

# SOLA

## ESSENTIALS OF THE REFORMATION

OCTOBER 15, 2023  
8:00AM WORSHIP





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*Rev. Travis Ferguson*

AS SENIOR PASTOR OF  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21

10:00 AM



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NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>  
DOS PICOS CAMPGROUND



JOIN US FOR  
PICKLEBALL



WHERE: Christ Lutheran Gym

WHEN: Every Monday from 7-9 pm

WHO: Church and school family,  
friends, neighbors, community  
members - 18 years and older

CONTACT: Tiffany Giles at  
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## **AS WE GATHER**

Welcome to worship! Today we are beginning a series looking at four of the *Solas* (Latin for “only” or “alone”) drawn from theology revived in the era of the Reformation: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, and solus Christus. The series will define these ideas and show how they work themselves out in our doctrine and lives. By thinking about the Bible, grace, faith, and Christ, we are better able to understand God’s gift to the world and how to live as we follow him.

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen!**

## **OPENING HYMN**

## **LSB 901, OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY**

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.



Thou my faith increase and quicken; let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## **WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(A time of silence for confession)*

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

## **WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

**PSALM 119:105-112**  
**PEW BIBLE PAGE 882**

Reader: Our first reading is from the book of Psalms, the one hundred nineteenth chapter.

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. <sup>106</sup> I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. <sup>107</sup> I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

<sup>109</sup> Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. <sup>111</sup> Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. <sup>112</sup> My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17**  
**PEW BIBLE PAGE 1376**

Reader: Our second reading is from second Timothy, the third chapter.

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 4:1-11**  
**PEW BIBLE PAGE 1376**

Pastor: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

**People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People: 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. He will come again 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE HYMN**

### **LSB 589, SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS**

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor that I cling to You forever!

Lord, Your words are waters living when my thirsting spirit pleads.  
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; on Your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, Your words will be my light through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing and my cup of joy unfailing!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; let Your words in me take root.  
May Your Spirit e'er be near me that I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given in the endless joy of heaven.

### **MESSAGE**

### **SOLA SCRIPTURA: SCRIPTURE ALONE**

### **OFFERING**

### **CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE**

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **LSB 583, GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS**

God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

## **PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**People:**     **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.**

## **PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION**

***2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1***

Leader:     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

Leader:     Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader:     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader:     It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole  
heart and mind and voice, to praise You, the Invisible, Almighty,  
and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary.  
For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put  
an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a  
holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all  
the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious  
name, evermore praising You and singing:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

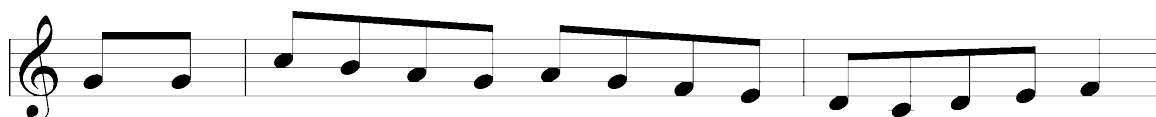
*ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*MATTHEW 26:26-28*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Reader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust in the words “my body... my blood... for you”, repent of all sin, and seek to live by the Lord’s ways.

If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

## **HYMNS**

## **LSB 602, THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES**

The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins with water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself gives pow’r to call Him Lord.

The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;  
God’s children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing them for this world’s strife.

The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood remove our ev’ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

## LSB 711, SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Leader:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.



## **BENEDICTION**

***NUMBERS 6:24-26***

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**LSB 921, ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN**

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone to make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, and Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known, from Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own and pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, and to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus when Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. e'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

## **THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 8:00AM**

**Celebrant & Preacher**

Pastor Travis Ferguson

**Children's Message**

DCE Cheri Selander

**Acolyte & Reader**

Jordan Chisum

**Music Leader**

Kathy Barkett

**Organist**

Jeff Miller

**Worship Partner**

Terry Gland

**Livestream Technician**

Stuart Gardner

**Sound Technician**

Craig Barkett

**Media Technician**

Alex Miller

**Communion Assistants**

Phil Lamonica

Gunnar Schalin

Steve Smith

Michael Welgan

Dave Wutke

**Welcome Team**

Kathy Coe

Dallas Johnson

Nancy Sierre

Joel Voss

Eric Westphall

**If you are looking for a place to serve  
here at Christ Lutheran, we have a spot for you!**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

## **TODAY | October 15**

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 am—Sunday School
  - 3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance
  - Confirmation—Room 202
  - Senior High—Youth Center Room 3
- 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
  - Focus—Room 101
  - Bereans—Room 203
  - Village—Lucas Hall
  - Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Evening—Youth Center

## **MONDAY | October 16**

- 7:00 p —Adult Pickleball—Gym

## **TUESDAY | October 17**

- 7:00 pm—High School & Young Adult Open Gym
- Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

## **WEDNESDAY | October 18**

- 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 5:30 pm—Lenten Supper and Study—Gym

## **THURSDAY | October 19**

- 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room

## **FRIDAY | October 20**

- 7:00 pm—Refuge—Youth Center

## **SATURDAY | October 21**

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*St. Paul says in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." As we seek to be a praying community, please join us in lifting up the following prayers to our heavenly Father...*

We lift before You, O Lord, those celebrating another year of life this week, especially **Kanan Fernandez, Jack Kavanagh, Sandy Zeilinger, and Marc Harris**. We thank you for the gifts they are to us, and ask your continued blessing upon their life and works.

Strength of the powerless, lift up the weary and wounded, give endurance to those whose struggle is unrelenting, heal the sick, and relieve the pain of those who suffer, especially **Pastor Art Puls, Jared Cole, Lucinda Mello, Sylvia Press, and Kathy Pardini**.

We commend to your care all the homes where your people live, O Lord. Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness, from the thirst for personal victory, and from pride in self. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Knit together, in enduring affection, those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect for one another; and light the fire of kindness among us all, that we may show compassion for each other.

We pray for the people of **Israel and Palestine**, and those in all areas of conflict in our world, that they may experience the true peace that comes from You. Bring an end to violence, hatred, and discord. Replace fear with trust, animosity with reconciliation, and despair with hope.

# SOLA

**Date: October 15, 2023**

**Message: Sola Scriptura**

**Text: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 4:1-11**

**A note to begin:** If you've been in Protestant Churches before, you've probably heard the phrase "Sola Scriptura" or "Scripture Alone." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk who, in many ways, *began* the Reformation, argued that Scripture should be the ultimate authority for faith and practice. The Reformers asserted that Scripture should govern church interpretation and traditions as the *principium theologiae* (foundation of theology) and the *norma normans* (norm of norms), the source and standard for all theological reflection. In other words, the ultimate authority for theological discussion is the Scriptures. This pushed the Reformers to reject several theological doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church at the time, such as the sale of indulgences. Sola Scriptura has occasionally led Christians to think that Scripture is the *only source* of theological reflection. But if we read the Reformers, this does not seem to be the case; they regularly use doctrines from the patristic and medieval periods. Sola Scriptura means that creeds, confessional documents, and theological opinions are subject to Scripture, which must be the measuring rod used to evaluate all else. Church tradition is a valuable resource that should be used in theological reflection, as the Reformers themselves argued, but everything should be measured against scripture.





# SOLA

What do you think *is* the ultimate authority in our society today (note: not what *should be* the ultimate authority, but what *is*)? How does this play into societal norms and rules?

Read Psalm 119:105-112 together. The Psalm testifies to the power and significance of God's Word. What verses from this passage stand out to you the most, and why?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 together. How does Paul emphasize the role of Scripture in the life of a believer? What does it mean for the Word of God to be "God-breathed"? When has it been difficult for you to accept Scripture as God's Word for *your life now*?

In what ways does a strong foundation in Scripture impact your ability to discern God's will and make decisions in your life? Can you share any personal examples of this?

As you prepare for the week ahead, what might submission of your opinions to the Scriptures look like this week?

End your time praying for one another.

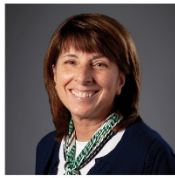




**Travis Ferguson**  
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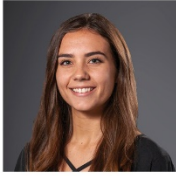
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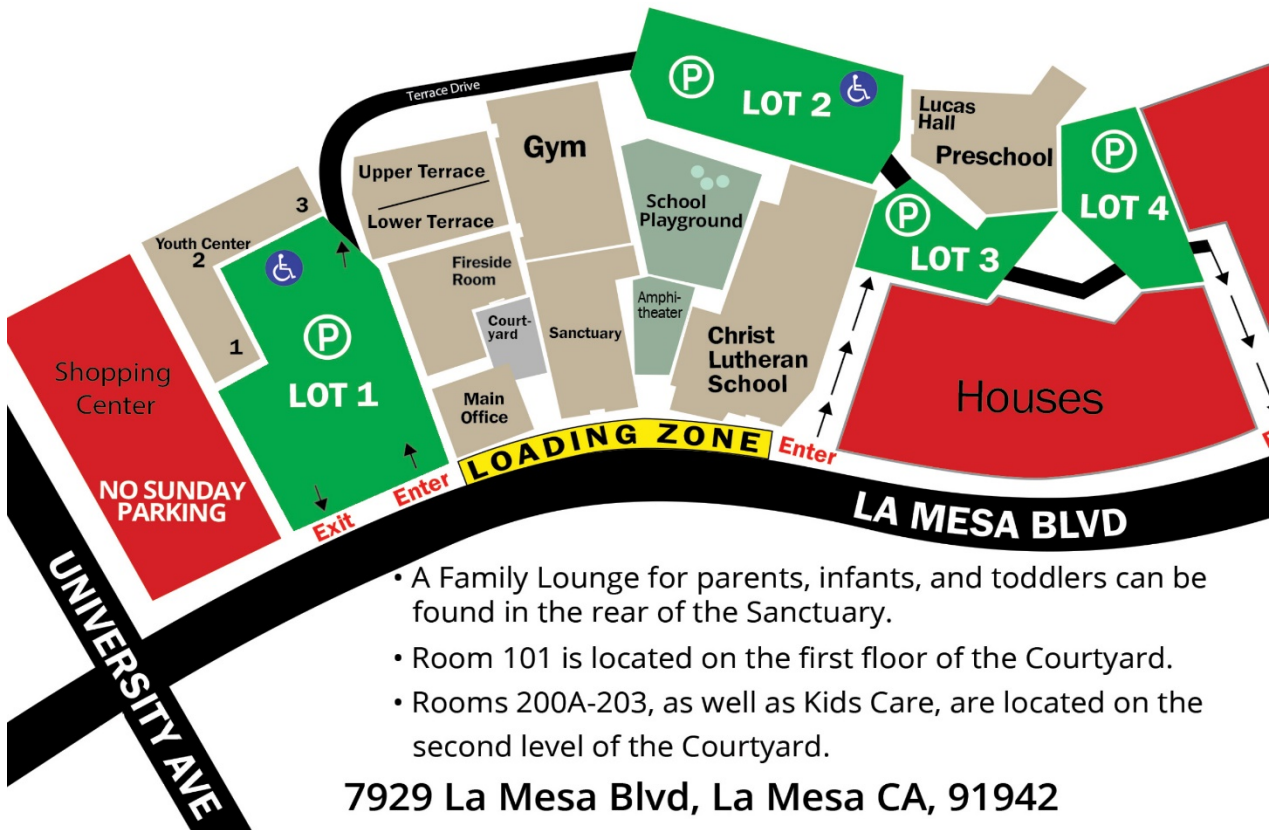
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Human Resources Specialist



**Kathy Johnson**  
Worship and Music Assistant



**Kim Voss**  
Administrative Assistant



- A Family Lounge for parents, infants, and toddlers can be found in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Rooms 200A-203, as well as Kids Care, are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

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