ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognizing Elida Olson's 40 Years of **Cherub Choir Ministry**

Today, we will be blessing Elida Olson's retirement from directing the Cherub Choir after 40 years of joyful song. Join us for a special coffee hour in her honor following today's service.

The flowers at the altar are place by her family in celebration of her ministry.



Worship Assistant Training TODAY, after worship

Interested in becoming a Lay Assisting Minister (LAM) or an acolyte, but not sure what is required? Join Pastor Rebecca for an overview of responsibilities and practice in the sanctuary today after worship. We will begin with acolyte training for any youth interested followed by LAM training. You'll

learn what is required of these worship roles and how you can share your gifts in worship in a meaningful way. Anyone can serve as an acolyte or LAM!



Sanctuary & Church Decorating

Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00 am

Please come and help us decorate the Sanctuary and Church for the Christmas season. Donuts and coffee will be available. Everyone is invited!



Festive Fellowship Saturday, December 2, 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Festive Fellowship! We will be gathering for scrumptious appetizers and delicious desserts in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 pm. (As last year, we will not be going to individual homes for dinner.) Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex to indicate what you would like to bring. We hope to see you there!

The Chosen **Viewing and Discussion**

We'll gather in the Library to watch an episode and discuss it after worship.

TODAY

"Shabbat" - Season 1, Episode 2

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.



*Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Rebecca Sullivan Music Leaders Betsy Murray, Lyn Campbell, Elida Olson LAM Lee Wood **Reader** Mike Stepan **Communion** Sally Hesse, Howard Juni Acolvte Jack Sullivan Ushers Michele Murray, Mike Wallace

AV Janelle VanSloun, Mike Stepan Altar Guild Lori Fredericks, Lori Wills Hospitality Sheila & Jim Kent, Wayne & Kathy

Langstraat, Mike & Sandy Nollan

"Light Dawns on a Weary World," ELW 726 **Betsy Murray PRELUDE**

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," ELW #632 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6 Screen

*GREETING Screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Screen

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Praise," C. Courtney, P. Martin King's Choir

LESSON Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, p 765 NRSV

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (read responsively) p 476 NRSV Screen

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia," setting 1, ELW p. 102 Screen

*GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30, p 806 NRSV

"Kids of the Kingdom," public domain Elida Olson CHERUB CHOIR

CHILDREN & YOUTH TIME Pastor Rebecca

Pastor Rebecca SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Light Dawns on a Weary World," ELW 726 Screen

*APOSTLES CREED Screen

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Leader: . . . Hear us, O God, All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your

mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

*PEACE Screen

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERING "Tree Song," by K. Medema Lyn Campbell

Sung by: Klara Schneemann, Betsy Murray Congas: John Murray

*OFFERTORY "Reason To Live," by J. Kjellberg Screen

*OFFERING PRAYER Screen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy," ELW p. 108 setting 1 Screen

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Screen

DISTRIBUTION "Lamb of God," *ELW p.208* Screen

"Peal con Brio," by K. Thompson Joyful Noise Bells

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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BLESSING FOR RETIREMENT Pastor Rebecca

*BLESSING Screen

*SENDING "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," ELW #815 Screen

*SENDING OUT

POSTLUDE "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying," arr by B. Murray Betsy Murray

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

With gratitude for Elida Olson's music ministry with the Cherub Choir for the past 40 years. For the continued support of CTK's mission and ministry as we seek to bear fruit in the world.

For all the saints who have guided us in the faith.

For the month of November as we live into a season of gratitude and thanksgiving for all that God has blessed us with in our lives.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For all grieving the death of loved ones.

THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

For Kurt Wood, recovering from lung cancer surgery.

For Mike Jones, receiving treatment for kidney cancer.

For Lee Boyce, cancer treatment.

For Barb, (Jan Hamstead's friend) in radiation treatment.

For Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.

Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.

Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), diagnosed with leukemia.

Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

For Laurie, Peggy Keohen's good friend, in her ongoing cancer battle.

For Sterling Hintz, prayers for healing and strength.

For Dallas Humphrey, recovering from a heart attack.

For Joel Miner, brother of Sharon Johnson, prayers for healing.

For Justin (Peggy & Terry Keohn's son) as he continues in his recovery.

For Dennis Felix, prayers for healing.

For Alana, Sue Kohler's granddaughter, prayers for strength as her disease progresses.

For Corrine Erlandson's sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.

Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.

For Fletcher and Courtney McKinney, improvement in health.

GLOBAL CONCERNS:

For peace between Israel and Palestine. Prayers for all impacted by war between these nations.

For areas around the world experiencing violence and unrest, including Ukraine, Turkey and Niger.

For Armenians facing genocide in Artsakh.

For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves, Elida's grandson. Prayers for continued protection.

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Prayers listed in the bulletin will also appear on the website within the bulletin.