



“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”
Luke 1:38

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

10:30 A.M.

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Assembly is invited to gather in quiet meditation.

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. Here I am, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Meditation on VENI EMMANUEL

Philip Moore

We stand.

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace we have been saved.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, EMMANUEL

Stanzas 1-2: ALL Stanza 3: Men/lower voices Stanza 4-5: ALL

Stanza 6: Women/treble voices Stanza 7-8: ALL

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.

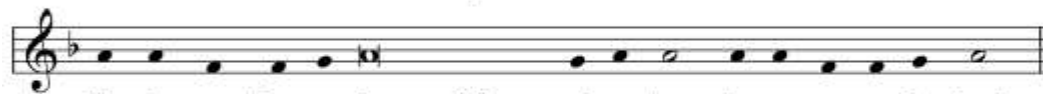
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In peace let us pray to the Lord.



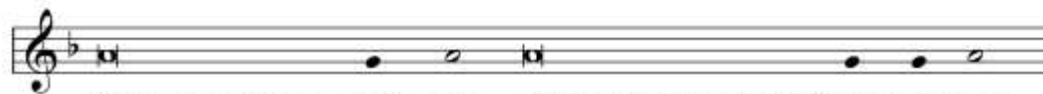
Lord have mer - cy.



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



Lord have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Stanza 4) REJOICE, REJOICE

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT 573 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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St. 1: Choir St. 2: ALL St. 3: Choir St. 4 & 5: ALL

SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse sung by choir.



GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Wollner

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON

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We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the church near and far. For disciples of all nations. For those who long to share and those who long to receive the Gospel. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the waters that cleanse the earth. For the trees that provide a place of protection. For creation, small and large. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For peace in chaos. For promise in despair. For justice when there feels like there is none. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For those who thirst and hunger. For those who go without. For those who plead for healing and relationship. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For bodies that are in pain. For spirits that are tired. For those who suffer and grow weary. We especially pray for: Rose Sydeman, Jon Vickers, Deana Vickers, Hank Farrar, Terri Cota, Violet Fowler, Paul Martin, and for all of those we lift up on our lips and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the faithful witness of those who have entered life eternal and for their loved ones who remain. We especially remember: Jeanie Rudisill, Jack Horn, Donnie Eubanks, Pastor Tim Glenham, Abner Harrington, Charles Talton, Dot Gantt and Jim Aanestad. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

Please be considerate of those who may be reluctant to shake hands in this flu season.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae,
et concepit de Spiritu sancto.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum,

Benedicta tu in mulieribus

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini,

Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria...

Et verbum caro factum est

Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria...

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

The angel of the Lord brought news to Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord,

May it be to me according to thy word.

And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and uses eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

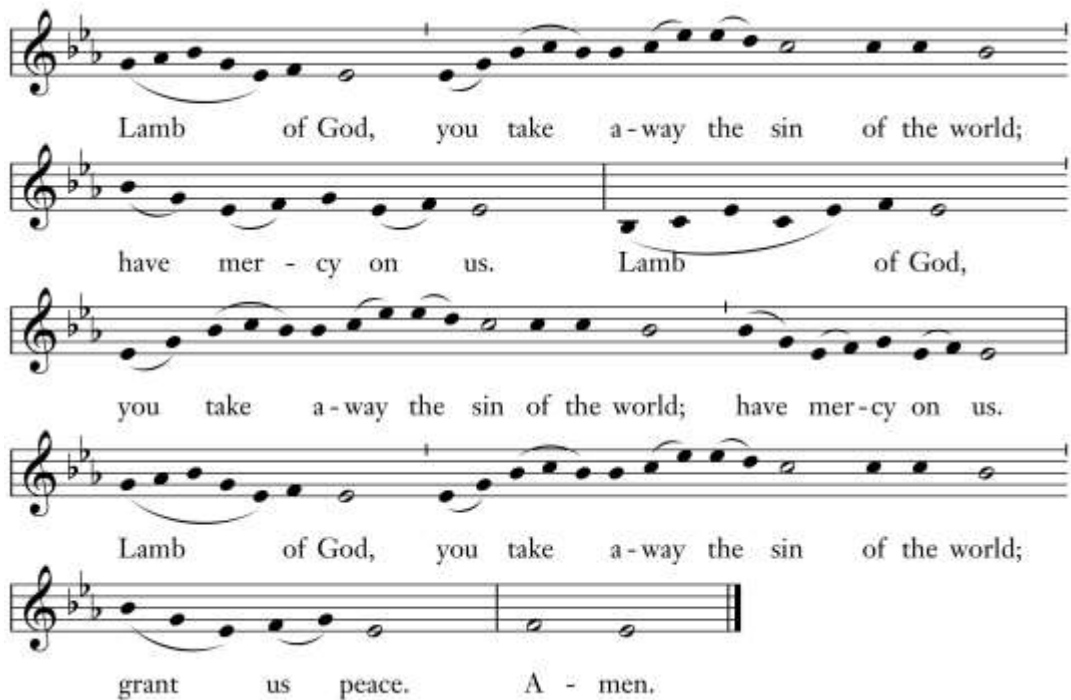
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

HYMN 272 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

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We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

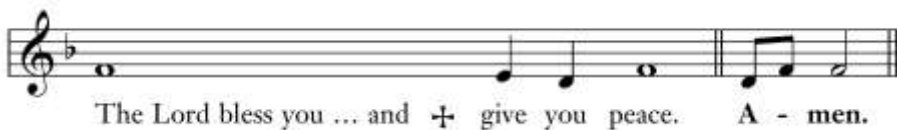
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 263 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Next Sunday

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TBD

Acolytes

8:30 TBD and TBD

11:00 TBD and TBD

Crucifers

8:30 TBD

11:00 TBD

Offering Bearer

TBD

Lay Readers

8:30 TBD

11:00 TBD

Communion Assistants

8:30 Diane Evans and Marty Tanyi

11:00 Sue Holland and Linda Martin

Nursery

8:30 TBD

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11:00 TBD

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8:30 Chris Almerini, Neil Linnell,

Kent Reichert and Damion Richardson

11:00 Jim Batts, Ray Bostian,

David Kinley and Joel Myers

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Joyce Holton and Effie Sue Utt

11:00 Nell Rose

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Sheila Oppel

Oblation Bearers

8:30 The Cuka Family

11:00 Mark and Bobbie Galchutt

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Jami Cuka

11:00 Peter Brath

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

Our worship begins with an acclamation or a brief piece sung by the choir which introduces the Gospel message or another theme of the day. This is a time to quietly begin our worship in ways that are meaningful to us, through listening, prayer, meditation on the scriptures to be read, the hymns or anthems to be sung, the art and paragraph on the cover of the bulletin, or to simply still our minds and spirits in preparation for an hour that is different from the hectic life outside the doors of our sanctuary.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Stella and Fred Haseke and Bernice and H. W. (Chris) Vaughan by Keith and Lydia Vaughan.

The bulletins today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Troy Whitaker, my father (12/22/25 – 11/6/97) by Cynthia Maxey.

Our Homebound Member is Mrs. Linnea Bagby, 3810 Lakeview Drive, Pfafftown, NC 27040. Please send Linnea a note.

The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Winter Quarter meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, January 12. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, January 14. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”

Offering Envelopes: The 2018 Offering Envelope packets (filed in alphabetical order) are available on tables in the lobby outside the Gathering Room. It will be practicing good stewardship if you can pick up your envelopes and save the Church the expense of mailing. If you do not find an Envelope Packet with your name and would like to have envelopes, please contact Joyce Holton at 336-722-8144. .

Readings for next week: Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.

Worship attendance for services last week: **134** at 8:30; **180** at 11:00; **17** visitors.

Augsburg Lutheran Church Financial Snapshot as of November 30, 2017

Current Operating Fund				2017
	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% of Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget Met</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 56,481	\$ 681,448	87.59%	\$ 777,984
Expenditures	<u>58,674</u>	<u>676,797</u>	84.11%	<u>804,690</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (2,194)	\$ 4,652		\$ (26,706)
Special Benevolence Giving:				
Tanzania Well Project		\$ 7,800		
Refugee Love		\$ 5,015		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		\$ 4,135		
Arts @ Augsburg		\$ 3,497		
Lutheran World Relief		\$ 2,900		
Overflow Shelter		\$ 2,735		
ELCA Domestic Disaster		\$ 2,630		
Charity Reserve/Crisis Control		\$ 2,135		
Souper Bowl of Caring		\$ 1,666		

Comments:

1. November income of \$56,481 and expenses of \$58,674 resulted in a monthly deficit of \$2,194.
2. The YTD surplus has decreased from \$6,845 to \$4,652.
3. Disciples have also given to support the greater community through special benevolent giving.

Calendar for December 24–December 31

24 Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

10:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
5:00p Christmas Eve Children's Service
(Sanctuary)
7:30p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of
Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
11:00p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of
Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

25 The Nativity of Our Lord

10:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

26 Tuesday

Office Closed

31 First Sunday of Christmas

8:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
9:45a Fellowship Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

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