





As a community following Christ, we **LOVE** with an open heart, **GROW** with a curious mind, and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

-) Please turn off all cell phones.
-) If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.
-) Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.
- *Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.*
- Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.

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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 313

DANIEL'S HOPE in GOD First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

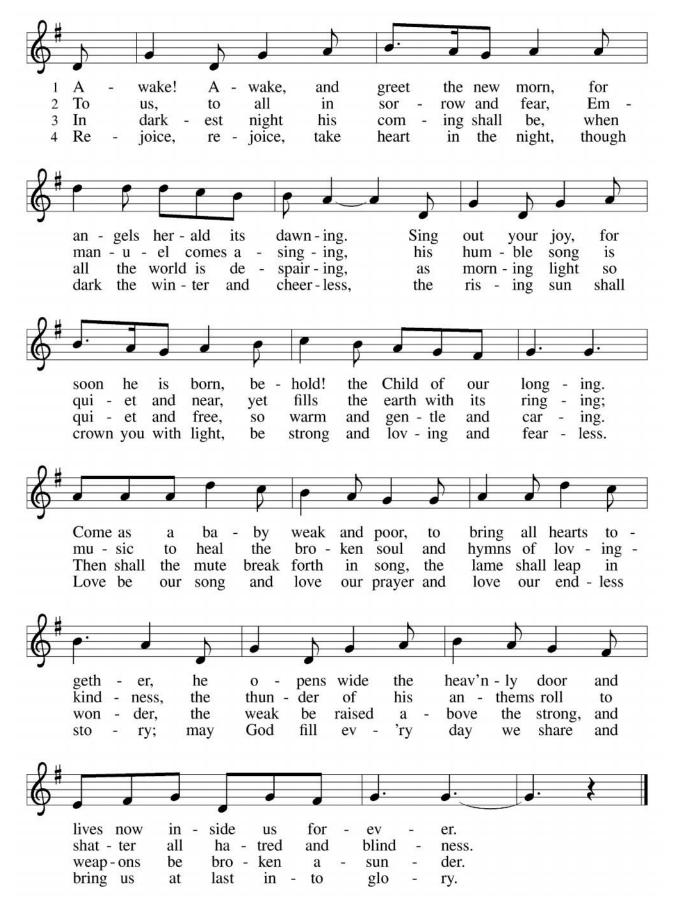
PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

OPENING HYMN • "AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 242



GREETING

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

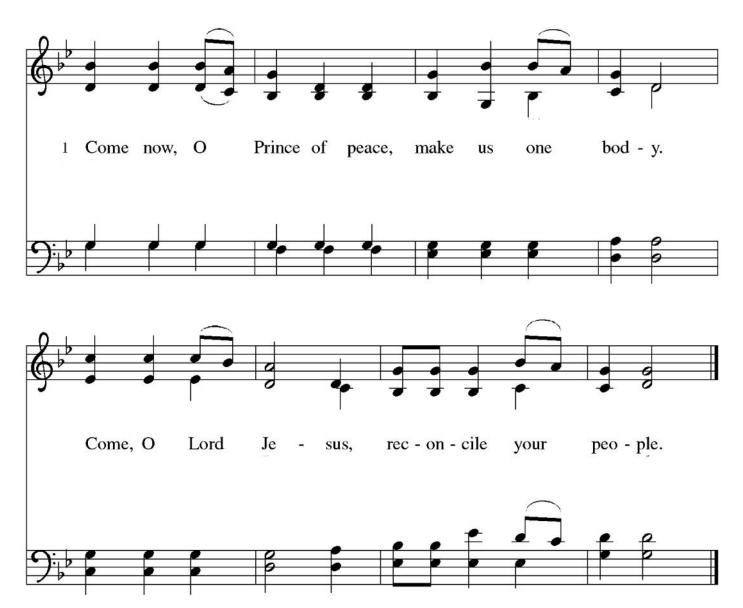
And also with you.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 247

Sing twice.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14).

Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation:

While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

Reader:

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here the days when God's kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

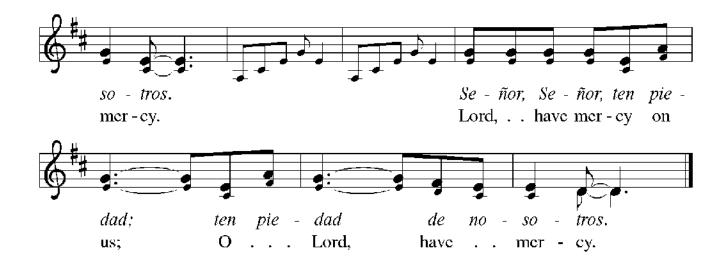
Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Stand.

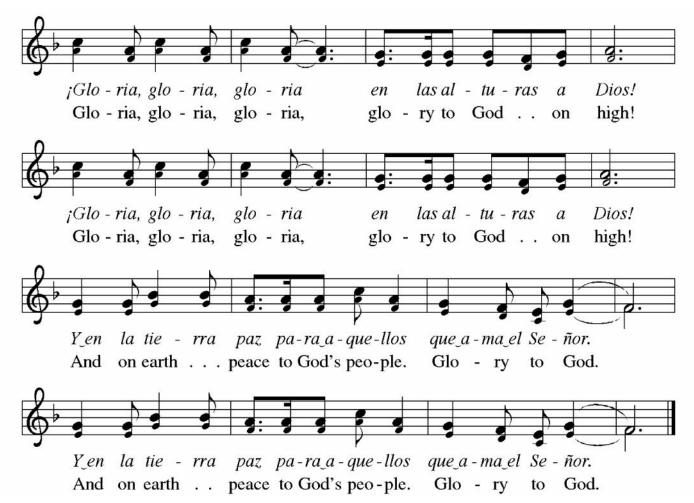
KYRIE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Seven





GLORIA Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Seven



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of deliverance, You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Seven



READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

Daniel 6:6-27

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day." ¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed." ¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. ²⁷He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

The Word of the Lord.

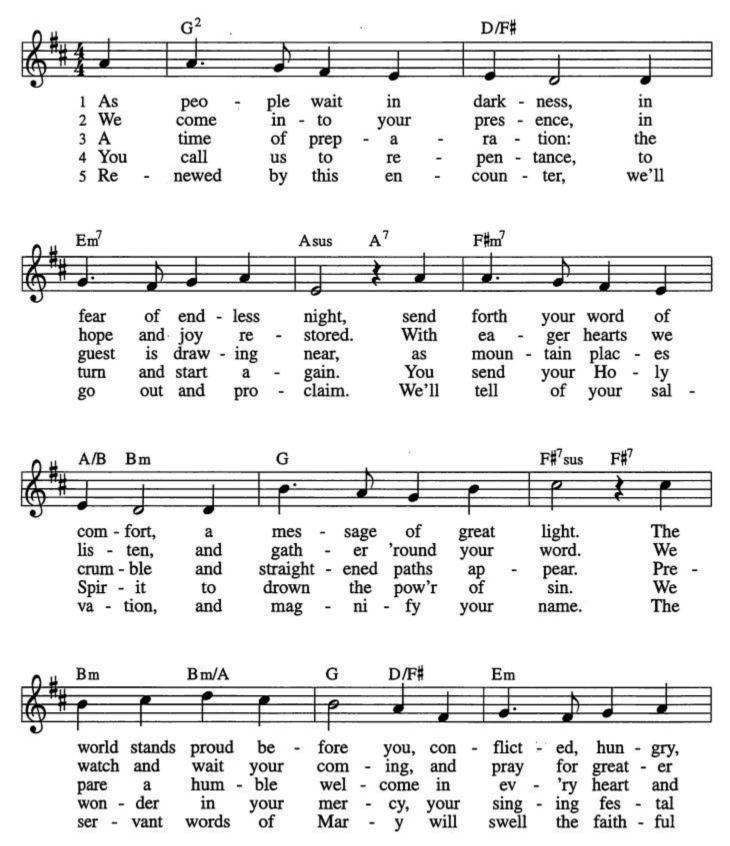
Thanks be to God.

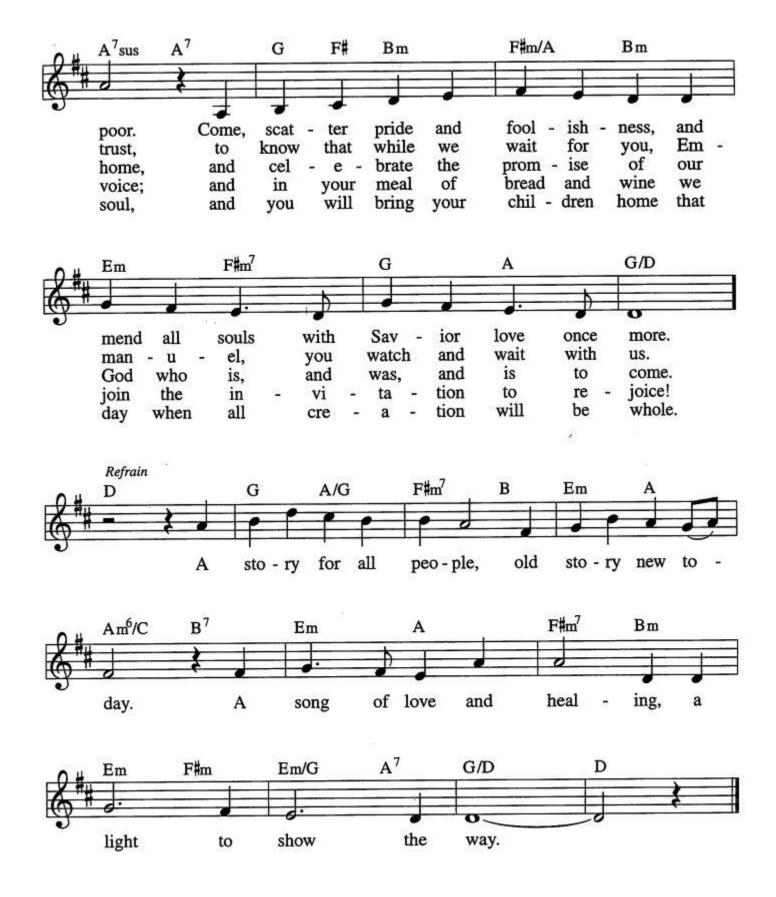
CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE"

Worship & Praise 2





CREED

Together, let us confess our faith. 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 THE CHURCH

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God of Advent joy, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your transformative call.

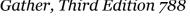
In this season of anticipation, may our gifts help mend what is broken and share the promise of redemption.

You can participate in the Offering electronically by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.



OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN • "COME AND JOURNEY WITH A SAVIOR" Gather, Third Edition 788





OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the Advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who are loved by God, whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God

because the gifts of God are free.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

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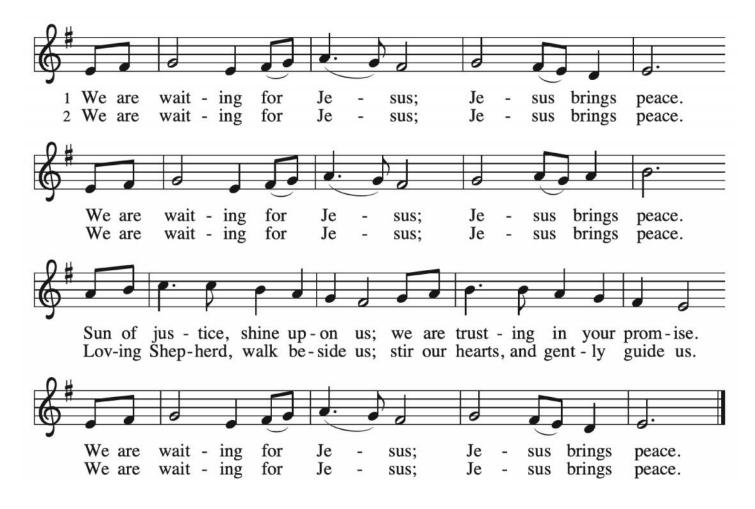
COMMUNION HYMN • "CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 715



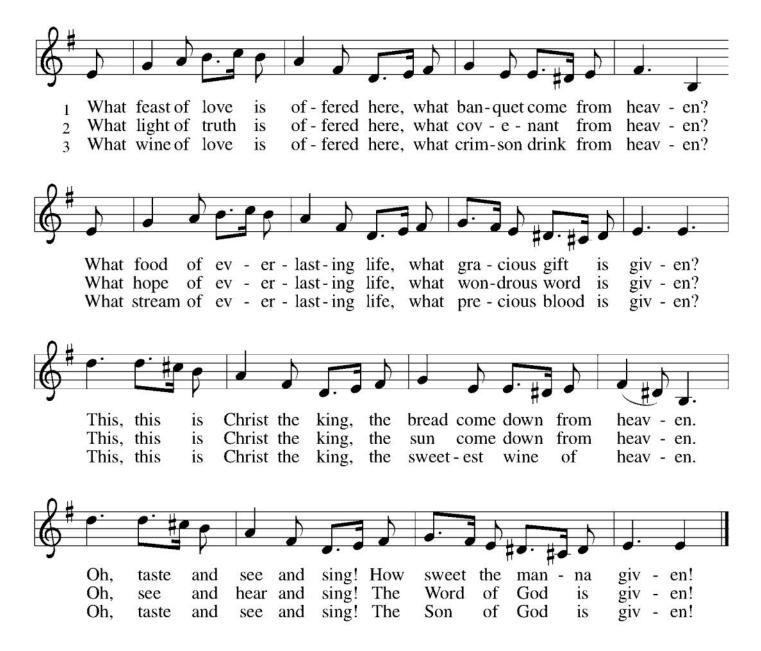
COMMUNION HYMN • "WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS"

All Creation Sings 905



COMMUNION HYMN • "WHAT FEAST OF LOVE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 487



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to "make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example." (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

as Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her son, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish 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

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "PEOPLE, LOOK EAST"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 248



SENDING

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- ACOLYTE: Grace Sevigny.
- ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Corie Adams, Dutcher Adams, Gordon Adams.
- LECTOR: Michelle Schweikl.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Tyler, Terry Wolfe.
- SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

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- LECTOR: Mary Beth Dahl.
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Sunday, December 1, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. ADULT EDUCATION in the Life Together Hall

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 • 5:30 p.m. SOUP AND BREAD DINNER in the Life Together Hall

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP (Holden Evening Prayer) in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 7, 2024 • 9:00 a.m. ADVENT QUIET MORNING in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. ADVENT ADVENTURE: TACOMA SEAFARERS in the Life Together Hall

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 • 5:30 p.m. SOUP AND BREAD DINNER in the Life Together Hall

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP (Holden Evening Prayer) in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP / CHRISTMAS CANTATA in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. ADVENT ADVENTURE: CHRISTMAS COOKIES in the Life Together Hall

Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 12 noon CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 • 5:30 p.m. SOUP AND BREAD DINNER in the Life Together Hall

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP (Holden Evening Prayer) in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 22, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP in the Sanctuary ("unified" worship service)

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 • 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP in the Sanctuary

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