

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Charlie de Mets
Readers	Priscilla Hollenbach, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00
Greeters	Dottie Montgomery, 8:15; Christopher Johnson, 9:30; Joanne Lambert, 11:00
Acolytes	Jadyn Mount, 8:15; Mia Murphy, 11:00
Acting Head Usher	Al Zollers
Ushers	Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 The Banks Family, Dick Millman, Gerry Russell, 11:00
Sound Operators	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck & Kris Borcheck, 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	Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
Susan Tinney – Handbells and Children’s Choir Conductor	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director	Lisa Lang – Administrative Asst.
Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coordinator	Nancy Collier – Communications Mgr.

NURSERY STAFF

Danielle Cole - Nursery Coordinator Samantha Ford - Nursery Assistant

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



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8:15 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude in F
Charlie de Mets, Organist

Peeters

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 as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CHIMES

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: God grants us diligence to be seekers.

People: God grants us permission to be perceivers.

Pastor: God grants us patience to be waiters.

People: God grants us time to be meditators.

Pastor: God grants us love to be givers.

People: God grants us power to be proclaimers.

Pastor: Celebrate the presence of God here today.

People: We have come to see God's new Kinship here.

▲ HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign (1,2,5)* No. 157

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us, and to welcome the good news of Jesus. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your glorious Spirit of Peace. Fill us with your lustrous Spirit of Wisdom. Fill us with your adventurous Spirit of Mission. Guide us to share your Kinship with a whole world in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERLUDE *In the Sanctuary* Macklin

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (11:00) Pg. 39

Today's Baptismal candidate is Easton Aaron Musgrove, son of Daniel and Aracelis Musgrove. Easton's sponsors are Adelisa Perez and Daniel Vogel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Priscilla Hollenbach, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00

FIRST READING Johah 3:1-5, 10 Pew Bible (OT), p. 860

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER (with response) Psalm 62:5-12 No. 787

ANTHEM (11:00) *Just a Little Bite* Courtney
Kids Chorus, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible (NT), p. 35

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to Christ.

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SERMON Pastor Bill Lentz

Mark's Gospel cleverly sets the beginning of Jesus' ministry against the backdrop of John's arrest. From the beginning we are being prepared for heartbreak as a similar fate awaits Jesus that befell John. Mark then moves the focus quickly to the call of the first disciples. Mark's portrait of Jesus is that he is creating a new people of God, a new Kinship, to serve God's purpose in the world. Before Jesus preaches a word or heals a broken limb, or casts out an unclean spirit, he creates a community of kinship around him, mentoring followers to carry his ministry into the future. We are that future, now, here today. God is drawing near in time that fulfills itself and ushers in the Kinship of God in the life of God's people.

▲ HYMN *Jesus Calls Us (1,2,5)* No. 398

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

8:15 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word* Mansfield
11:00 *Be Joyful! Be Joyful!* Butler
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, director

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

▲ HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory (1,2,4)* No. 577

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Shalom to You*

POSTLUDE *Here, O My Lord* Paxton