer (11:00)

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5 Pew Bible (OT), p. 1
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER (with response) Psalm 29 No. 761

ANTHEM (11:00) *Lamb of God* Mitchell
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-11 Pew Bible (NT), p. 34
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

SERMON *Is It Worth the Search?* Pastor Bill Lentz

Two beginnings merge into one glorious expression of God's creative power in creation and in Christ on this Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. The first day of creation in Genesis speaks to formlessness and chaos giving way to light, form, and purpose. The baptism of Jesus according to Mark's Gospel is the sign that God has appeared to bring a fresh, new beginning by out pouring grace into the life and mission of Jesus. Heaven is unveiled and glory comes in the man from Nazareth.

▲ HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* No. 252

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF JESUS No. 253

BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV No. 50

The Sundays after Epiphany are rich in imagery about the life and ministry of Jesus. The inaugural event of his ministry was his baptism in the Jordan. As we recall his baptism, so today Jesus calls us to reaffirm the commitment we made in baptismal grace to follow him to the ends of the earth.

▲ INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER Pg. 12

▲ CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

Festival March

Powell

A bouquet is given in honor of Beverly Felix for her birthday on January 11th, by her husband, Bill.

A rose is placed in celebration of the birth of London Leigh Cummings, born December 11, 2017 to Caitlin and Brendon Cummings. London is the granddaughter of Karen and Craig Douglass and the great-granddaughter of Kent and Joan Douglass and Beverly and Bill Felix.

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Pg. 17

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune at this table of the Lord. If you are not baptized, but you desire to receive Jesus, then you too are welcome at this table. We ask that you seek us out for spiritual care.

Today, as you come to the Communion stations, you are invited to reach into the Baptismal font and touch your forehead with water in order to remember your baptism and be continually thankful for the grace and mercy of God's love.

DURING THE FEAST (11:00) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*
Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

▲ HYMN *Jesus! the Name High over All (1,2,6)* No. 193

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

POSTLUDE *Promenade* Mussorgsky