

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

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Sunday, January 8, 2023

10:15 AM

**"I NEED TO BE  
BAPTIZED  
BY YOU,  
AND DO YOU  
COME TO ME?"  
MATTHEW 3:14**



# Welcome to Worship

Baptism of Our Lord                      January 8, 2023

**Welcome to St. Luke's.** Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

**Blue Welcome Cards** help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

**Holy Communion** All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

**Rest Rooms** are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

**Ushers** and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

**Large print bulletins** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked †

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## PRELUDE

## “Shall We Gather at the River?”

Wood

*The organ chimes call us to worship.*

## INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God’s beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God’s healing.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS †

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PEACE †

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of Christ’s peace with those around you.*

GATHERING HYMN †

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

#310

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - v. faint-ing soul:

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,

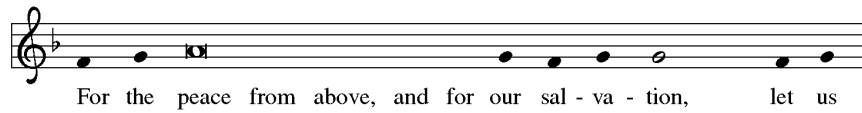
GREETING †

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

# KYRIE †



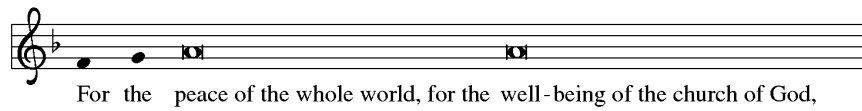
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



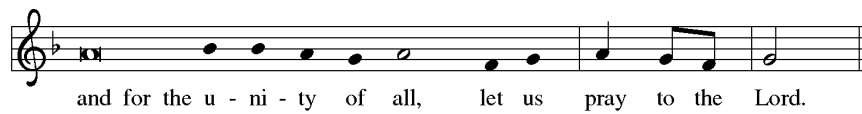
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



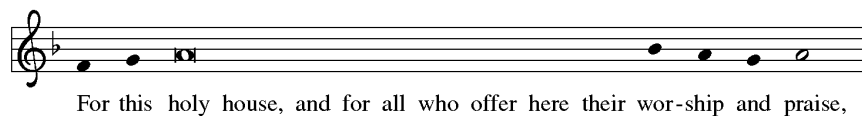
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

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.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The assembly is seated*

**ANTHEM**

***“Beside the Still Waters”***

Ramsey

**FIRST READING:**

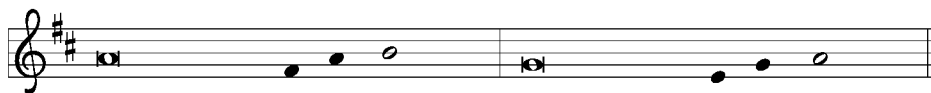
**Isaiah 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

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The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 29** sung responsively (congregation sings **BOLD** only)



- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**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.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised



him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION †



### HOLY GOSPEL: †

**Matthew 3:13-17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Steve Nelson**

HYMN OF THE DAY †

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

#305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

APOSTLES' CREED †

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
 Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE CHURCH †

*Response after each petition:* Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

**NOISY OFFERING**

*On the second Sunday of each month, the children collect a special “noisy” offering of loose change (or dollar bills), typically designated to support Churches United Pantry (CUP).*

**OFFERING**

Voluntary

*“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”*

Linker

**OFFERTORY HYMN †**

*“What Child is This”*

#296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER †**

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,

now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING †

### DIALOGUE †

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE †

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY †

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION †

### LORD'S PRAYER †

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Christ spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

*The assembly is seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD



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.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This morning communion is served continuously. Come forward down the center aisle as directed by the ushers and receive the bread—the body of Christ—from the pastor. Take a glass from the tray and move to the wine servers. When finished, place the cup in the basket and return to your seat via the side aisles.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

### “Shall We Gather at the River?”

#423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

*“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”*

#445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.  
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, most gracious God,  
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven  
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.  
Enliven us to be your body in the world  
and to serve those who are in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## BENEDICTION †

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN †

### “God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace. and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.



**DISMISSAL** †

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silent prayer with chimes.*

**POSTLUDE**

**“Crashing Waters at Creation”**

McCarthy

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<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>Serving TODAY 1/8</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY 1/15</b>
Worship Leader	Pastor Steve Nelson	Brett Onan
Musicians	Sandy Miller, Brian Reeves, Choir	Sandy Miller, Brian Reeves, Choir
Acolyte	Norah Mulder	Mackenzie Onan
Children’s Message	Noisy Offering	Sarah Oleson
Lector	Mary Stepleton	Kim Howard
Communion Servers	Mary Stepleton, Marcia Laukhuf	Mary Trueblood, Sandy Gray
Ushers	Dee Sherer, Phil Trueblood	Dick Fisher, Dick McCarty
Altar Guild	Rachael Lewis	Rachael Lewis



Starting January 15th our gathering hymn for the day will be a global hymn from our hymnal. Our global hymns are from Great Britain, Zulu/Xhosa, Kenya, Brazil, and Czech Republic, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Many of our most familiar hymns are also 'global' and we will try to honor them as well.

**REMOVAL of the GREENS**

We’ll be un-decorating the Church **Today, January 8th** following worship (at 11:30 AM). Many hands make the job go so much quicker and much more fun. Please join us!



## **FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**

Join us in the New Life Center for a hot, delicious meal of chili, crackers, bread, fruit cup, cookies, lemonade and coffee. This is a free meal for everyone!

**Saturday, January 21, 2023  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 209 W. North St. - Lima, OH 45801  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

St. Luke's will once again be sponsoring free community meals.

We will be serving food from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We need volunteers to serve the meals and to set up and clean up the space. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Area for you to indicate the time you will be helping.

Donations of desserts such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. are needed to make the meals successful! Two weeks prior to each meal a sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. Please sign up and let us know you'll be bringing desserts. Then please bring these dessert donations to the church the day of the meal (or the day before).

Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Armentrout (419) 234-3558  
or Alison Williams (419) 303-8583

**MORE FREE COMMUNITY MEALS - February 18 & March 18, 2023**

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## **WISH LIST**

We, the congregation, are creating a wish list. It should include major projects or not so major, social, interest, and ways of service and fellowship:

13 ranks of pipes and a new organ console  
Repainting doors and touch up as needed  
Elizabeth St. wall of sanctuary  
Fellowship group  
New furniture in gathering area  
Heat in pastor's office

## WHAT'S UP AT CUP

Thank you to all who have participated in the Angel Tree that provides CUP with essential hygiene items that are challenging for our clients to purchase when they have a difficult time affording the basics of food.

Those hygiene items are very much appreciated.

November 2022 numbers are as follows; 370 households served, which includes 931 individuals. Of the 370 households served, we had 57 new households to our doors. How do these compare to last year? Our numbers are up by 25% from 2021.

St. Luke's hygiene product of the month is **DEODORANT**. As always, any hygiene item is welcomed.

Please remember to save your used plastic grocery bags. We are always in need of these bags for packaging of our foods.

We will also take any books, or calendars, that you want to clear out of your house. We have a reading cart for our clients and are always in need of books to stock the cart. I can pick them up from your house if that is more convenient.



'Tis the season—typically—for inclement weather the likes of which can make travelling to and from St. Luke's a thrilling adventure...too thrilling. Should a "level-two roadway warning" be issued for Allen County, St. Luke's would close (i.e., we would not have a worship service). If the weather is such that you are wondering if we will have a regularly scheduled worship service, program or meeting, please check for closings at: [www.hometownstations.com](http://www.hometownstations.com)

(Closings will also be posted on the congregation's Facebook page.)

If St. Luke's is open, please use your own judgment as to whether you can safely negotiate the sidewalks and roads between your home and the church building. If you are scheduled to lead or assist in leading an activity but are not able to come for whatever reason (weather, illness, etc.), simply contact the church office via phone (419-227-1961) to let us know (as your circumstances permit). Someone will gladly fill in for you, just as you would for them in a similar situation.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
<b>Sun, 1/8</b>	11:15 am	Removal of the Greens
<b>Mon, 1/9</b>	1:00 pm	Worship Meeting
<b>Tues, 1/10</b>	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>Sun, 1/15</b>	8:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Liturgy of Holy Communion

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mennonite Home - Bonnie Nielson  
Lost Creek - Joan Fields

Pat Bitters, Ida Hershberger, Melissa Shultz, Madison Hunt, Barb Fisher, Lois Kennedy



<u>Scripture readings for 1/15/23:</u>	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11
	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42



2023 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the gathering area.



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by Lois Kennedy in celebration of Great-Grandson Krispen Shultz birthday Also, Sandy Miller in memory of her mom's birthday

**“NUMBERS” from Sunday, January 1, 2023**

Attendance: 56

Giving: \$4,126.00 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Freda Koch who died on Monday, December 26, 2022. May all who grieve find hope in God's promise of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.