



Faithful

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY**

January 17/18, 2026

6:00 pm | 8:45 am

Holy Communion

*First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE*



## Announcements and Welcome

### Prelude

**6:00 pm**      *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty, arr. Joel Raney  
**Natalie Radcliffe, flute**

**8:45 am**      *God Made All the Colors of the Rainbow*  
*Jesus Loves Me*  
*This Little Light of Mine*  
*B-I-B-L-E*  
**FLC Preschool Children**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us  
completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**P:** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

*"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"* ELW 314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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## Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

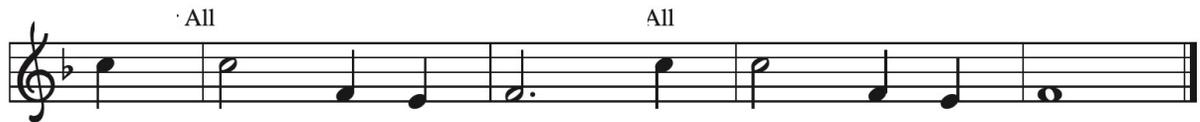
# Kyrie



· All  
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



· ll  
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.  
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



· All All  
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.  
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

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# Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Anthem

*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place*

by Lanny Wolfe, arr. Charles Brown

**Chancel Choir**

## Word

**L:** A reading from First Corinthians the first chapter.

**L:** <sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.*

## Gospel Acclamation



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

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## Gospel

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).  
*(John 1:29-42)*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering**

*(Children’s offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina  
Disaster Relief Fund)*

**Sermon            Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson**

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn of the Day

### "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**L:** With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

**C:** 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**

**L:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

**L:** Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**L:** Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. We pray especially for:

Mel & Del Abels	Mary Henning	Debbie Steinbrecher
Jim Anderson	Jerry Ibsen	Carrie Stithem
Doug Bierman	Tami Jobman	Joanne Suing
Doug Bliss	Bernard (Bernie) Johnson	Tony Tauer
Bertha Boyer	Derek Johnson	Alicia Tracy
Vicki Buschelman	Rhonda King	Misty White
Gregory Carrico	Mary Renshaw	Dean Wiese
<b>Clifford Chamberlin</b>	Daniel Rheome	Miranda Wright
Ann Day	Eileen Richter	Paula Yoachim
Corinne Fischer	Michele Rivera	James Ziebarth
Bob Forbess	Daryl & Gena Rodgers	
Leonard Fowler	Amy Rongisch	
Randy Fritson	Garth Scism	
Larry Giddings		
Keith Halliwell		

**Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:**

- *Karen Deterding, Darren and Sonda Deterding, and family on the death of Wayne Deterding.*
- *Bev Vacha on the death of her brother-in-law, Alvin Vacha.*

**L:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**L:** Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face.

Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

**P:** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C:** Amen.

## Peace

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## Meal Offering

**6:00pm** "Giga from Sonata V in F Major, G.F. Handel

**Natalie Radcliffe, flute**

**8:45am** "Ostinato in A Minor", Daniel L. Krug and Jason W. Krug

**Chancel Bells**

*Communion Servers: Please come forward at this time.*

## Offertory Response

*"We Come Now to Your Table", ACS 970*

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop. Music: St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932-2013  
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## **Offertory Prayer**

**L:** Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## **Words of Institution**

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: 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 Communion**

**P:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.*

### **Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands**

*If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.*

# Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the  
 ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the  
 ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the  
 ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -  
 so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.

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## Communion Music

*Adagio from Sonata in F Major, Johann Christoph Pepusch*  
**Natalie Radcliffe, flute**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Table Grace**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**L:** Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**P:** May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise

✠ bless you now and forever.

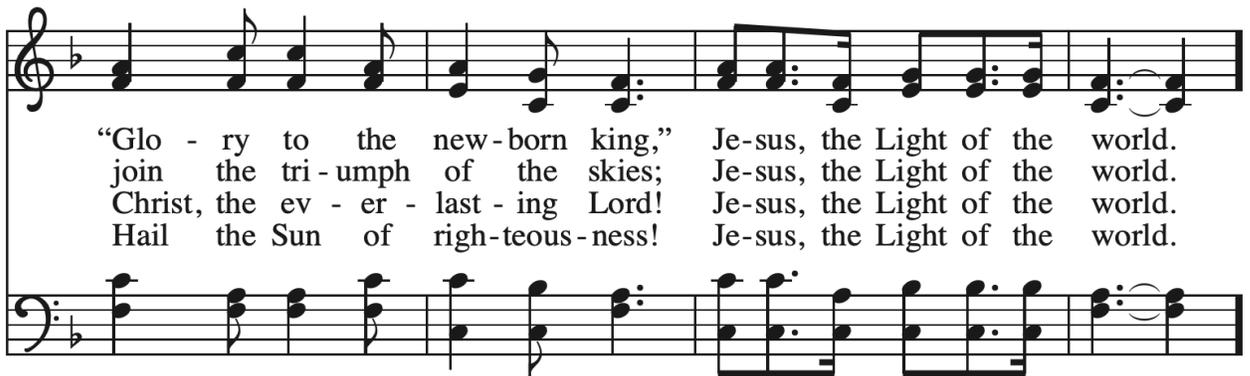
**C: Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

## “Jesus, the Light of the World”, ACS 914

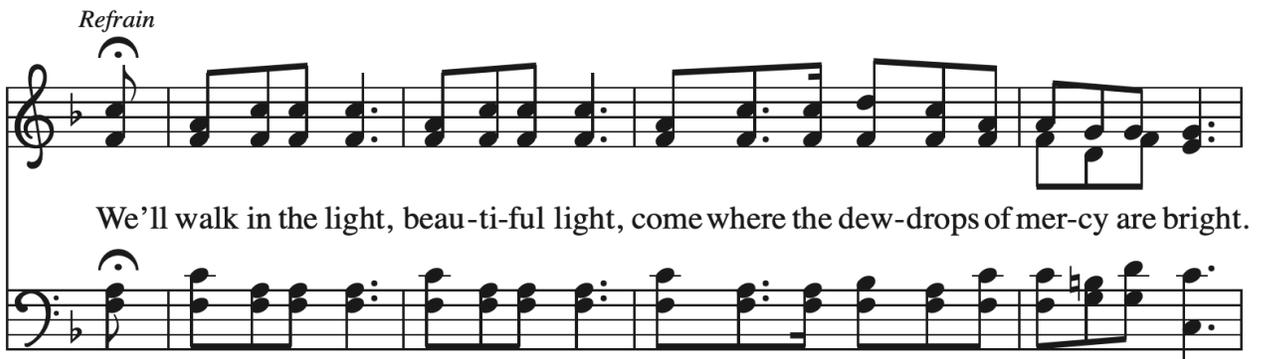


1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

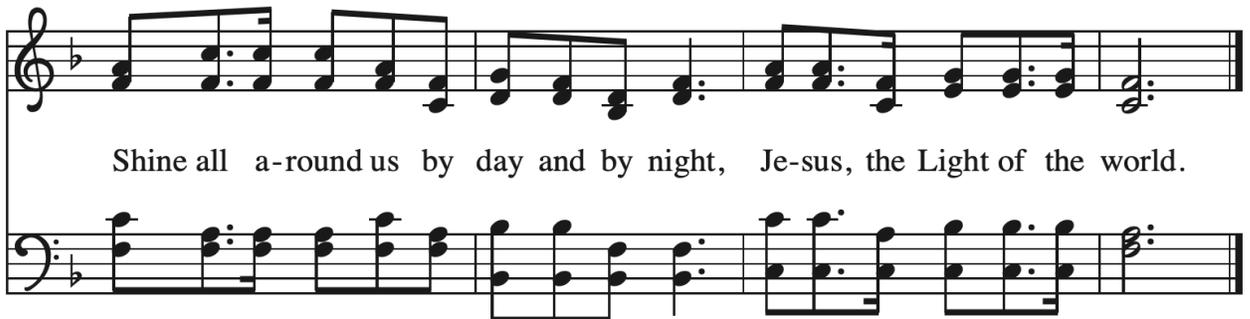


“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845-1928, refrain  
Music: Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin  
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## Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**      *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”, Graham Kendrick*  
**Natalie Radcliffe, flute**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nursery** – is available for anyone to use (located by the Café).
- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:45am & 11:00am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly / 2:00pm
- **Prayer Chapel**—across from Centennial Hall.
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for January are ziplock bags and plastic food storage containers. Please leave items on the sharing shelf.
- **Volunteer of the Month:** We are so blessed by our January Volunteer of the Month, Bridget Von Seggern! ♥ Thank you for serving as Co-Coordinator for F.R.O.G., planning the Advent Fair, teaching Sunday School, and making VBS crafts run so smoothly. Your time, energy, and joyful spirit do not go unnoticed!
- **STUFF THE CART** – Non-perishable food items for the Jubilee Food Pantry can be set inside the grocery cart in the Narthex.
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **Tuesdays – 5:30pm** | Chancel Bells – Sanctuary
- **Wed.** Wednesday evening Youth Programs & Feeding the Flock resumes.
- **Mon. Jan. 19** – Church office closed.
- **Thurs. Jan. 22 5pm-6:30pm** | Jubilee Meals | First Lutheran provides meals. Centennial Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- **Sun. Jan. 18 – 9:45 am** – Preschool Brunch - Centennial Hall. Everyone is welcome!
- **Sun. Jan. 25** – Hygge Sunday. One Sunday service at 11:00am
- Sun. Feb. 1 – 9:50am – Adult Forum | Centennial Hall
- **Sun. Feb 1,8,15** – New members classes.
- **Sun. Feb 8** – Scouts Brunch & Bakesale | Cent. Hall
- **Thurs. Feb. 12, 26, March 12 & 26** – Jubilee Meals served at First Lutheran Church. (Food provided by other establishments)
- **Wed. Feb 18** – Ash Wednesday – 12noon & 6:30pm Services.
- **Sun. Feb. 22** – New members installation / reception.
- **Wed. Feb. 25** – First Communion Classes begin. Register now.



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Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Presiding**

**Assisting Ministers:  
6:00 pm – Jamie Banzhaf  
8:45 am – Annette Schwartz  
11:00 am – Dana Ernst**

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