



Hymns:

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| Gathering— <i>Thy Strong Word</i> | ELW 511 |
| Hymn of the Day— <i>Crashing Waters at Creation</i> | ELW 455 |
| Sending— <i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i> | ELW 674 |

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one ¹ thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze up
on the beauty of the Lord and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music ¹ to the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, ¹ when I call; have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O Lord, ¹ I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my
salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

In lieu of flowers, Our Saviour's WELCA has chosen to fill a basket with food for God's Helping Hands and Our Saviour's Blessing Box to help feed those in need in our community.

| SERVERS | | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Week</u> |
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| <i>Greeters</i> | | <i>Linda Hill</i> | <i>Gail Marcum</i> |
| <i>Lector</i> | | <i>Linda Hill</i> | <i>Ruth Nicholson</i> |
| <i>Worship</i> | | <i>Gail Marcum</i> | <i>Gail Marcum</i> |
| | | <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>FEBRUARY</u> |
| <i>Ushers</i> | | <i>Sylvia Ford</i> <i>Linda Griffith</i> | <i>Gail Marcum</i> <i>Steve Nivens</i> |
| <i>Tellers</i> | | <i>Linda Griffith &</i> <i>Melba Murphy</i> | <i>Pam Hanfland &</i> <i>Gail Marcum</i> |
| <i>Offering Pickup</i> | | <i>Linda Griffith</i> | <i>Gail Marcum</i> |
| <i>Property</i> | | <i>Steve Nivens</i> | <i>Steve Nivens</i> |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | | <i>Steve & Beverly</i> <i>Nivens</i> | <i>Gail Marcum &</i> <i>Marie Lybrand</i> |

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| OFFERING | Last Sunday | Total for January |
| General | \$ 425.00 | \$4,355.00 |
| Online General | \$ 256.26 | \$1,273.73 |
| Total | \$ 681.26 | \$5,628.73 |
| Building Maint. & Prop. Imp. | \$ 100.00 | \$ 975.00 |
| Online BMPI | \$ 92.26 | \$ 328.03 |
| Total | \$ 192.26 | \$1,303.03 |

Blessing Box Update. Starting the New Year, our cupboard is bare. We need your help in restocking it. If you are able to do so, items needed are: small pop top cans of fruit, Vienna sausages, tuna, Dinty Moore meats, Spaghetti O's and others that are similar with meats. Thanks for our continued support of our WELCA community project.

The communion ware used today is a "one-of-a-kind" chalice and paten from the Seventh Triennial Convention of the Woman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held July 10-13, 2008 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Razberries will gather at Murray's Neighborhood Grill, 2433 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC 29033, on Saturday, February 7th at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, February 4th to Sandra and Howard Hughes at 803-622-6191.

SOUPer Bowl Time Is Almost Here! As we prepare for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring, we'll be cooking **three** soups—and we'd love your input! Please vote for **your top 3 favorites** from the following options: Clam Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Zuppa Toscana (Tuscan Soup), and Beef Veggie. **Voting slips are located outside the Narthex.** Please place your completed ballot in the basket in the Narthex. Voting will remain open until preparation time, no later than Wed, Jan 28.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Don Horton*

*Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

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| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:15 am | Adult Sunday School |
| <i>(January 25)</i> | 10:00 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:15 am | Youth Sunday School |
| <i>WELCA Sunday</i> | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 3:00 pm | WELCA Exec. Meeting |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 10: 30 am | Bible Study |
| | 12:00 pm | Community Lunch |
| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:15 am | Adult Sunday School |
| <i>(February 1)</i> | 10:00 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:15 am | Youth Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11:45 am | Exec. Council Meeting |

Grapevine Deadline: Monday, January 26, 9:00 am.