

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman... Galatians 4:4-7

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017 8:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

In the psalm all the natural world praises God, including all humanity, male and female, young and old. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we speak of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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.** Timothy Olsen

Craig Phillips

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

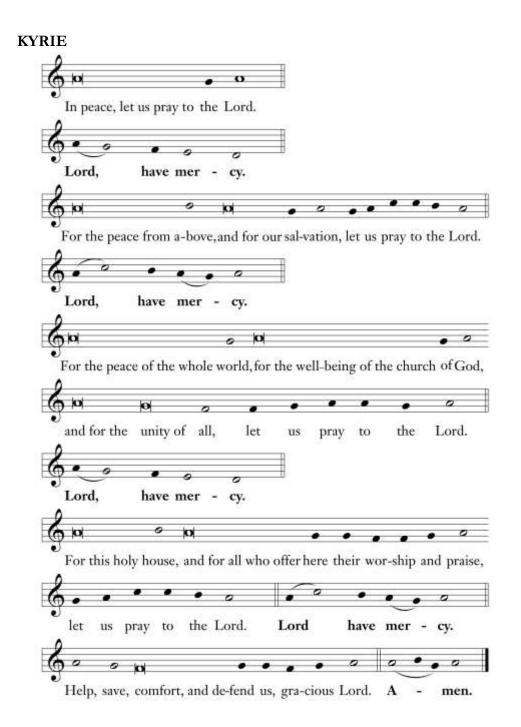
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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,

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 417 In His Temple Now Behold HimREGENT SQUAREThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.REGENT SQUARE

And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



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

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

PSALM 148

Refrain (Sung once by the choir, repeated by the assembly)



Verses sung by the choir

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights. ²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. ⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. \mathbf{R} ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; ⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and lying birds; \mathbf{R} ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹²young men and maidens, old and young together. ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! \mathbb{R}

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.



When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Wollner SERMON Pastor Wollner We stand. HYMN OF THE DAY 296 What Child Is This? **GREENSLEEVES** SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00) p. 227 NICENE CREED (8:30) 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

Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need.

For the faith communities of this city and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

For those who wait in the shadow of death, for those who are ill, for those who struggle to see the future, and for all who lack even their basic needs. Transform our love toward them with the vision of eyes that have seen the salvation of God. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

For those who cannot see, for those who cannot hear, for those who have varied use of their limbs, and for those able to exercise all the senses. Help us to appreciate the fullness of God's gift of life in our varied abilities, and to celebrate the diversity that reveals a more complete image of the one who makes us all family. We especially pray for: Hank Farrar, Terri Cota, Violet Fowler, Paul Martin, Brooks Forsell, Melanie Denny, Stan Whitley, Becky Wheeler and for all of those we lift up on our lips and in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **A: hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have gone before us in this year and now rest in you. Led by Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, let us live in your praise until the day we depart in your peace. We especially remember: Jeanie Rudisill, Jack Horn, Donnie Eubanks, Pastor Tim Glenham, Abner Harrington, Charles Talton, Dot Gantt, Jim Aanestad and Robert Triplett. Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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 Song of Simeon

Lord, let thy servant now depart, In peace and joy and meet oblation; arr. Thy word is hidden in my heart, Mine eyes have seen thy salvation. To be a light to nations shining, And to thy people Israel, Glory, honor, praise combining, "God with us," Emmanuel. Glory to the Father and the Son, And to the Holy Ghost sing praises, While timeless ages ever run, World without end. Amen.

We stand.

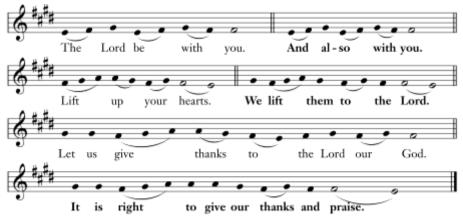
OFFERTORY HYMN



Orlando Lassus arr. Mark Schweizer Let us pray.

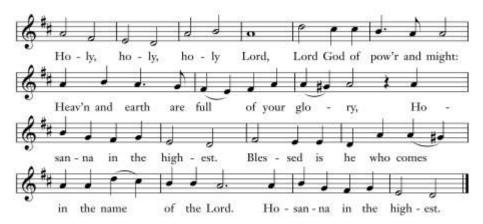
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC 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.** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

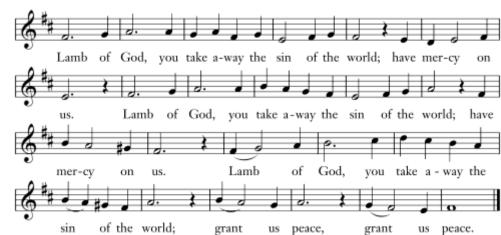
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.







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 294 In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and + give you peace.



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 282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news! Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Joy to the World

Emma Lou Diemer

CAROL

Soli Deo Gloria

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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 are given to the glory of God by Michaelene Lineberry in honor of all the wonderful folks I have encountered at Augsburg.

We welcome Daphne Cora McGrady into the Christian Family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Daphne is the daughter of David and Stacy McGrady.

Flowers on the Altar. Thank you to everyone who contributes the beautiful altar flowers every week. If you are interested in giving flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, call the church office for more information. Open dates are January 14; February 25 and March 11.

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

Sunday, January 7, will be the 1st Annual Epiphany Chili Cook-off at 5:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center. All the Augsburg Community is invited to gather for a chili and fixings meal prior to the Epiphany Service at 7:00pm. If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-Off simply bring a crock pot of your favorite recipe to share. The Fellowship Ministry Team will be taking care of the rest! As the Magi brought gifts to the manger, so too are you invited to share a gift of men's socks, t-shirts and underwear which we will share with the guests of our Overflow Shelter.

Sunday, January 7, we will celebrate Epiphany with an Epiphany Vespers service at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Join us as we read and sing about the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and all nations. Music will be led by the Adult Choirs, Lobchor, and Jubilate Choir.

Music Exploration Class (ages 3-Kindergarten) has changed times: Beginning in January 2018, the Music Exploration Class will move to Sunday afternoons. Sunday, January 7, 2018 will have a special 5:00 P.M. time before the Chili Cook-off and a new, regular time beginning Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. in the youth choir room. Please contact Bruce Tippette with any questions.

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. 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." 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.

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.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

"O. M. Genesis" Study: Pastor Paul's Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 a.m. in the Sid Sowers Classroom. **This Study will resume January 8.**

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. Bring your Bible. **This Study will resume January 8.**

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at various locations. Please contact Emily Norris for more information or if you have questions.

The Charity Reserve Fund is used to assist people in the community (basically working through Crisis Control Ministry). This important fund has helped hundreds of people since 1954 when it was created. The Fund is replenished each year by gifts received in special envelopes stamped Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in your envelope packet, together with designated gifts throughout the year by members of the congregation. Contributions received in the special envelopes will be credited, unless otherwise designated, to the Charity Reserve Fund and used to assist those in need in the community.

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund is the confidential fund used by the Pastors to assist those in need, both members and non-members. These funds are administered by the Pastors (at their discretion) to address needful situations. Contributions to this fund may be made throughout the year. Please make checks payable to: Augsburg Lutheran Church, and note on the memo line "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."

Contributions Note: In order to receive credit in 2017, contributions should be in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2017.

Readings for next week: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

Worship attendance for services last week: 156 at 10:30; 12 visitors.

Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist Nanette Shutt Acolytes 8:30 Juliette Levine and TBD 11:00 Jacob Andrews and Stuart Martin Crucifers 8:30 Abbey Linnell 11:00 Ethan Horn Offering Bearer TBD Liturgists 8:30 Bruce Tippette 11:00 Karen Kooken Lay Readers 8:30 John Bandle 11:00 Karen Kooken Communion Assistants 8:30 Diane Evans and Marty Tanyi 11:00 Sue Holland and Linda Martin Nursery 8:30 Kevin Kooken SS TBD 11:00 Dana Mulhearn Ushers 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

Providing Service Next Sunday

Bulletin Cover Artist TBD Acolytes 8:30 Kate Safrit and Mia Safrit 11:00 Katie Kirkeeng and Travis Pipes Crucifers 8:30 Caroline Bevis 11:00 Stuart Martin Offering Bearer TBD Torch Bearers 8:30 Walker Paschold and TBD 11:00 Zeke Bradley and TBD **Banner Bearers** 8:30 Mary Claire Bevis 11:00 Lucas Bradley Lay Readers 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Communion Assistants 8:30 Dina Almerini and Barbara Merced 11:00 Kathy Carr and Kevin Kooken Nursery 8:30 Leigh Anna Voigt SS Mary Lou Leonard 11:00 Vicki Strandhoy Ushers 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 TBD 11:00 TBD Sunday Morning Fellowship Becky Roediger **Oblation Bearers** 8:30 TBD 11:00 TBD Assisting Ministers 8:30 John Collins 11:00 Julia Grossnickle Preaching and Presiding Pastor Wollner

Calendar for December 31–January 7

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)

1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED

2 Tuesday 7:00p S.I.S. (SECU House)

3 Wednesday

6:30a Bagels 5:30p Music Exploration (Youth Choir Room) 7:15p Adult Choir II (Choir Room) 7:18c Veeth Bible Stacks

7:18p Youth Bible Study (Various Locations) 4 Thursday
7:30a Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Youth Area)
6:15p Adult Choir I (Choir Room)
7:00p Social Ministry (Covenant Classroom)

7 Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:45a Fellowship Breakfast (Family Life Center)
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 5:00p Music Exploration (Youth Choir Room)
- 5:30p Epiphany Chili Cook-off (Family Life Center)
- 7:00p Epiphany Vespers Service (Sanctuary)



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