

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



**February 01, 2026**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

***Ann McAlpin, Accompanist***

**Prelude: "Concerto in G" by J.S. Bach**

***This time allows you to center your heart & mind on God's presence in worship.***

## **Welcome, Friends in Christ,**

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

*We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service.*

*Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.*

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## **Welcome to Visitors, Friends and Members: Pastor Todd Bertani**

### **Call to Worship: "Sing to the Lord" by Allen Pote**

### **Opening Litany**

Come everyone, let us gather before the fountain of living water!

**Let us drink from the well that will never run dry.**

Jesus says, "those who drink the water I will give, will never be thirsty again.

**Let us drink the water that Jesus gives, for it will be a spring, gushing up to eternal life.**

As we hear the word proclaimed, eat the bread broken, and drink from the wine poured, may we know ever more deeply that the Holy Spirit satisfies every thirst and every hunger.

**Come let us eat and drink from the Source of Life that sustains us now  
and in the life to come.**

**Amen!**

**Amen!**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

**Opening Hymn: "O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing" Hymn 386**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,

with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:

to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## Hymn of Praise

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of life,

**Shower us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean.**

**Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live. Amen.**

*(Please remain standing through the Gospel Acclamation)*

## The Woman at the Well

### Psalm 42:1-3

<sup>1</sup>As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?

<sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

### Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia,      al - le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu - - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*(Please be seated)*

### Gospel: John 4:1-42

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 4.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup>(although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the

Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

<sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

<sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

### Sermon Hymn: “For All the Faithful Women” *Hymn 419*



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom our Lord con-versed:  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep - est thirst.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearn-ing; Christ of - fers us his word.  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.  
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## **Apostle's Creed**

**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 People**

Each petition ends: “Merciful God,”  
Response is **“receive our prayer.”**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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

## Offering

Online  
Giving



### Offertory: "What Brings Us Together" by Jay Althouse

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

### Receiving of Gifts

### Offering Prayer

God of majesty,  
**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those  
who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with You.  
**And also with you.**

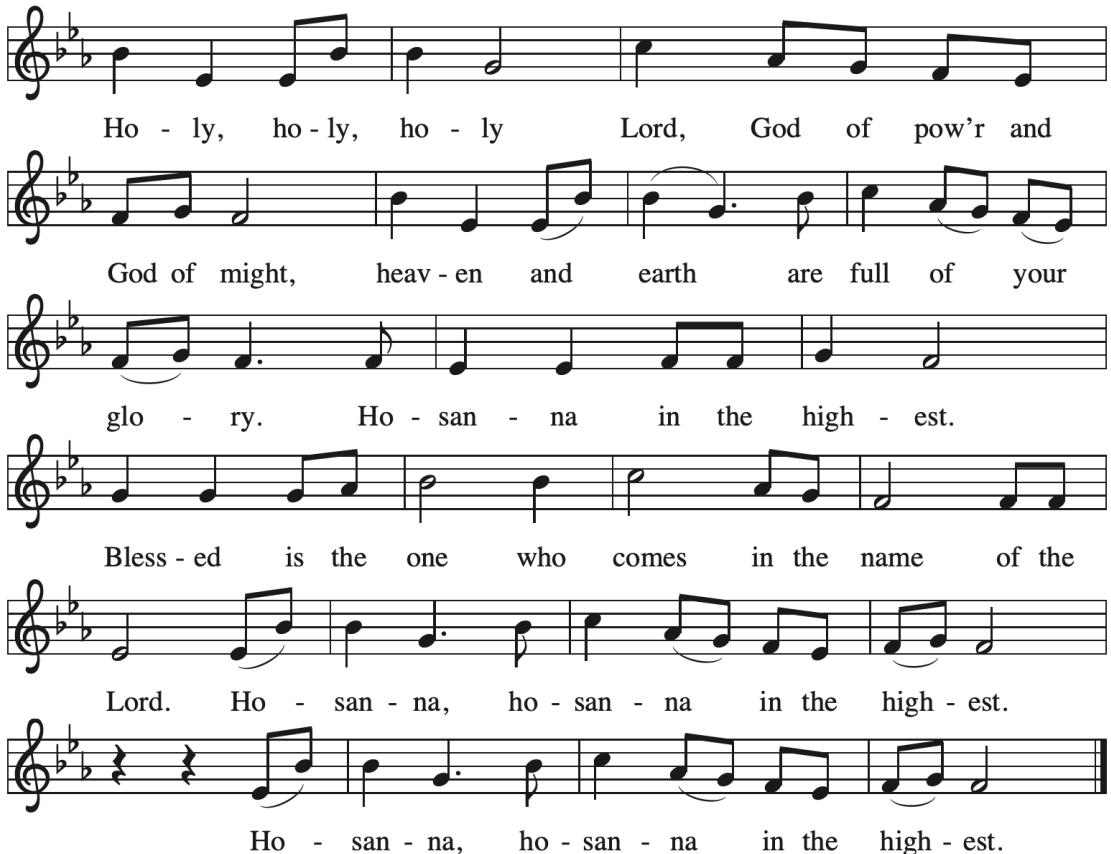
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry.      Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.      Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May  
your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God  
incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

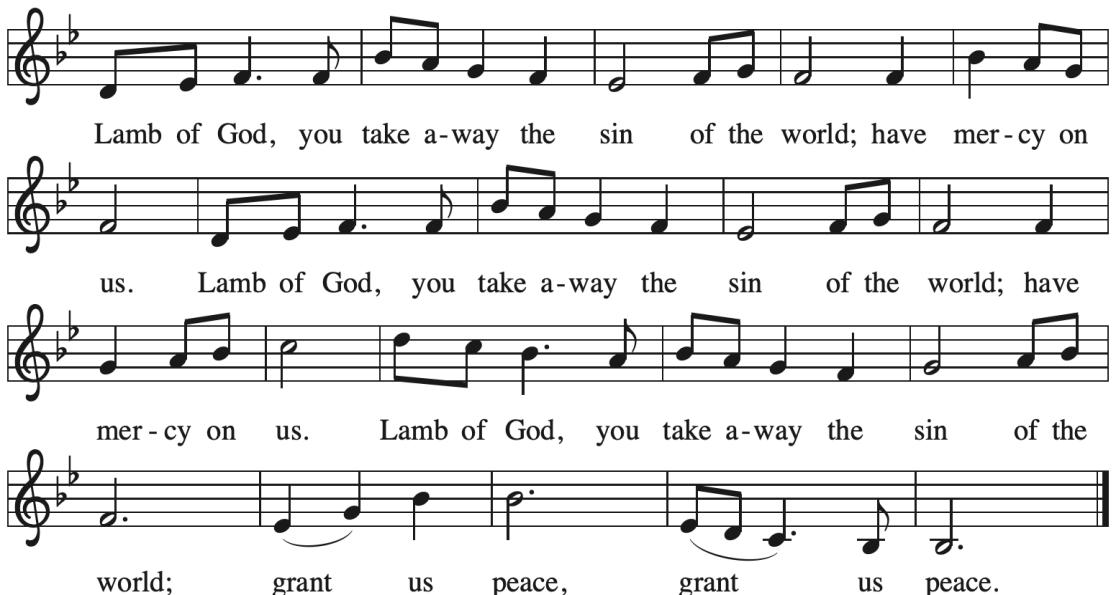
Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.  
We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

*(Please be 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, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn 858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign-ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-fer your work and de-fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea-gle, up-lift-ing, sus-tain-ing.  
 surely his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been.  
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do.  
 Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain.

join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?  
 if with his love he be-friend you.  
 Glad-ly for ev-er a-dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Radiant God,  
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**  
**In the sacrament of his body and blood**  
**you have drawn us to your heart.**  
**Send us from this table with delight,**  
**that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,**  
**and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Ministry Calendar**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **February 01—TODAY:**

Welcome Ann McAlpin! Ann will be with us through February 20. We are delighted to have her back! Ann

**10:30 a.m.: Adult Education: “Defining Moments in the Gospel of John”**  
Led by Robbi Telfer

#### **February 03—Tuesday:**

**9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.: PEO HF Meeting**

***February 04—Wednesday:***

1:00 p.m.: Vision in Action Team Meeting (Lunch will be provided)

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

***February 05—Thursday:***

NO QUILTING

***FOLLOWING WEEK***

***February 08—Sunday:***

10:30 a.m.: **Adult Education: “Defining Moments in the Gospel of John”**

Led by Robbi Telfer

***February 10—12: Tue-Thur:***

Pastor out of the office at the RMS, Northern Colorado Conference Retreat

***February 11—Wednesday:***

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

***February 12—Thursday:***

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

***February 13—Friday:***

11:00 a.m.: Worship at Good Samaritan

***February 14—Saturday:***

1:30 p.m.: Girls Time Out

Clothes and Jewelry Swap at the Church

***UPCOMING***

***February 15—Sunday:***

10:30 a.m.: Vision in Mission Congregation Meeting

***February 18—Wednesday:***

4:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday

***February 25—March 25—Wednesday:***

4:30 p.m.: Lenten Services

## **Blessing**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
+ bless you now and forever. Amen.

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

**Sending Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn 597**  
*(See next page)*



## **Sending**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to God's people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "Toccata on Ode to Joy" by Paul Fey**

## Sending Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn 597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than -  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
washed a - way, he then is all on my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## ***Thank you for serving!***

	<b><i>February 01</i></b>	<b><i>February 08</i></b>
<b><i>Accompanist:</i></b>	Ann McAlpin	Ann McAlpin
<b><i>Choir Director:</i></b>	Ann Knipping	No Choir
<b><i>Greeter:</i></b>	Miriam Deffenbaugh	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Lector:</i></b>	Linda Schlitt	Josh Young
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Josh Young Julie Wilson	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore
<b><i>Tellers:</i></b>	Josh Young Julie Wilson	Josh Young <b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Altar Care:</i></b>	Marilyn Kienker	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Communion Asst:</i></b>	Miriam Deffenbaugh <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>AV Engineer:</i></b>	Robbi Telfer	Steve Peter
<b><i>Fellowship Host:</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Linda Schlitt
<b><i>Flower Sponsor:</i></b>	Ruth Turner	Karen Dick
<b><i>Flower Arranger:</i></b>	Letha Thorn	Letha Thorn

## ***Calendar***

<b><i>Today</i></b>	10:30 am-Adult Education on John—meet in sanctuary
<b><i>Tuesday, Feb 03</i></b>	9:00—1:00: PEO HF Meeting
<b><i>Wednesday, Feb 04</i></b>	8:00 am Sacred Space 1:00 pm Vision in Action Meeting NO Choir Rehearsal
<b><i>Thursday, Feb 05</i></b>	1:00 pm Quilting