



**REJOICE AND EXULT WITH ALL YOUR HEART!
REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE.**

In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.*
-) Enjoy the presence of one another as we “speak the peace,” wave, smile, make the sign of the Cross. Please do not embrace, hug, kiss, or elbow-bump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.*
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 12, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song • "Advent Gathering Song"

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*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

Gently
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Come, come Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

For the Lord of creation will... **Refrain.**

Oh the son of Mary will... **Refrain.**

See God's marvelous deeds and... **Refrain.**

For God chose us, and so we will... **Refrain.**

For the angel proclaims he will... **Refrain.**

As the servants of God we... **Refrain.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

**Put away your indignation toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever, to all generations?
Revive us again so that we rejoice in you.
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

God speaks peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
His saving love is at hand for those who trust him.
In Jesus' name your sin is forgiven,
your spirit renewed, and your life made new.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise • "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 519



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Surely God, you are our salvation.
In you we trust and will not be afraid.
You Lord are our strength and our might.
You comfort us and have become saving grace to us.
We call upon your name and give you our thanks.

Amen.

Advent Wreath Reading

One of the most familiar customs of Advent is the lighting of the candles on an evergreen wreath. The glowing and growing light in the midst of growing darkness draws on biblical images. The unbroken circle of “forever greens” is seen as an image of everlasting life, as victory over death, as the crown of Jesus Christ, as the wheel of time itself. Christians make use of the wreath as a sign that Christ breaks into our time to lead us into the light of everlasting life.

The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent and the growth of life amid growing darkness that cannot and will not overcome the light. In many homes, families gather for prayer around the wreath’s lit candles.

Blessed are you, God of Mary,
God of might and mercy,
for your promise to make deserts rejoice in blossom,
to watch over strangers,
to set prisoners free.

As we light three candles,
satisfy our hungers with your good gifts,
open our eyes to the great and gracious things
you have done for us and for all,
and fill us with patient expectation
until the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O ransomed of the Lord, O people set free, come,
**journey into God’s holy and compassionate way
with singing and celebration! Amen.**

Reading Response • "He Came Down"

This Far by Faith 37



3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;



he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

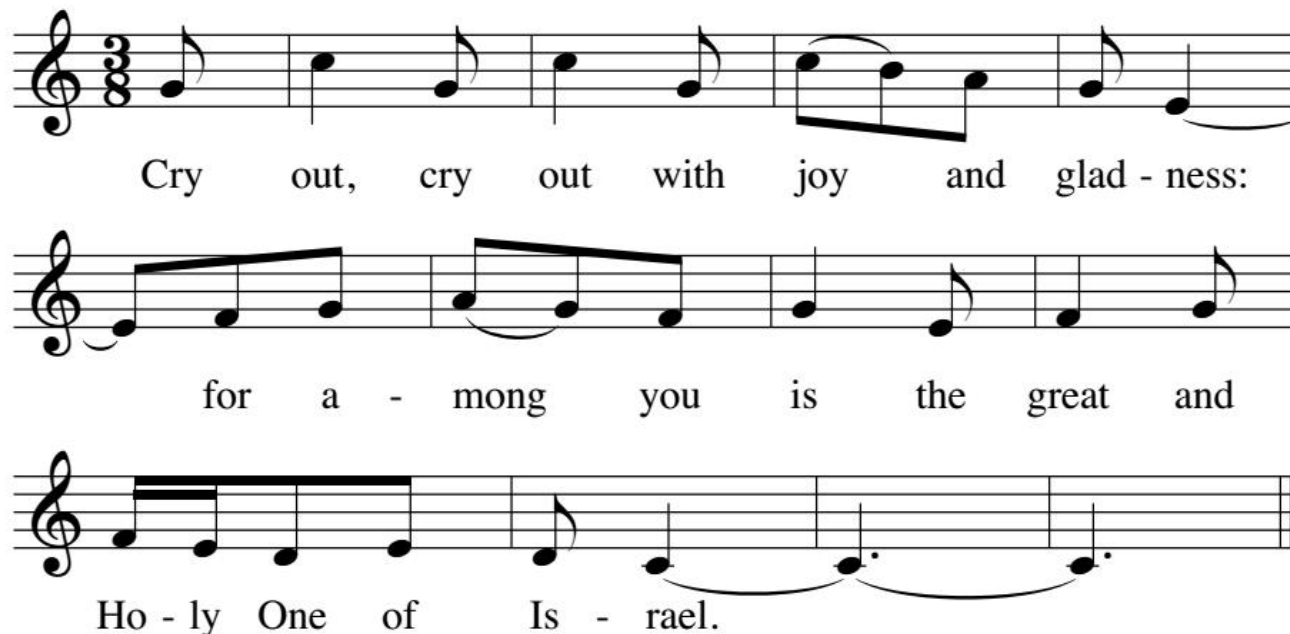
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 12:2-6 • “Cry Out with Joy and Gladness”

Lyric Psalter, Year C

*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***



The musical notation is written on three staves in 3/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, with lyrics 'Cry out, cry out with joy and glad - ness:'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'for a - mong you is the great and'. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line, with lyrics 'Ho - ly One of Is - rael.' and ends with a double bar line.

Cry out, cry out with joy and glad - ness:
for a - mong you is the great and
Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

See, God is my salvation!

I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.

With joy will you draw water
from the springs of salvation. **Refrain.**

Give thanks to the Lord,

invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **Refrain.**

Sing to the Lord for he has wrought wonders;

let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise,
shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:4-7 • *Sermon Text*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

This Far by Faith 25

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:15-18

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“...*your* ‘to do’ list...”

Pastor Kim Latterell.

Hymn of the Day • “When a Star Is Shining”

All Creation Sings 915



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, “Pre - pare the way!”
guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow-er makes the heart turn cold,
show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion’s sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

In this season of watching and waiting,
let us pray for all people and places
that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Do not be afraid, nor let your hands go weak.

With gladness, renew us Lord in your love.

God of new life
you come among us in the places we least expect.
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts,
in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord is with you always.

And also with you.

Service of Farewell and Godspeed

A church family is always changing. Loved ones are born into it and loved ones come to the end of their lives as a part of it. Individuals come and go as church life changes. It is important to recognize these times of passage, of relationships shared, of endings and new beginnings.

Today we celebrate the gifts Pastor Kim Latterell has shared with us as Interim Pastor. Pastor Kim leaves to retire once more and enjoy time with Sharon and family.

Hear Apostle Paul's words from Ephesians:

Each of us is given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the full measure of the full stature of Christ.

Pastor Kim, you have proclaimed to us the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, instructed us from God's Word, and guided us into a new chapter of life at Mountain View Lutheran. We have deeply appreciated the leadership and pastoral care you have given to us in this time of transition and pandemic.

Pastor Kim

Thank you all for the care, support, and partnership you have shown me during this time of ministry together. I am grateful for the way I have been received and ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made.

Pastor Kim, we receive your thankfulness, offer our forgiveness, and appreciate your desire to retire. We are grateful for the time and the work you have shared with us and know that your influence on our faith and faithfulness will remain with us as you take leave.

Pastor Kim

Thank you. I trust that our time together has been fruitful and pleasing to God. I encourage you in your anticipation of new and renewed ministries as you move forward into God's ever-unfolding plan and purposes for you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have bound us together for a time as interim pastor and people to work for your church in this place. We are grateful, thankful, and blessed by the ministries we have shared. Now, we pray, be with Pastor Kim and Sharon, and be with us as we step apart and into new opportunities. Amen.

We give you thanks, Lord, for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we each move in new directions. Keep us united in your love and in Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
Edgewood WA 98372

You can give electronically:

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-) Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-) Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
-) Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
-) Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
-) If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
-) NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

For those worshiping in person, you are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.

Offertory • "The Promise"

Don Neptun

Part 1: cantor; part 2: congregation.

PART 1

For the pro mise is for you and your

PART 2

Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me

chil- dren, And the pro-mise is for me and my

and my chil- dren, and the pro-mise is for you

ALL

chil dren, and all God's peo- ple. We de

and your chil dren, and all God's peo- ple.

ALL

vote our lives_ to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

PART 1

take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

PART 1

pro-mise is for you

PART 2

and your children,

and the

For the pro-mise is for me

and my children,

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Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Lord, you give what is good, that our land will yield an increase,
enough for us to share with generous hearts.**

**Your gifts of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness,
and peace make a path for our feet to follow where you lead.**

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
that we everywhere and always
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus • "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Lead Me, Guide Me 475, "Mass No. 2 in Eb"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

Lamb of God • “Lamb of God”

by Tillis Butler

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

5 have mer-cy on us Lamb of God you take a-way the sins

10 of the world: have mer-cy-on us Lamb of God,

15 you take a - way the sins of the world:

18 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song • “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

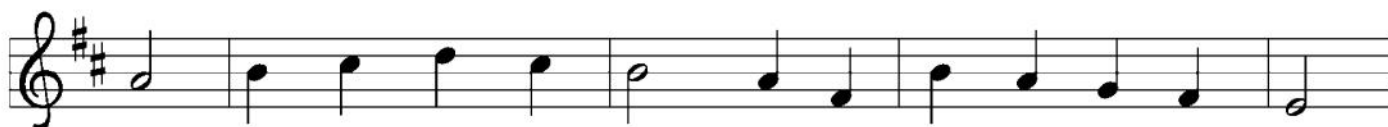
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1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Communion Song • “We Are Waiting for Jesus”

All Creation Sings 905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, having fed us this meal of forgiveness, now help us to bear fruit worthy of repentance. From our plenty, move us to share with those who have little to none. As we have been fed and clothed with Jesus' love and forgiveness, move us to share such gifts with all who need such grace.

Amen.

Deacon Sending

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.”

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized, and often lonely as well.

Gracious God,

in your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by thankful prayer, let your requests be made known to God. And let your gentleness be made known to everyone.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • “People, Look East”

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1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Sending

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,
please register your worship attendance online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance*

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Both services

- PREACHER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
- PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Barry Johnsrud.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
- GREETER: Betsy Tunstall.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lori Neptun, Gloria Ratcliffe.
- LECTOR: John Petersen.
- CANTOR: Amy Fuller.
- SOUND: Don Neptun.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- GREETER: Cathy Kostelecky.
- ACOLYTE: Parker Thornton.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Beth Dahl, Diksha Knierim.
- LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- CANTOR: Ellen Leapaldt.
- SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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Upcoming Events in Life Together

Adult Education • “The Gospel of Luke: Secure in God’s Promise”

Sunday, December 12, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

To help us best hear the Gospel of Luke in its unique witness and to best see its implications for our lives, we gather for a time of overview and study of Luke’s major themes. This week, we explore “Jesus’ Gift” as found in Luke 20:27-40; Luke 24:36-52/Acts 1:6-11, 21-22.

Rock Ministry • “Advent Adventures”

Sunday, December 12, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Gym

Rock Ministry kids and youth (2 years old through 12th grade) and their families gather to assemble Christmas boxes for Tacoma Seafarers.

Advent Midweeks • “In Darkness and Light”

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 • 6:30 p.m. • Life Together Hall

We gather around the table for Advent midweek worship, which is also a meal (dinner *and* Holy Communion) and a time of fellowship.

Worship • Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the Nativity and Incarnation of Our Lord with prayers, proclamation, Christmas hymns, and Holy Communion.

Worship • First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Sanctuary

Join us for in-person and online worship for the First Sunday of Christmas. Please note there is only one worship service on this particular Sunday.