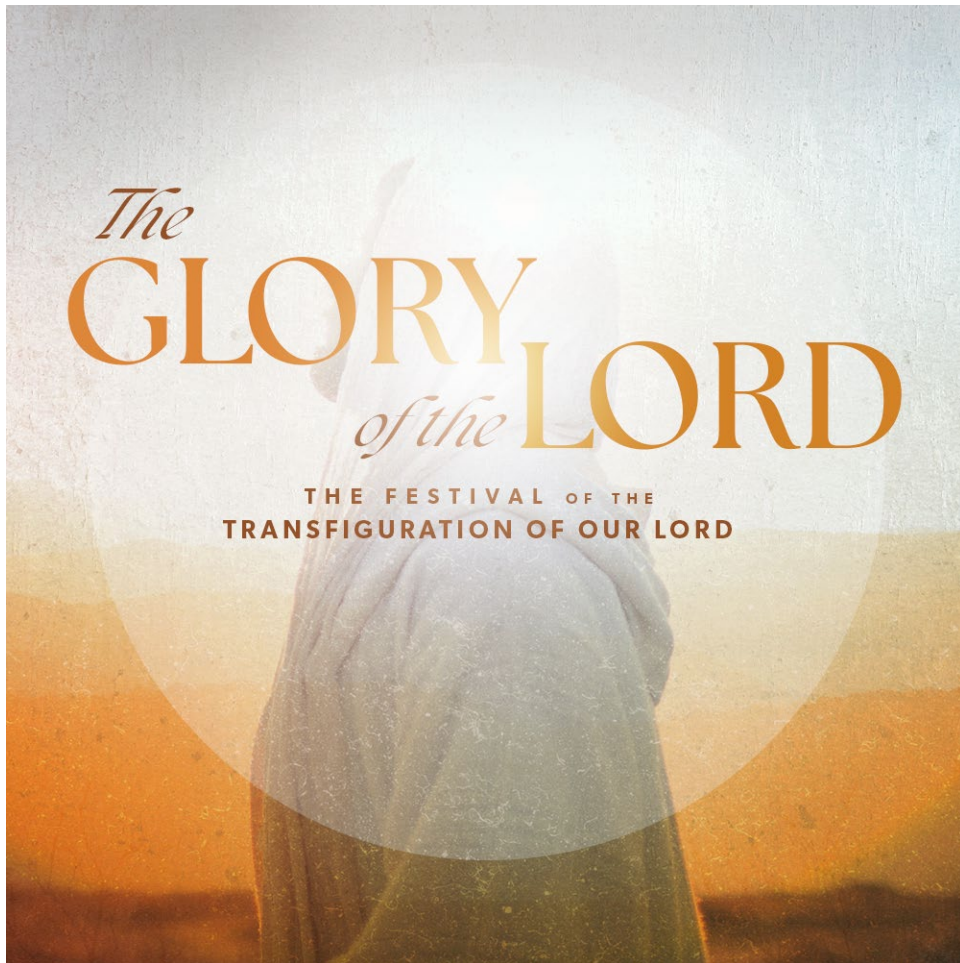


# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



***February 19th, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday***

**SERVICE THEME: THE GLORY OF THE LORD**

# *Beautiful Savior*

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Serving all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**Welcome--** We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

- Please save the last two rows of pews for parents with small children.
- Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... We're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word: "Let the little children come to me." If you need to be with your child in the Fellowship Hall, the service can be heard through a speaker.
- Five minutes before the worship service begins the usher will light the candles. This is our signal to quiet down and prepare our hearts for worship.
- Restrooms are conveniently located to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

## **Prayer for Worship**

Lord Jesus, you showed your disciples your glory and power at the top of the mountain. Help us to see your glory too through your Word today. Change our hearts through your Law and Gospel that we may grow in service to you and love for others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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# 389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389 sts. 1-4



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

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

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**According to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

### 389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389 sts. 5-6



5 But you, Lord, do not stay. With mer - cy res - o - lute  
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



you leave this glo - rious hill to die— our per - fect sub - sti - tute.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading**

*Exodus 24:9–18*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”


<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## 2A You Are My Son

Psalm 2A

### Refrain



Music notation for the Refrain, featuring a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody consists of a sequence of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

### Tone



Music notation for the Tone, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody consists of a sequence of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a- / gainst the  
LORD

and against his A- / nointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,

“I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill.” *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

**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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## Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Children's Devotion** *Ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.*

**Children's Church** *During the service, parents may choose to take their children (ages 2-5) to Children's Church. There they will hear a Bible story, and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering*

# 388 Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.  
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - diant in the light,  
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend  
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame  
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.  
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.  
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend  
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.  
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;  
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;  
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,  
Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny;  
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.  
the words “my Son” were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.  
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.  
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.  
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**“We see the glory of Jesus in the Word of God”**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering** *“We love because he first loved us.” 1Jn 4:19 God’s love in sending Jesus to live, to suffer, and to die for each of us motivates the members of Beautiful Savior to show their love and thanks by returning a portion of their income to the Lord. Through these free will offerings, this congregation and its ministries are maintained.*



*\*If you would like to give your regular offering envelope, you can mail it to the church. If you would like to give securely online, scan this code or follow this link: [bslclarksville.com](https://bslclarksville.com)*

## **Reception of New Members**

### **Prayer**

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### 639 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

CW 639



1 God has spo - ken by his proph - ets, spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,  
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.  
 bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
 in the age - less Word de - clar - ing his own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:  
 spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;  
 Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:



God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.  
 Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing, he re - veals our God to us.  
 God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

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## **Closing Prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you for once again having spoken to us through your Word. Let your Word be a light to our path, so that neither the attractions nor the worries of this life may be able to turn our thoughts from the life to come. As we now prepare to leave this house of God, let the Holy Spirit accompany us, so that we may be responsive to your voice speaking to our hearts. Give us forgiveness for yesterday, faith for today, and strength for tomorrow. We ask this of you in the name of Jesus, the name above every name.

**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.**

## 522 Beautiful Savior

CW 522



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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### Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: *“Our Greatest Needs—A champion for the Defeated.”*

Our readings will be: Genesis 3: 1-15, Romans 5: 12-19, and Matthew 4: 1-11. We

will sing the following hymns: 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive, 863 A Might

Fortress Is Our God, 574 The Tree of Life, and 829 Take Heart.

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

† Today	10:30am Worship 12 pm Bible Information Class 12 pm Confirmation Class
† Tuesday	5:30 pm Steering Committee 7 pm Bible Study
† Wednesday	6 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service
† Saturday	5pm Chili Cook Off & Cake Bake
† Sunday	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12 pm Confirmation Class 12 pm Bible Information Class

### **Welcome!**

Today we are blessed to welcome into the beautiful Savior family our newest members: Dian Cracraft; David Cutting; Warren and Esther Dickinson; Terry and Gloria Glowicki; and Phil and Julie Hale. Please introduce yourself to them today!

### **Offering Envelopes**

If you have not picked up your offering envelope for 2023, please take yours from the entryway table. Many choose to give their thanks offerings online but if you would like an offering envelope and do not have one, please let Pastor know and he will get you one.

### **Fellowship Farewell**

Today we wish God's blessings and farewell to Teddy, Kaylee, and Anna Armstrong as they are moving to Italy. There will be cake and refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please join in!

### **Chili Cook-Off and Cake Bake this Saturday!**

We will be having our annual chili cook-off and cake bake this Saturday, February 25th. So bring your best chili and/or your favorite cake to take part in the fun. A panel of judges will sample our creations and declare a winner in three categories: best chili, best cake (non-chocolate), and best cake (chocolate). To be judged, all chilis and cakes must be brought to church no later than 5pm on Saturday, February 25th. The meal will start at 5:30pm.



### **Tuesday Bible Study**

Who is Jesus? In our new Tuesday evening Bible Study, we will listen to Jesus tell us who he is by examining his eight “I am” statements in the New Testament. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall starting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm and Jesus will tell us who he is—from the “Bread of Life” to the “Vine” and many other beautiful statements of Jesus about himself.

### **Giving Statements**

If you have not picked up your giving statement for 2022, please check your mailbox for your giving record. If you do not have a giving statement and would like a record of your thanks offerings for 2022, please see Dan Walker in the church office.

### **Altar Flower Sign-up**

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Service, please see the sign up chart near the entry way table. It can be for a special occasion, or simply to beautify our altar on a Sunday morning. If you have questions, contact Eileen Cleveland at 239-410-6366 or email at [thedoll48@gmail.com](mailto:thedoll48@gmail.com)

### **Preschool Early Registration**

Early registration for the 2023-2023 school year is now open to the congregation and current preschool families. The registration fee will be reduced to \$75 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration will open to the community beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the office at 931-905-1400 to set up a time to register.



## **Mid-week Lent: His Final Steps**

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will begin a series of six mid-week Lent services that will prepare our hearts for the sacrifice of our Savior on Good Friday and his joyful resurrection on Easter Sunday. Prior to the service, there will be a simple “soup supper” at 6pm. Services will begin at 7pm. If you would like to sponsor one of the Wednesday meals, please sign up on the entry way table.

February 22, Ash Wednesday: His Final Steps Led to his Enemies

March 1: His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House

March 8: His Final Steps Led to a Tomb

March 15: His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks

March 22: His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree

March 29: His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

## Sundays in Lent

Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need! Our worship in Lent will follow this pattern:

Sunday, February 26: A Champion for the Defeated

Sunday, March 5: A Gift for the World

Sunday, March 12: Water for the Thirsty

Sunday, March 19: Sight for the Blind

Sunday, March 26: Life for the Dead

Sunday, April 2: A Greater Type of King

**OUR  
GREATEST  
NEEDS**

## Prayer List

Thank the Lord for the safe return of all the soldiers who recently came home and all soldiers and their families who are facing deployment. Please keep in your prayers this week all soldiers who are currently deployed. Please also remember: Renate Banks (illness); Patrick Smalley, brother in law to Jeff Cleveland, (in hospice care); Shan Bradford, daughter of Porter Matthew and friend of Margareta Smothers, (injured in car accident); Marlys Donner, mother of Tim Donner (declining health); Mark Lenz, father of Pamela Holz (recovery from tumor surgery); Caleb Westra, friend of the Holz family (Surgeries on his leg and foot after accident); Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); Autumn Potter & family, friends of Jessica Boulter (death of sister); Aimee Gerhardt, sister in law of Jessica Church (breast cancer); Steven Owens, father of Mark Owens, (cancer); Kathy Temple (cancer reoccurrence); Eric Smith, friend of Tim Donner (kidney surgery & complications); Brandon Vannoy, friend of Mac McCoo (seizures); Sheila Lynch, sister of Gayle Brooks (unable to walk); Drake Robideau, friend of Mary Daniel (strength & wellness); Mike LaFave (back problems); Linda Thomas, sister of Gayle Brooks, (physical rehab after injury); Ruth Amorth, twin sister of Hilde Fox (seriously ill); Gary Davis, husband of Angela Davis (seizures); Gidget Tate (Health issues). If you would like to have a name or situation included or if you would like to give an update on a prayer request, please contact Pastor Holz or call the church office at 931-905-1400.

### Serving in God's House

**Ushers:** Daniel Lane, Josh Geer  
**Greeters:** Art & Sandy Ebbinger  
**Kitchen:** Charmaine Smith, Mary Daniel  
**Piano:** Barb Noon  
**Fellowship:** (N-S)

### Serving next week:

**Ushers:** Mac M, Art E  
**Greeters:** Loretta W, Ernie R  
**Kitchen:** Margareta S, Mary D  
**Piano:** Deb W  
**Fellowship:** (T-Z)