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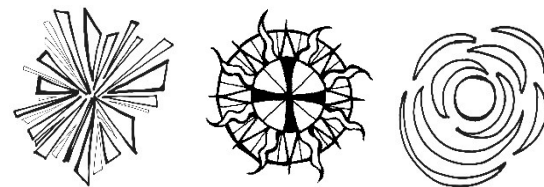
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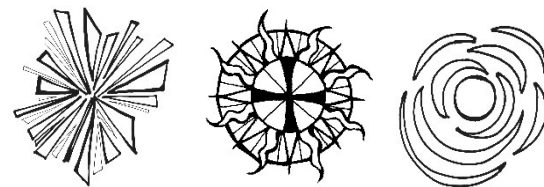
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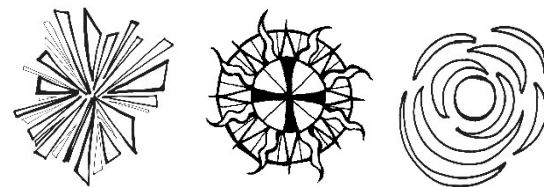
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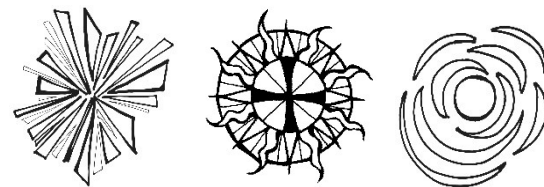
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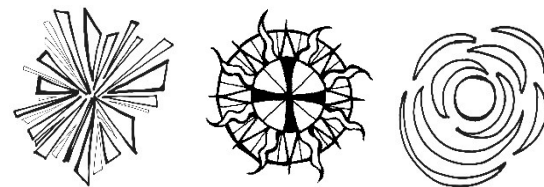
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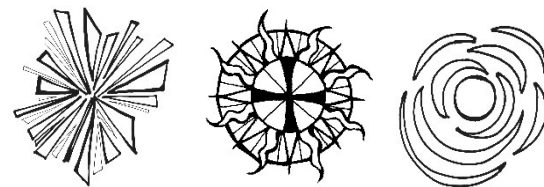
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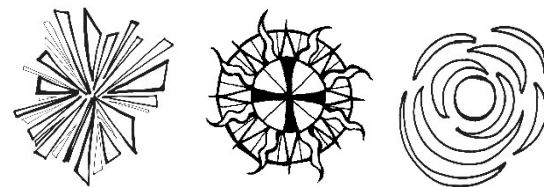
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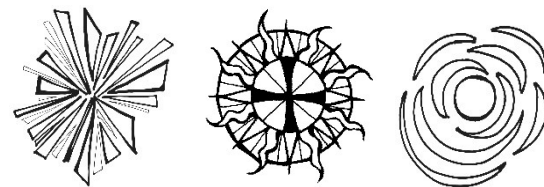
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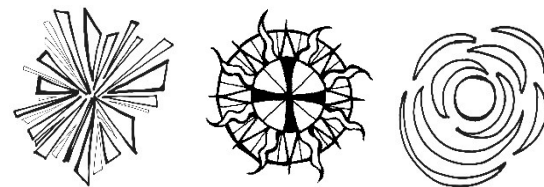
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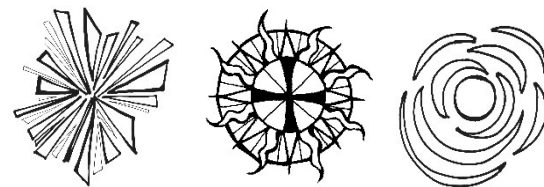
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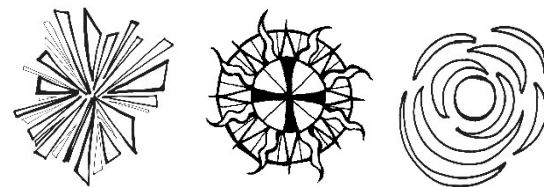
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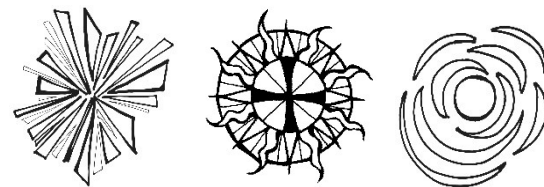
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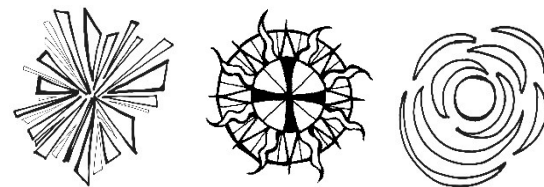
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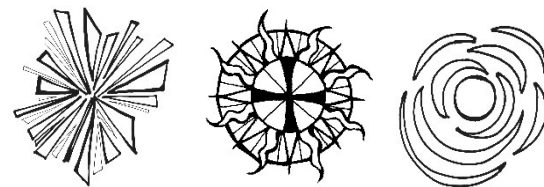
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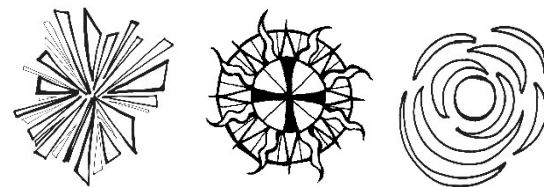
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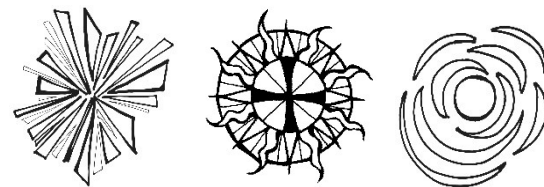
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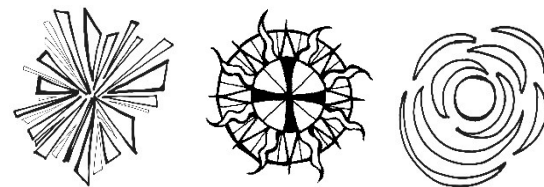
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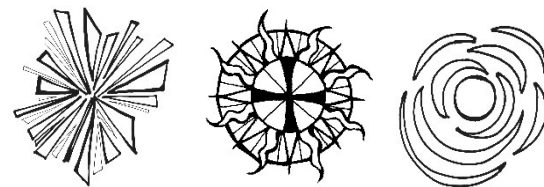
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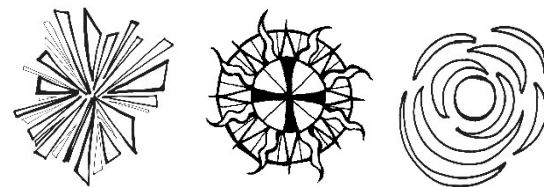
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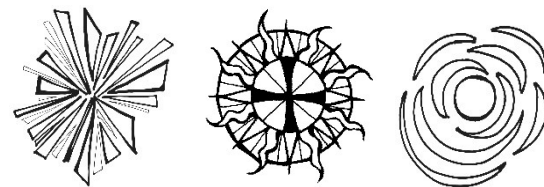
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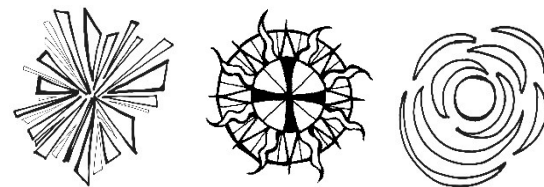
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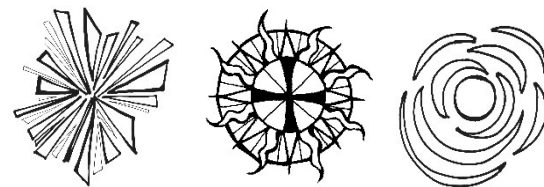
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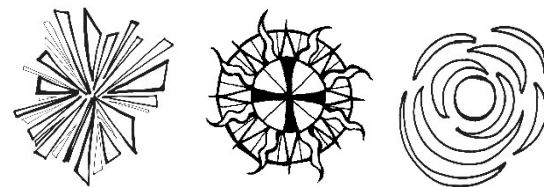
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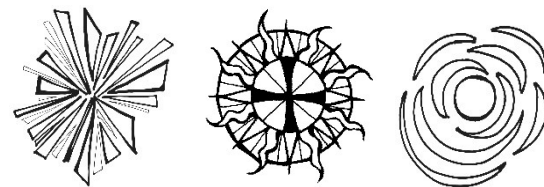
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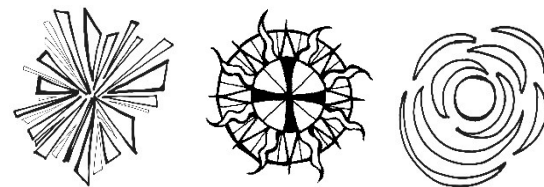
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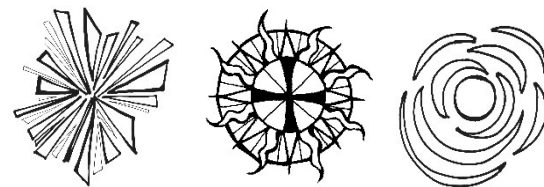
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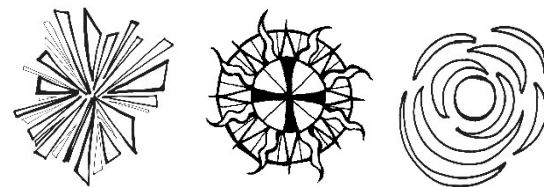
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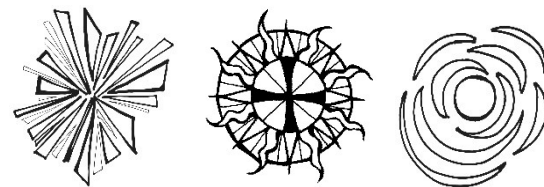
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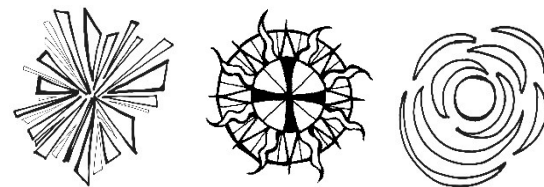
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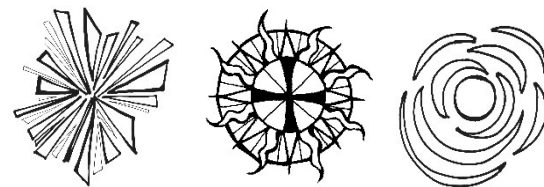
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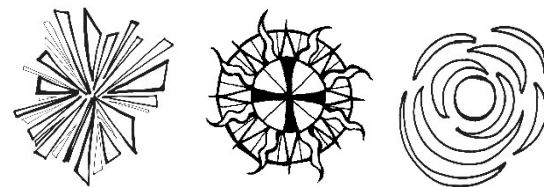
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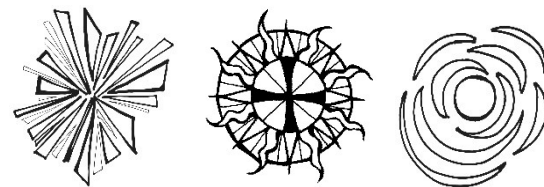
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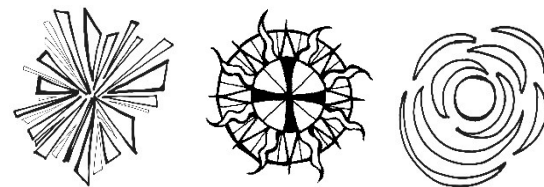
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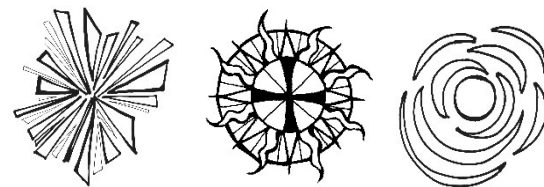
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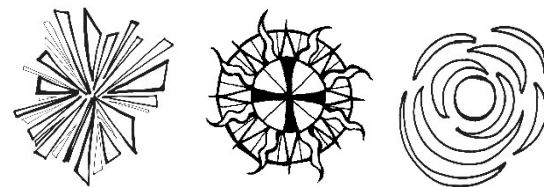
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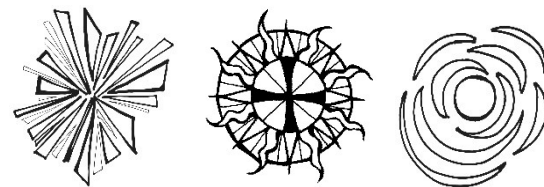
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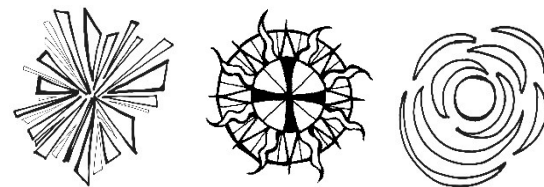
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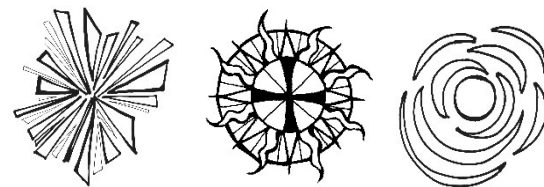
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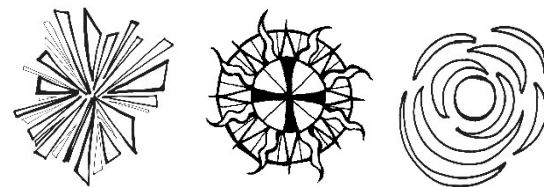
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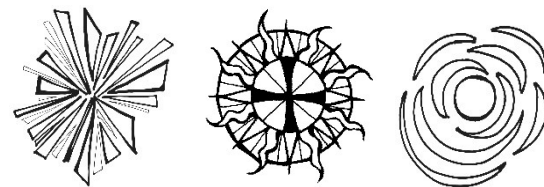
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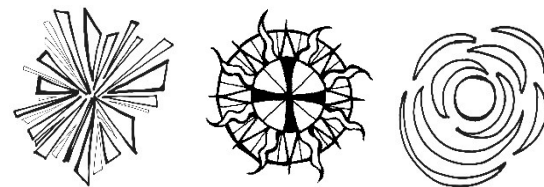
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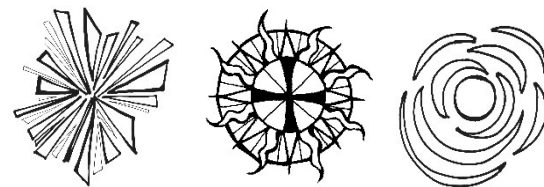
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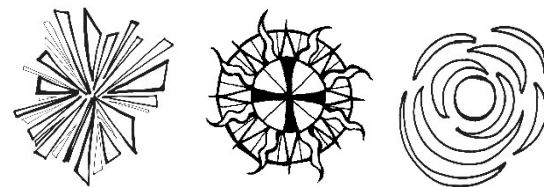
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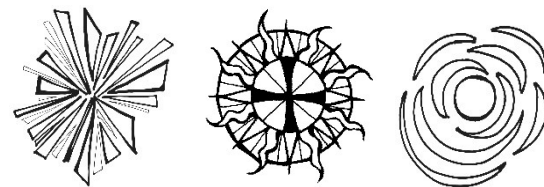
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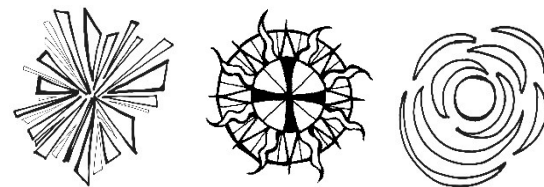
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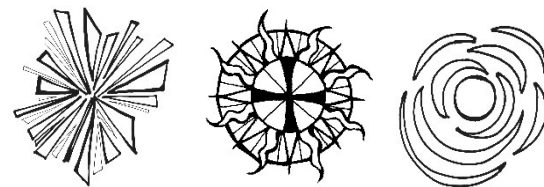
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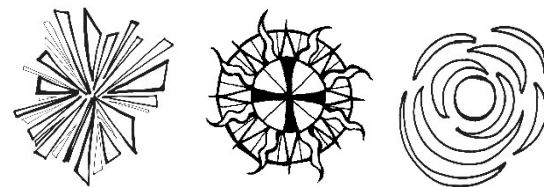
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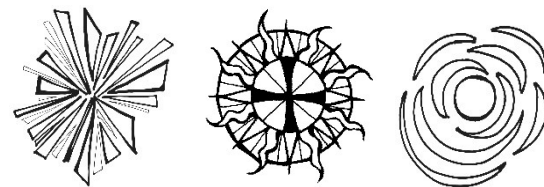
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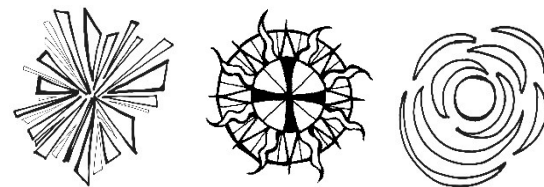
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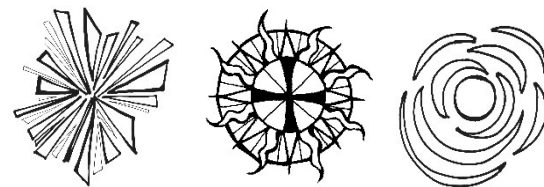
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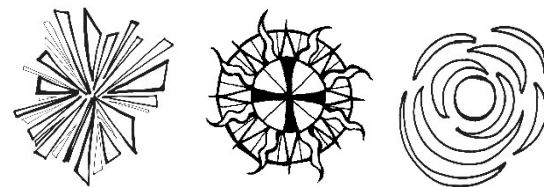
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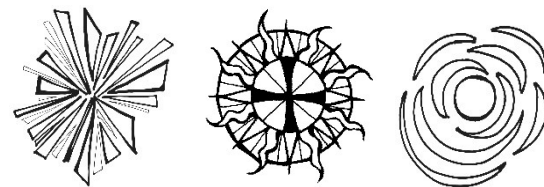
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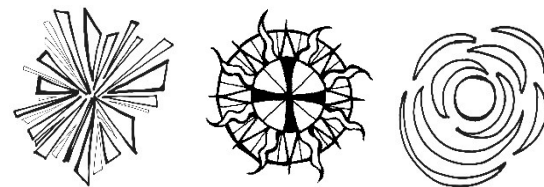
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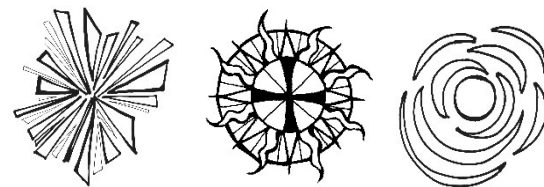
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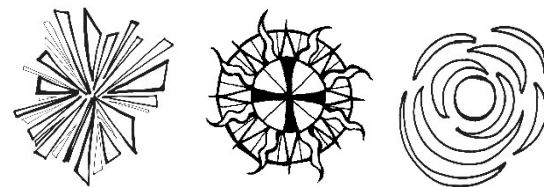
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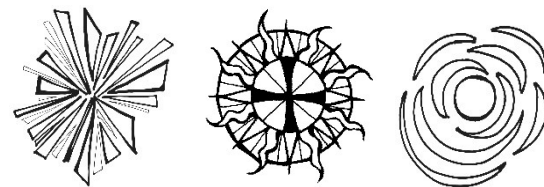
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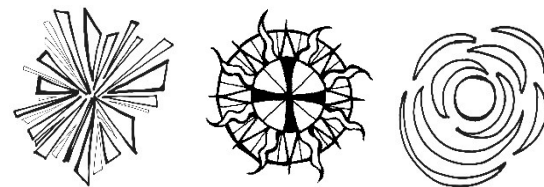
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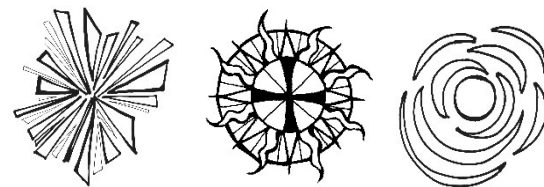
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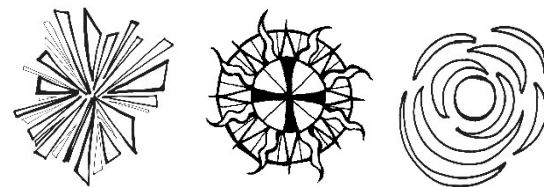
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PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Lucille Huber, Donna Jones, Carolyn Kruger,
Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Mike Palm, Liz Vulk, Marla Woelber
Deb Albert (Cheri Klemme's sister), DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),
LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister), Bill Boblit (brother of Tom Boblit),
Donna Dirksen (Bill Bensen's grandma), Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister)
Dean Mechler (Deb Mechler's husband)

Those Who Mourn

Family of Steve McAllister

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4 – Christmas 2

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Fellowship
10:15 am KIDZ TIME resumes

Wednesday, January 7

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
4:00 pm Bethany Bells
6:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, January 8

4:00 pm Caring Friends

Saturday, January 10

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord

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ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

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CHRISTMAS 2 – January 4, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn: *"All My Heart Again Rejoices"*

ELW # 273

*Kyrie: *"In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord"*

*Prayer of the Day (see 'Today's Readings' insert or the screen)

First Reading Jeremiah 37:7-14

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 147:12-20

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

*Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall We Go"* **ELW pg. 142**

*Gospel John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"What Feast of Love"* **ELW # 487**

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of Intercession Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Offerings Received

Offertory Prayer

*Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music:

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: "He Came Down"

ELW # 253

Dismissal

Postlude:

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

Today's worship leaders are:

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeters: Kirk & Sue Andersen; Reader: Mary Marske

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Mary Marske, Kirby Schmidt and Denise Kramer Tolzman

Usher: Kent Baker;

Fellowship Hosts: Dale & Sandi Witt

Count: Connie Heien; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-END GIFTS dated in December and received by January 5 will be recorded in 2025 unless specified otherwise. The giving statements for 2025 will be mailed in January. Thank you for your continued support of Bethany Lutheran Church.

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will resume on this Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00 pm. Youth Group follows at 7:00 pm!

ALTAR FLOWERS Many thanks to everyone who provided flowers to beautify the altar in 2025. The flower chart for 2026 will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex when it arrives. If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a service in this new year, please fill out a yellow card and leave it at the church office or in the offering plate.

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