**CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**February 2, 2025 10am**

**Communion Sunday**

**Deacons on Duty for February: Deb Hatfield, Deb Pokrinchak, Rhonda Strycharz and**

**Susan Wyman**

**PreludeMatt Valenti**

**† *Please stand if you are able.***

**Welcome and Announcements Reverend Averill**

Meditation Moment **Matt Valenti**

**Call to Worship** **Reverend Averill**

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Our Lord: Welcome to this time set aside to focus on the Holy Spirit who is working among us. May our hearts be open and eager to receive God’s Word this morning!

*All hymns are from the Red Hymnal*

**†Hymn 372**  ***How Firm a Foundation*** **Matt Valenti**

**Invocation (unison) Bill Hohensee**

**Dear Lord, we come together to worship you. Help turn our minds to you during this service so that we may better understand you and the words of your Holy Book. AMEN.**

**Lord’s Prayer (unison) Bill Hohensee**

*Let us join together to speak the words Jesus taught us….****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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**†Gloria Patri:***(please stand if you are able)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end,* *Amen.*

**Center Faith Singers**

**R****esponsive Reading** (adapted from *Psalm 71:1-6)* **Bill Hohensee**

Leader:In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

**People: Let me never be put to shame.**  
Leader: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me.  
**People: Incline your ear to me and save me.**Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my

fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the**

**unjust and cruel.**  
Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.  
**People: From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother’s womb.   
ALL: My praise is continually of you.**

**†Hymn 351 *Nearer My Lord, to Thee***  **Matt Valenti**

**Old Testament Lesson (NRSV) *Jeremiah 1:4-10*****Bill Hohensee**

*(see insert)*

**New Testament Lesson (**NRSV**) *Luke 4:21-30*****Reverend Averill**

*(see insert)*

**Sunday Message  *“Kicked out of Nazareth”*** **Reverend Averill**

**Our Gifts, Tithes and Morning Offerings**

*Please place prayer request cards in offering plates*

**†Doxology Matt Valenti**

**†Prayer of Offering Reverend Averill**

Dear Lord, we offer up to you these gifts, both monetary and spiritual, which are given to you this day in this your House. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**  **Reverend Averill**

Intensive Prayers **Reverend Averill**

Communion  **Reverend Averill**

Invitation

Hymn of Preparation **776 *Let Us Break Bread Together***

Blessing & Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Reverend Averill**

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

**†Hymn 404 *Take My Life and Let It Be***  **Matt Valenti**

Special Announcement **by Tim VanDeusen**

Benediction *(Please remain seated)* **Reverend Averill** The Love of God the Father, the Grace of God the Son, and the Fellowship of God the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. AMEN.

**Postlude Matt Valenti**