

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

***Preaching and presiding this day: Pastor Todd Bertani***

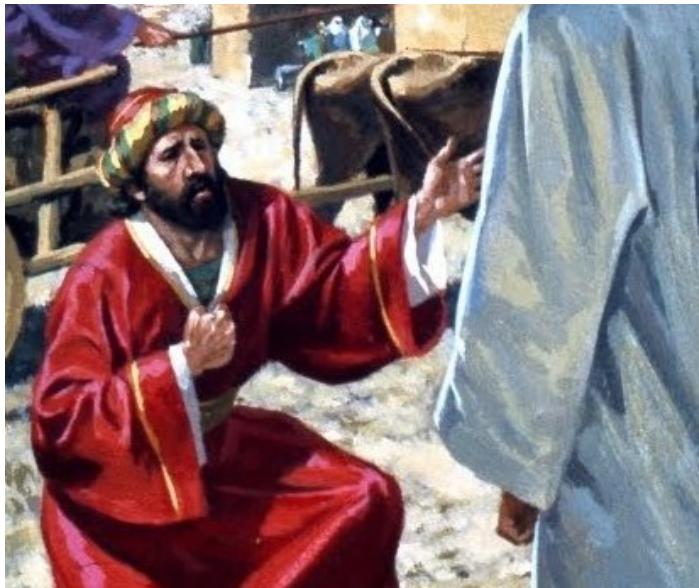
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Mission Statement:

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



**February 08, 2026**

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

***Ann McAlpin, Accompanist***

**Prelude: "Sleepers Awake the Bridegroom is Coming" 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. Parents, please note, these contain a snack.*

*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**

### **Opening Litany**

Wait patiently for the Lord;

**You incline your ear to us and hear our cry.**

You put our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure.

**You put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to You.**

You have multiplied, O God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

**We delight to do your will, and tell of the good news of deliverance to all who will listen.**

**Amen**

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

## Opening Hymn: “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” Hymn 520

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and  
gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:  
and in glow-ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on  
es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

## 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 miracles,

**Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see, and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Healing Stories

### Psalm 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

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

## 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.

## Gospel: John 4:46-54 thru John 5:1-18

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 4 and 5.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup> Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. <sup>54</sup> Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

<sup>1</sup> After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called

in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes.<sup>3</sup> In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people.

*Footnote in NRSV: Other ancient authorities add ....*

*'... paralyzed people waiting for the stirring of the water; <sup>4</sup>for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; who ever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well from whatever disease that person had.'*

<sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.<sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup> The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."<sup>9</sup> At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.<sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat."

<sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.' "<sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you."<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.<sup>16</sup> Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath.<sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them,

"My Father is still working, and I also am working."<sup>18</sup> For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the Sabbath but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani**

## Sermon Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" Hymn 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,

is for laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## **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: "Unto Thee I Cry O Lord" by J.S. Bach**

*(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.**

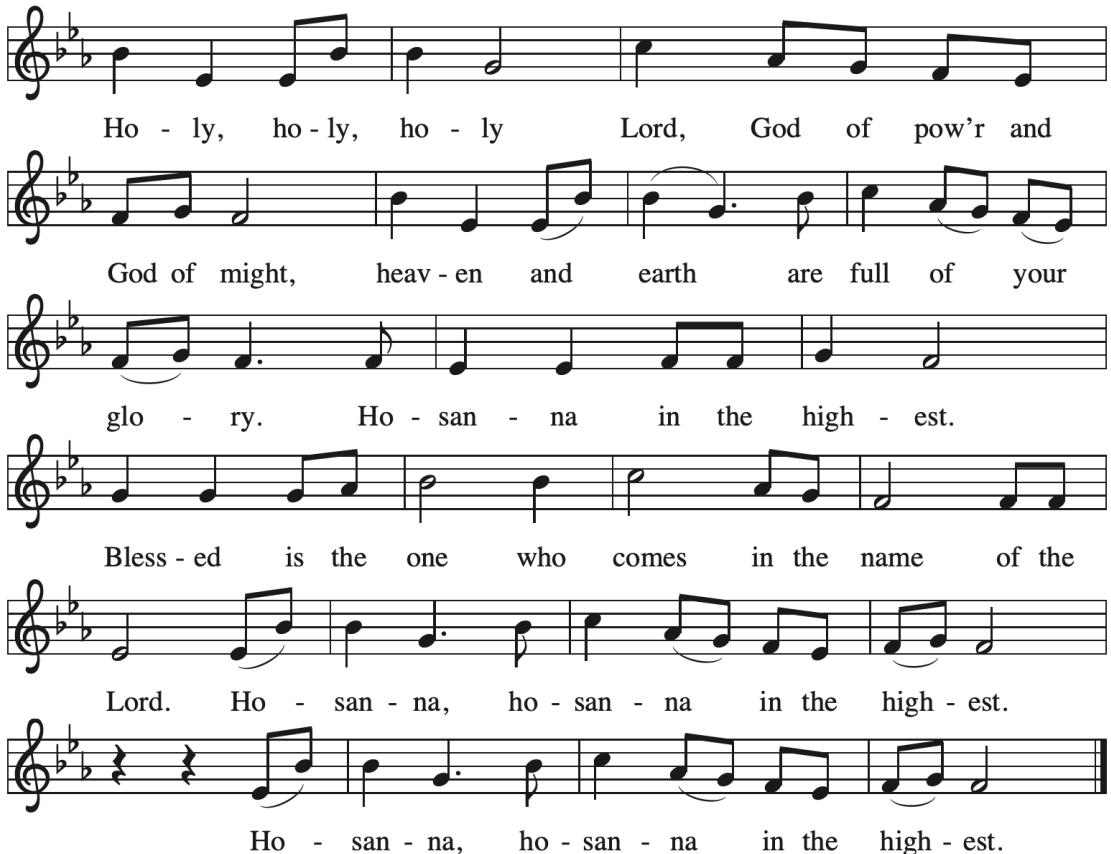
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

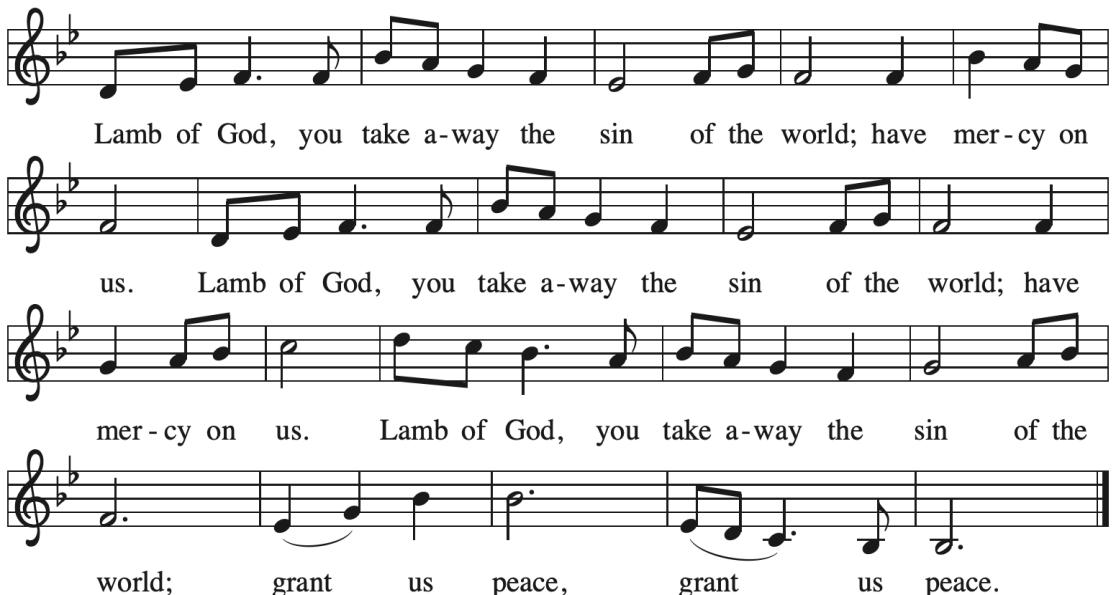
Amen.

## 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: "When Peace Like a River" Hymn 785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

## **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**

Work continues on the front doors. With the exception of Sunday and Wednesday services, where you may use the front doors, ALL other times, please use the east or west entrances.

#### ***February 08—Sunday:***

10:30 a.m.: **Bible Study: “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.—3:00 p.m.: Girls Time Out

Clothing 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 Service

***February 19—Thursday:***

11:00 a.m.: Council Meeting

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

***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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Hymn 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## 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: "God of Grace" arr. by Paul Manz



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

	<b><i>February 08</i></b>	<b><i>February 15</i></b>
<b><i>Accompanist:</i></b>	Ann McAlpin	Ann McAlpin
<b><i>Choir Director:</i></b>	No Choir	Ann Knipping
<b><i>Greeter:</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Lector:</i></b>	Josh Young	Mike Kellam
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore	Randy Huber Mike Wold
<b><i>Tellers:</i></b>	Josh Young <b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Altar Care:</i></b>	Tara McConnell	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Communion Asst:</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>AV Engineer:</i></b>	Steve Peter	Robbi Telfer
<b><i>Fellowship Host:</i></b>	Linda Schlitt	<b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Flower Sponsor:</i></b>	Karen Dick	Rich & Sandy Stolte <i>IMo loved ones</i>
<b><i>Flower Arranger:</i></b>	Letha Thorn	Letha Thorn

## ***Calendar***

<b><i>Today</i></b>	10:30 am-Bible Study on John—meet in sanctuary
<b><i>Tuesday, Feb 10-12</i></b>	Pastor out of office at the Northern Colo Synod Conference Retreat
<b><i>Wednesday, Feb 11</i></b>	8:00 am Sacred Space on Zoom 3:00 Choir Rehearsal
<b><i>Thursday, Feb 12</i></b>	1:00 pm Quilting
<b><i>Friday, Feb 13</i></b>	11:00 am—Service at Good Sam
<b><i>Saturday, Feb 14</i></b>	1:30—3:00pm Girls Time Out