

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our haptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Fountain Reverie" Percy E. Fletcher

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

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

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ♣ Christ our Savior.

Amen.



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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER ● Psalm 62:5-12



Chant: Kennedy

- For God alone my soul waits in <u>silence</u>, for my hope is from <u>him</u>.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my sal<u>vation,</u> my fortress; I shall not be <u>shaken.</u>
- 7 On God rests my deliverance and my **honor**; my mighty rock, my refuge is in **God.**
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O <u>people;</u> pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge <u>for us.</u>
- Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de<u>lusion;</u> in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a <u>breath.</u>
- 10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on **robbery**; if riches increase, do not set your heart on **them.**



- Once God has **spoken**;
 - twice have I heard this: that power belongs to **God**,
- and steadfast love belongs to you, O <u>Lord.</u>
 For you repay to all according to their <u>work.</u>

SECOND READING ● 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

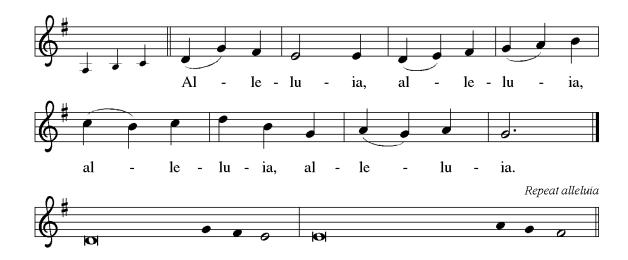
Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ● ELW Setting One



All: Alleluia.

Choir/Cantor: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God | has come near;*

repent, and believe in | the good news. (Mark 1:15)

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING ● Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God.

God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

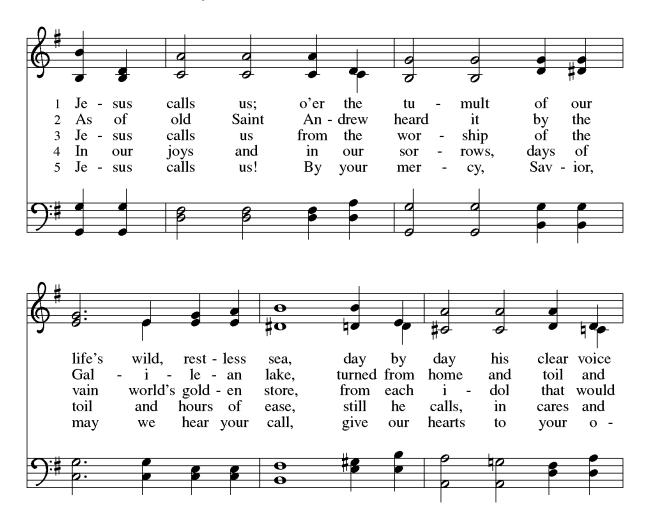
Praise to you, O Christ.

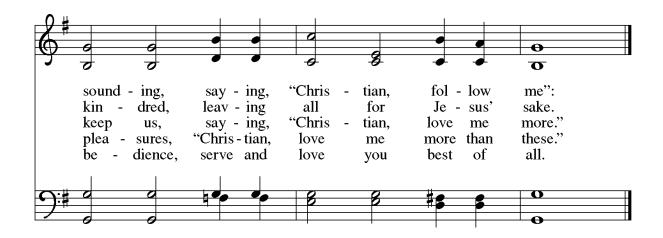
SERMON Pastor Zawistoski

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 696 Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

GALILEE





APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us 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 INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church 9100 Colesville Road Silver Spring, MD 20910

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ● *This Little Light of Mine*Schola Cantorum & Sean Link, Soloist

arr. Ken Berg

OFFERTORY SOLO • This Little Light of Mine

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Adam Scott Graham, Soloist

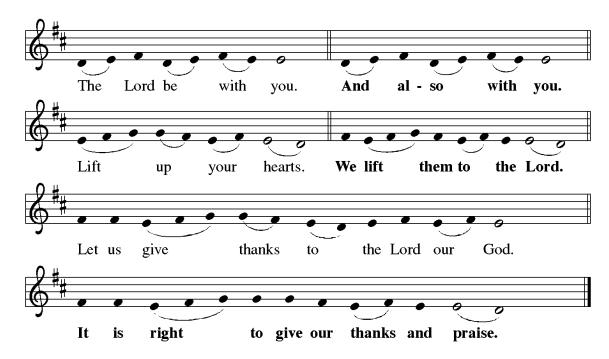
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

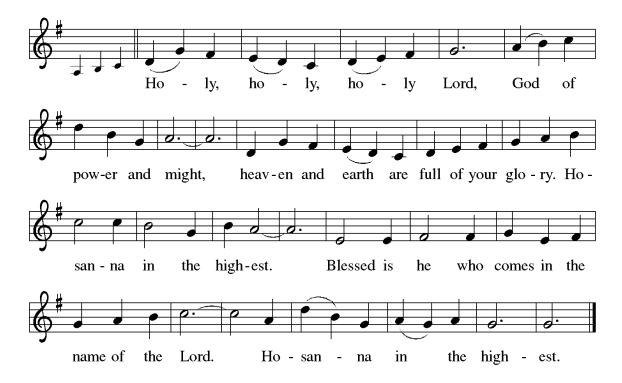
Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS • ELW Setting One



Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

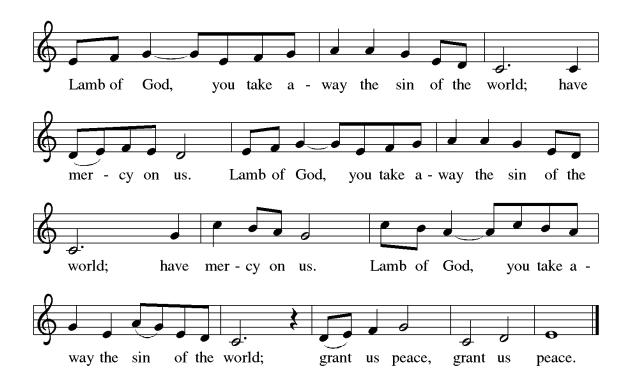
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

AGNUS DEI ● ELW Setting One





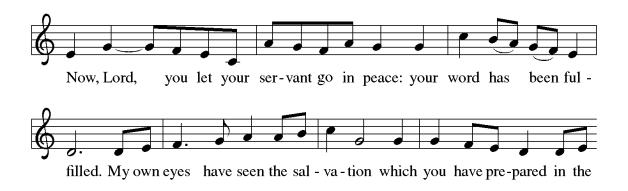


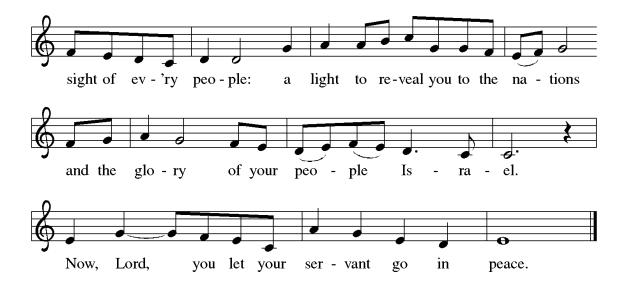
Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST–COMMUNION CANTICLE ● ELW Setting One





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

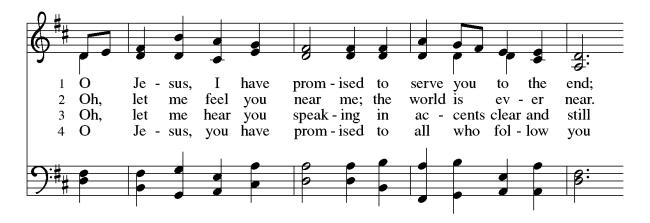
THE SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ♣ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ● ELW 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

MUNICH





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ● Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)

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READERS

8:45 Andy Boston, *Mission Endowment Board* 11:15 Jordan Gerth, *Congregation Council*

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham, *Interim Director of Music* Schola Cantorum 8:45 a.m.

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Ruth Moorman in remembrance of the life and witness of Arthur Moorman.



PRELUDE ● *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Ken Berg

For 28 years Ken served as the Director of Choirs and Fine Arts Chairman at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham. The choirs at John Carroll consistently received highest ratings in district, state and national festivals under his leadership. He was born in 1955, and lives in Birmingham, Alabama. After retiring from teaching high school in 2005, Ken served for six years as the full-time Music Minister and Composer in Residence at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, also in Birmingham. As of the summer of 2011, after serving as the part-time Music Director for 33 years, Ken now serves as the first full-time Music Director and Resident Composer for the Birmingham Boys Choir. Under his leadership the Choir has toured extensively throughout Costa Rica, Europe, Japan, and Canada.

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André Campra was a French composer and conductor of the Baroque era. The leading French opera composer in the period between Jean-Baptiste Lully and Jean-Philippe Rameau, Campra wrote several tragédies en musique and opéraballets that were extremely well received. He also wrote three books of cantatas as well as religious music, including a requiem. Campra was the son of Giovanni Francesco Campra, a surgeon and violinist from Graglia, Italy, and Louise Fabry. His father was his first music teacher. He served as maître de musique (music director) at the cathedrals of Arles and Toulouse and then, from 1694 to 1700, served in a similar capacity at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. Campra added violins to the performance of sacred music at the Paris cathedral, a controversial innovation in an era when they were considered street instruments. In 1700 he gave up his post at Notre-Dame and devoted himself to theatrical music with critical success. In 1720, he adopted the composition of sacred music as his only profession. In 1722 he was engaged briefly as maître de musique by the Prince of Conti. In December 1723, Campra became sousmaître at the Royal Chapel in Versailles. In 1730 he became the Inspecteur Général at the Opéra (Royal Academy of Music).

TODAY'S UPDATE

EMAIL ISSUES: TAKE NOTE

JUST AN IMPORTANT NOTE, that we are finding the past couple weeks, there is a problem with some providers getting email from the <u>saintluke.us</u> accounts. You may be finding that others are not receiving your emails as well. There seems to be a Microsoft problem which they are working on. We hope this gets resolved soon. In the meantime, please know several emails to Saint Luke members are bouncing back and not getting through. Again, we hope this is resolved soon.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

REPORTS OF GIVING

REPORTS OF GIVING will be mailed this week to those who have given offering of record. Thank you so much for your contributions. Hopefully these statements will arrive within the week. We know this is important as people prepare income taxes.

FAITH COMMITMENT 2024

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET completed a Faith Commitment, there is still time. Let us all come together and prayerfully consider our contribution for the mission of Jesus Christ. Also, if anything changes during the year you can always change your commitment amount. Commitment Cards are available in the narthex on the credenzas,

and also at www.saintuke.us click Giving. Thank you so much.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSON READER?

MIGHT YOU LIKE TO SERVE as a lesson reader on a Sunday morning, at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. worship service? If so, the lessons will be sent to you ahead of time and if you have any questions, they will certainly be answered. For now, if you might like to serve in this ministry on a Sunday, kindly email stluke@saintluke.us and also note which service you prefer. Thank you for considering this.

ALTAR FLOWERS

HOW THEY CAN EXPRESS THE BEAUTY of God's gifts. Thank you for considering giving flowers to adorn the altar area on Sunday mornings. What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or simply give thanks and glory to God. To give altar flowers simply go to www.saintluke.us and see Altar Flower Dedication in the left-hand column, or click on the weekly listserv where it says Give Altar Flowers. Thank you again for considering this beautiful way of giving thanks and praise to God.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, January 21: Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome who had chosen a life of service to Christ as a virgin, despite the Roman emperor Diocletian's ruling that outlawed all Christian activity. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. Since her death, the church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Thursday, January 25: Conversion of Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to an end. The church remembers how a man of Tarsus named Saul, a former persecutor of the early Christian church, was turned around by God's grace to become one of its chief preachers. The risen Christ appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and called him to proclaim the gospel. The narratives describing Paul's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles, Galatians, and 1 Corinthians inspire this commemoration, which was first celebrated among the Christians of Gaul.

Friday, January 26: Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

On the two days following the usual date for the Conversion of Paul, his companions are remembered. Timothy, Tutus, and Silas were missionary coworkers with Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and was commissioned by Paul to go to Ephesus, where he served as bishop and overseer of the church. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, accompanied him on the trip to the council of Jerusalem, and became the first bishop of Crete. Silas traveled with Paul through Asia Minor and Greece and was imprisoned with him at Philippi, where they were delivered by an earthquake.

Saturday, January 27: Lydia, Dorcas, Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

On this day the church remembers three women who were companions in Paul's ministry. Lydia was Paul's first convert at Philippi in Macedonia. She was a merchant of purple-dyed goods, and because purple dye was extremely expensive, it is likely that Lydia was a woman of some wealth. Lydia and her household were baptized by Paul, and for a time her home was a base for Paul's missionary work. Dorcas is remembered for her charitable works, particularly making clothing for needy widows. Phoebe was a *diakonos*, a deacon in the church at Cenchreae, near Corinth. Paul praises her as one who, through her service, looked after many people.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, January 21—Epiphany 3B

8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am SLSHY-Youth Gathering Discussion

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class 10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)
12:30pm Genesis Bells Rehearsal

5:00pm AA

MONDAY, January 22

8:00am CDS Classes

4:00pm After School Art Program - Langley Park

6:00pm Yoga 7:00pm ESL Class

TUESDAY, January 23

8:00am CDS Classes

1:30pm Program Staff Meeting

4:00pm Piano Lessons 7:00pm Reformation Bells

7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, January 24

7:00am Zoom Faith Connections

8:00am CDS Classes

10:00am Women in Community

10:00am CDS Chapel

5:30pm Choristers RSMC Program

7:00pm ESL Class

7:30pm AA

7:30pm Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 25

6:30am Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park

8:00am CDS Classes

7:30pm Centering Prayer Zoom

8:30pm AA

FRIDAY, January 26

8:00am CDS Classes

7:00pm Book & Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, January 27

8:00am Food Distribution: Langley Park

9:30am AA 11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, January 28—Epiphany 4B

8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am SLSHY

10:00am Up For Discussion (Hybrid)

11:15am Worship (Hybrid) 12:30pm Genesis Bells Rehearsal

5:00pm AA

5:00 pm Misa Español (Hybrid)

6:00pm Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed