



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Second Sunday of Advent



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (Stephen Schwartz)

unaccompanied & slower



repeat three times



faster



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

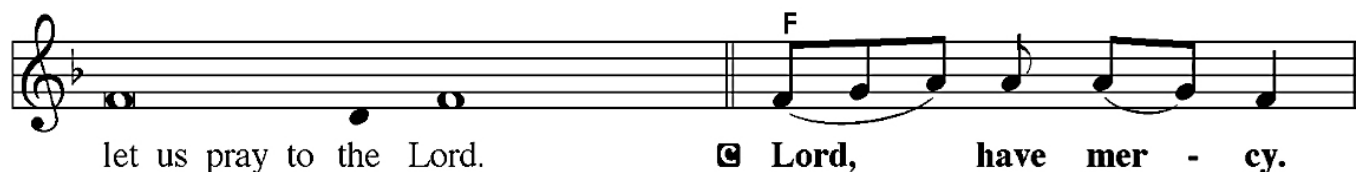
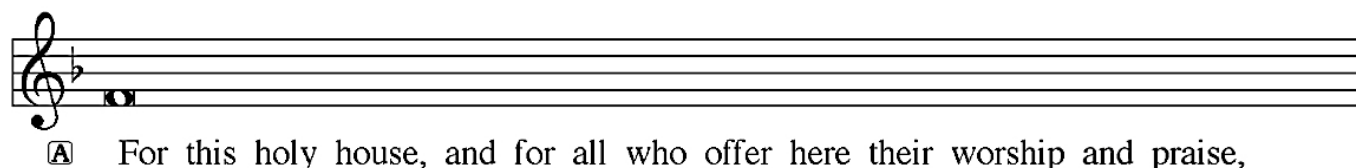
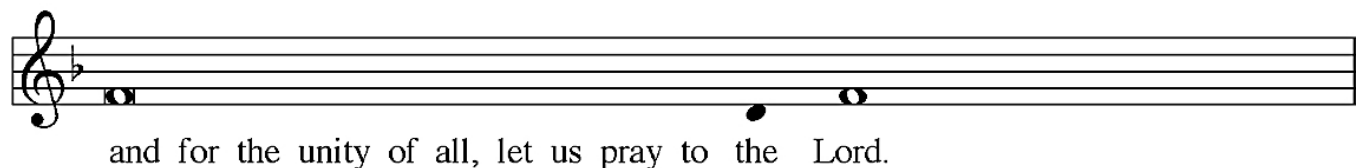
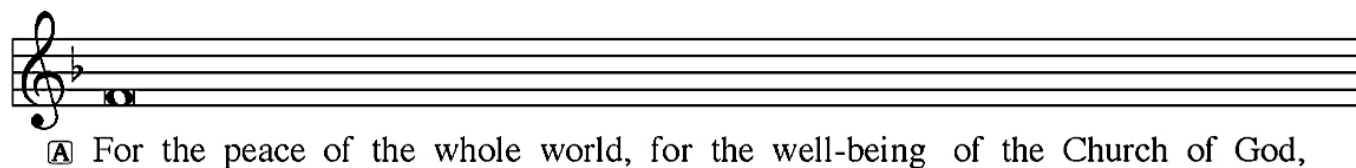
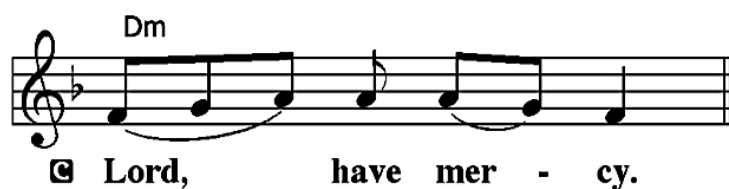
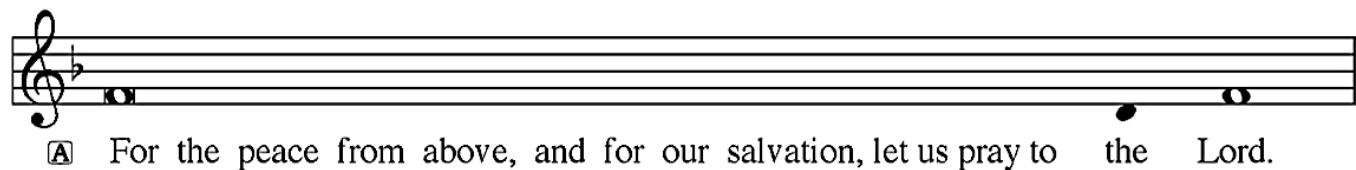
Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come, **let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

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THE KYRIE



THIS IS THE FEAST

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Bm G/E A D C Em Asus A
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G D Bm D/A G
 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G
 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G
 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 G/E A D C Em Asus A
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 D F#m/A Bm D Bm D/A G
 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 G/E A D C Em F#m/A D
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

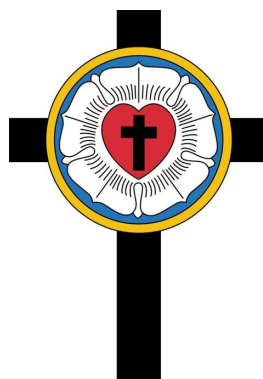
⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

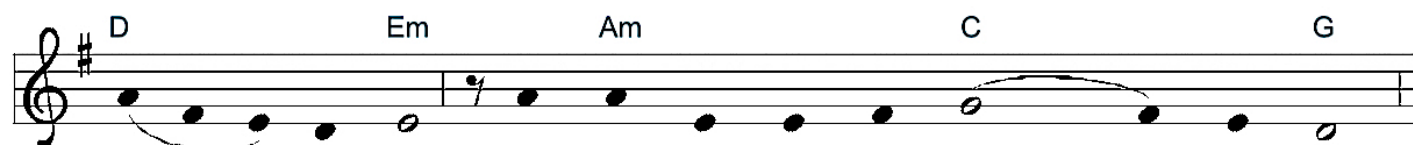
HOMILY: Pastor Paul



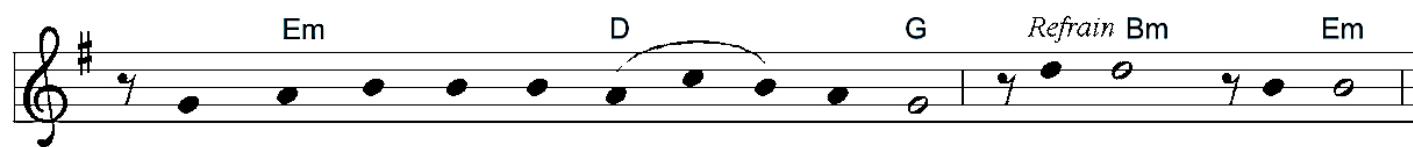
HYMN OF THE DAY: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: In the Bleak Midwinter (Christophe & Ed Moderacki)

OFFERING

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A musical score for a hymn, written in G-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with- in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pre-sence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Your free Spir-it." The chord symbols are: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F, Bbsus Bb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gmaj, Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-
in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pre-sence, and take not Your
Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-
va-tion; and up-hold me with Your free Spir-it.

ALL: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.


People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Musical score for the Preface for the Season, featuring a melody in G major with lyrics and guitar chords.

Chords: F, Am, G7, C, F, G7, C, F, Am, G7, C, F, Dm, Bb, G7, C, F, Gm, F/A, G7/B, C, Ab, Bb, Dm7, G, C.

Lyrics:

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. Ho - san - na.
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

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen

F Bb G7 C

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

Dm G C F Bb G7

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

C Dm G C F Am Bb

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

Eb Ab Bb Dm G7 C

sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Behold the Lamb of God (Stephen Schwartz)

Slow

Be - hold the Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world.

The musical notation is for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of A major (two sharps). It consists of two staves. The first staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, Bm, A/C#, A/D, and E. The second staff continues the melody with chords A, Bm, A/C#, D, E, and A. The lyrics are written below the notes.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is for a Communion Blessing in 4/4 time, key of Bb major (two flats). It consists of four staves. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, C, C7, A7/C#, Dm, Bb, C, A7, Dm, F, C, C7, A7/C#, Dm, F/C, Bb, C, Bb, F, Dm, A7, Dm, G7, C, Bb, C, A7, Dm, Bb, C, Am, D7, Bb, C, Bb, C, F. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (*Ososo, Ososo*) (*Korean Hymn for Peace Sunday Advent 2*)

Geonyong Lee

1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bo - dy.
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bo - dy.
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bo - dy.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con-cile all na - tions.



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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Dec 7	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
Dec 14	Maggie Harrer	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly
Dec 21	Wendy McFarland	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

Dec 7	For: Jake's Birthday From: John & Sally
Dec 14	For: Happy Birthday Rudolph W. Heydt, III From: Brenda Heydt
Dec 21	For: Merry Christmas From: Susan Conrad

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 7	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Dec 14	Cookie Exchange & PJ Movie Night
Dec 15	Council Meeting: 7pm Room 5
Dec 21	Sunday School Christmas Caroling & Dinner: 5pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve: 4pm (family Worship) Christmas Carol Sing: 7:30pm Christmas Eve: 8pm Worship
Dec 25	Christmas Day: 10am Worship
Dec 24-Jan 2	School Closed Christmas Vacation

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