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# ☩ The Third Sunday after the Epiphany ☩

## January 25, 2026

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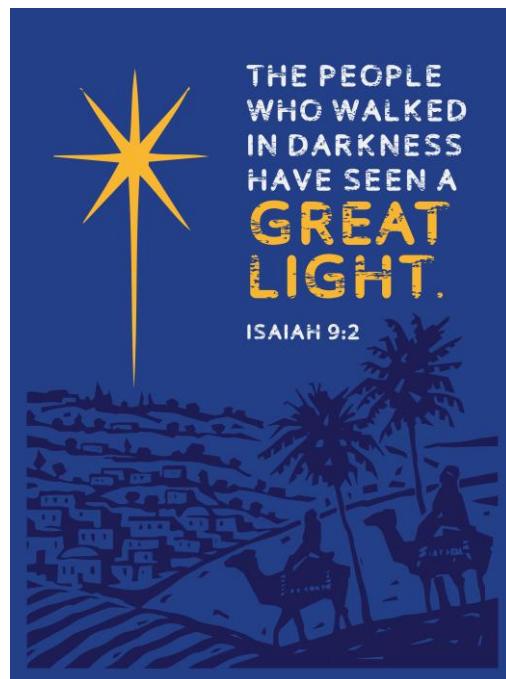
**WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR JUDGE AND KING!**

### **AS WE GATHER**

*Paul commends the Philippian congregation on their “partnership,” that is, on their communion, their community based on Christ and His gifts. Today that Communion is ours in the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Guests: At Mount Olive, we confess Christ’s words that the Lord’s Supper is His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Paul writes in 1 Cor.11: 27-29 that one may receive this gift to their detriment if they do not discern the true Body and Blood. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

**Please fill out an attendance card available in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.**



## OPENING HYMN

*The People That In Darkness Sat*

LSB 412

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end,  
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us Thine alone,  
 Who with the Father ever art  
 And Holy Spirit, one,  
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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INVOCATION

- ¶ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ¶ Amen.
- ¶ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ¶ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
*Silence for reflection on our sins and need for Absolution.*
- ¶ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

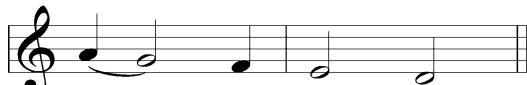
**C** Amen.

## KYRIE

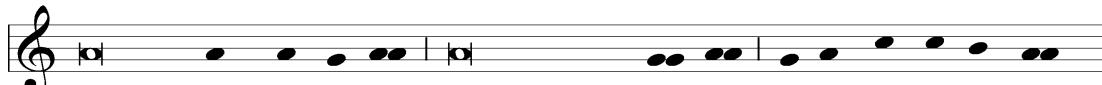
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



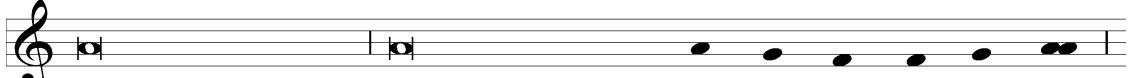
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



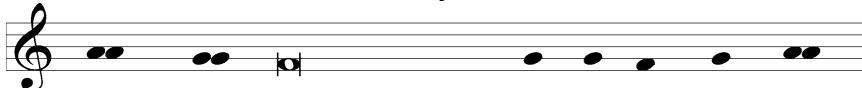
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Kyrie

## THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

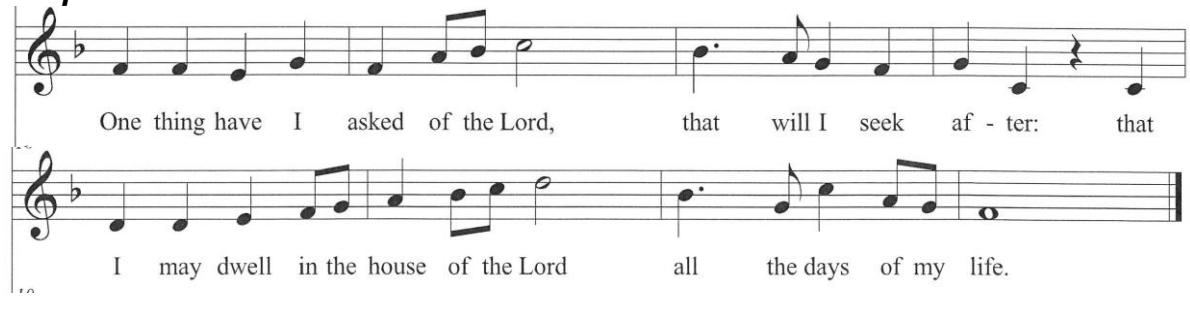
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 27*  
*Setting: Nathan Beethe*

### **Antiphon:**



One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat | up my flesh,\*

my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart | shall not fear;\*  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be | confident.

**Antiphon**

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his | temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of | trouble;\*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;\*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

**Antiphon**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, | "Seek my face."\*  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, | do I seek."  
<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in | anger,\*  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my sal- | vation!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**Antiphon**

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1:3-11*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 173*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4:12-25*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup>While walking 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 fishermen.

<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## ***O Christ, Our True And Only Light***

LSB 839

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'rous to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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# SERMON

## ***Yes In Christ: Yes To His Church***

Phil. 1

# APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord;

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## PREFACE

LSB 177



**P** The Lord be with you.



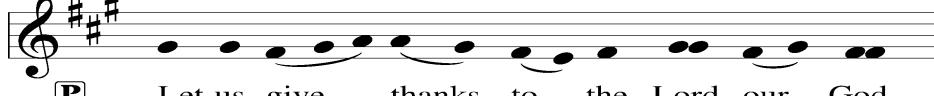
**C** And also with you.



**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 Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 177

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r 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



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

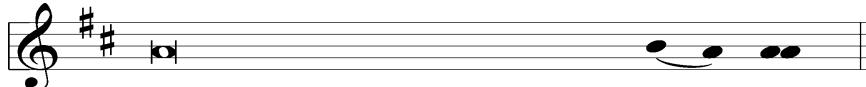
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.



**“Here is the  
Lamb of God who  
takes away the  
sin of the world!”**

John 1:29, NRSV

## DISTRIBUTION

### Hymns:

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395

**Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

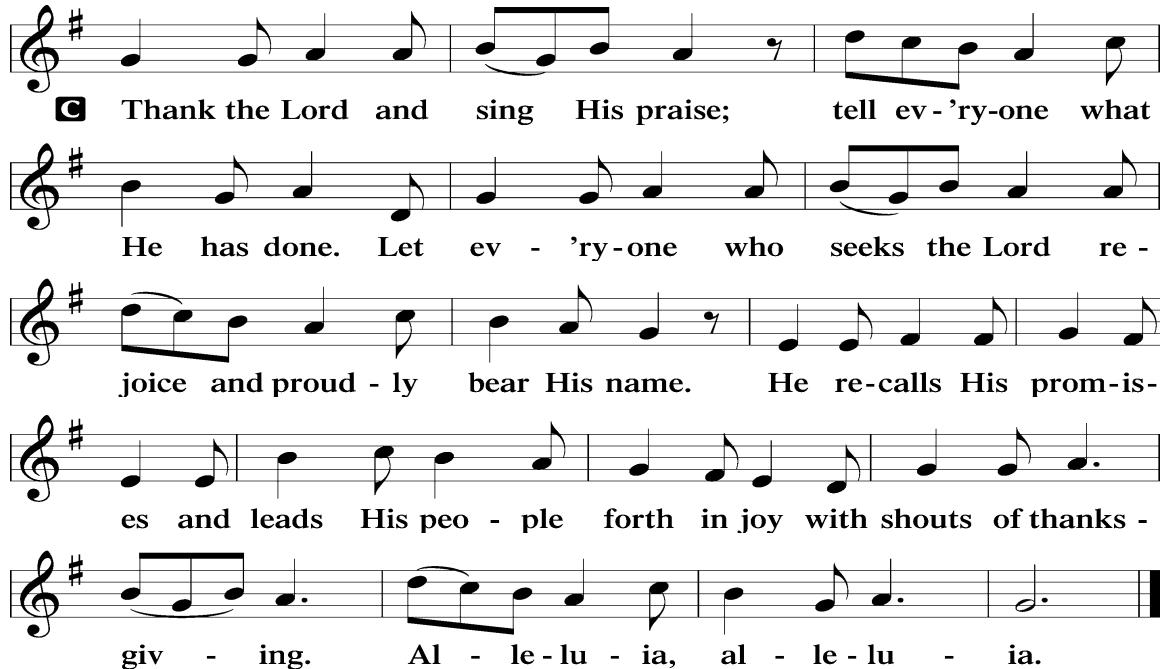
LSB 649

**Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness**

LSB 849

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 181



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - ry-one what He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is- es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

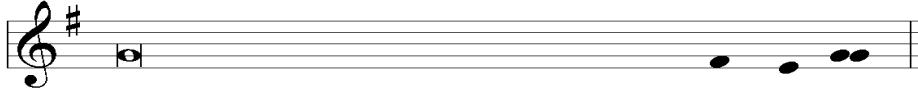
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 183



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Rise, Shine, You People*

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed,  
driv - en,  
sto - ry  
na - tion

With grace un - bound - ed.  
Now are for - giv - en.  
Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
His new cre - a - tion.

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### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Officiant: Pastor Dan Torkelson  
Organist: Linda Krueger  
Elder: Mike Peters  
Acolyte: Hallie Black  
Lector: Michele Hotzel  
Greeters: Gary and Mary Strohm  
Camera: Jordan Braasch  
Usher Team: Casanova  
Audio/Visual: James Fenske, Barb Koehler  
Altar Guild: Doris Smith



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is a “steward”?

A steward is someone who has been put in charge of something. For example, if you are a babysitter, you are a steward for the parents of the child you are watching. We have been entrusted as stewards, or keepers, of God’s creation. That means that He has given us everything we have, and out of love for Him, we use all things for His will. This includes giving of our time, talents, money and all that we have in service to Him.



## Why do Christians give?

Like everyone else, we belong to God because He created us and sustains us. As Christians we belong to His kingdom of salvation through our Baptism. God’s love motivates us to give of what we have. We don’t give because we owe God for all He has done for us in Jesus. Instead, we give because of the powerful Gospel that is working within us! Wow! God really strengthens us for wonderful service!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, discuss stewardship with your children. Remind them why we give. Help them to discover how they might give of what they have. Encourage them to set aside a certain portion of their own money each week to give. They will experience the joy of giving first-hand.



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