

*Sunday, January 12, 2025*  
*Baptism of Our Lord*  
*10:00 AM*

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire."  
On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.



**Welcome to Worship!**

**As we prepare for worship, *please silence your mobile devices.***  
**We invite you to a time of silence and focus.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!** Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

**Health Practices** in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

**For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>**

**VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS**

**Saint Andrews livestreams and records it's worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.**

# GATHERING

## **PRELUDE**

“Earth and All Stars”  
Will Simpson, Organ

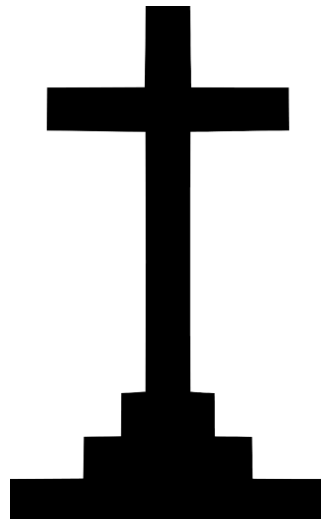
David N. Johnson

## **WELCOME**

*Pastor Lara*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.  
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*



HYMN

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

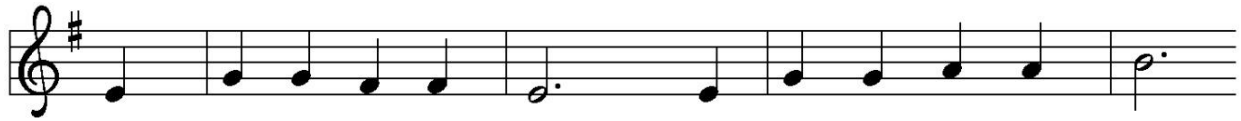
your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter,  
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.  
We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory:  
a baby in a manger.  
We have overlooked the shepherds,  
expecting good news in prettier packaging.  
Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways.  
Grant us the grace to begin again.  
Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin,  
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!  
You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to  
respond in joy.  
**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. Almighty God,  
**you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

Pastor Lara

*You can find the story in your Spark Bible pg. 242*

## **WORD**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 3:1-22**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*You may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Jill Nichols-Hicks

*Please stand as you are able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Crashing Waters at Creation

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,  
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' 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 power of 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.**

*\* here, “catholic” means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition, the leader will say, “God of grace”.*

*Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.*

*Please be seated.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Lara

**OFFERING** Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Words and Music, Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Matt Papa  
Sharon Gurtel, Soloist; Will Simpson, Piano

Our God will go before us  
and guide us by his presence  
what confidence this promise is  
we will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows  
our hearts fear not tomorrow  
for every step, his faithfulness  
is the truth that lights our way

Our God will go before us  
the lord of hosts is with us  
O praise the one who leads us on  
for his grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us  
all heaven will defend us  
the gates of hell shall not prevail  
for the battle is the lord's

Our God will go before us  
The Lord of hosts is with us  
O praise the One who leads us on  
For His grace will bring us home

Now send us with Your presence  
And lead us on to heaven  
Where songs of sorrow strain no more  
And our every breath is praise  
O let our every breath be praise

Our God will go before us  
The Lord of hosts is with us  
O praise the One who leads us on  
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**OFFERTORY VERSE**

**We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus**

**VERSE 3**



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God of heaven and earth,  
**from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.**  
**Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus**  
**of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.**  
**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.

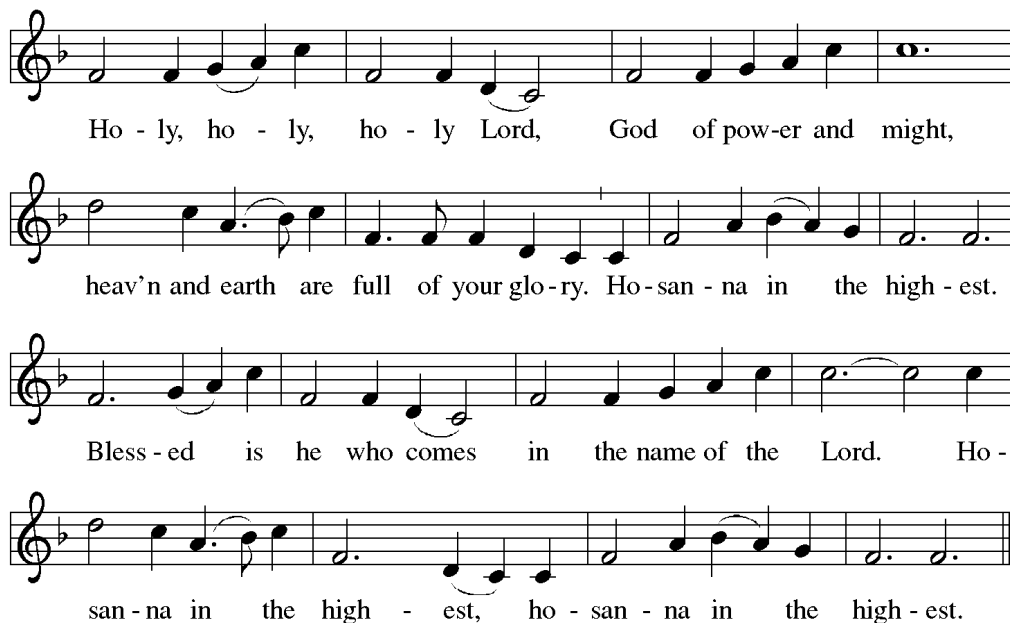
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

## 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.

*Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided. Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Please stand as you are able.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Nourishing God,  
**at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.**  
**Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news**  
**of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.**  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## SENDING

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing*

### BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful, bless you, keep you, ✠ and give you peace.  
Amen.

### SENDING HYMN      Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
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.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
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 you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
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, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

## **SENDING**

*All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Highland Cathedral”

bagpipe melody by Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

*Arranged for Organ: Will Simpson*

## **Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:**

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Presiding Minister*

Jill Nichols-Hicks, *Preaching Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Art Gurtel, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Michele Vossler, *Lector*

Melanie Grad, *Acolyte*

Shana Nielsen and Erik Nielsen, *Ushers*

Karin Eklof and Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*

Dianne Chong, *Livestream video*

Peter Cornwell, *Audio*

Joyce and John Arnold, *Greeters*

Johannes Grad and Hillary Nordwell, *Coffee Hosts*

*(Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry ([sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church)) to greet or coffee host!)*

**Worship Texts for January 19**

**Luke 4:14-30**

*Jesus' sermon in the temple*

### LITURGY and MUSIC:

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### Calendar for the Week

#### Sunday, January 12

*Baptism of Jesus*

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum  
Sunday School (Pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr)  
Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday Lunch Bunch

#### Monday, January 13

1:00 PM Staff  
4:00 PM Congregational Council Mtg.

#### Tuesday, January 14

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Lara

#### Friday, January 17

*Office is closed*

#### Sunday, January 19

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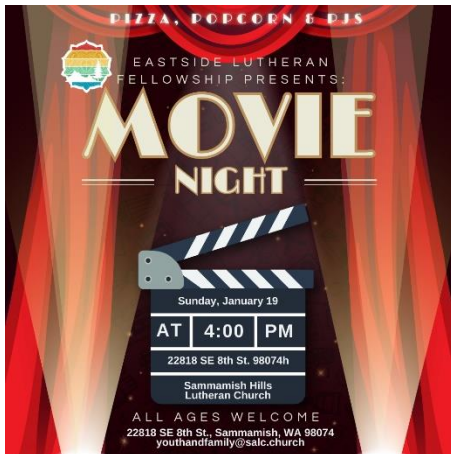
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**Elaine Koga**, Choir Accompanist

**Soren Lester**, Facilities Set-up

**Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School  
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