EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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ELW Setting 3

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to WORSHIP

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please come forward by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand, and you may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a glutenfree wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the "red" ELW hymnal.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

 Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.
- P Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born!
 You are loved and forgiven in the name of + Jesus, who has come among us.
 You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

 C Amen.
- GATHERING HYMN "Brightest and Best of the Stars" ELW #303

 Hymn is printed on page 18 of this booklet

GREETING

- P Arise, shine; for your light has come.
 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Darlene Neumann

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

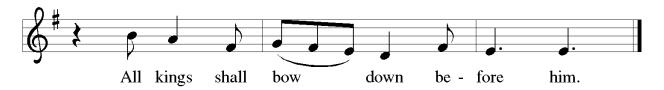
¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALMODY Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14



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Psalm Tone



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¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son; ²that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice; ³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness. ⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R ⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another. ⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth. ⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more. 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R ¹¹May all kings bow | down before him, and all the nations | do him service. ¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress, the oppressed, and those who | have no helper. ¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor, and preserves the lives | of the needy. ¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

and precious is their blood | in his sight. R

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE





GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Tim Linstrom

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "As with Gladness Men of Old" ELW #302

Hymn is printed on page 19 of this booklet

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Faithful God, continue to provide dedicated leaders and passionate people for your church, so that wisdom and compassion in all its rich variety may be made known throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, your glory shines around us in every star, creature, and person. Liberate us from the ways we destroy your creation. Free us to care for the earth so that all experience your bountiful goodness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give your justice to the leaders of the world, O God. Endow them with humble courage to defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to those in need, so that peace abounds in all countries. For those who are serving our country far from home and their families especially **Kimberly Koblas** (daughter of Wendy & Jim Koblas) and **Alex Fink** (grandson of Carolyn Raymond). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A By the guidance of a star, you led the magi to pay homage to the Christ child. Protect new families, those who live alone, travelers, those who suffer loss, and all others in need We pray especially for Arthur Hektor, Trudy Bettiker, Lois Wass, Laurie Ohm, Marian McBride, Shirley Crandall, Bill Lynn, Allison Wittich, Dorothy Duffy, Shirley & Harvey Lease, Jerry Swanson, Elaine Pucher, Bob Gilot (sister, friend of the Roskos), Marilyn Griffith, the Chase Petersen family (aunt & friends of Amy Dohler), Macrina Hernandez (sister of Maria Linstrom), Ervin Langholz (uncle of Ann Voermans), Morgan Czerwinski (daughter of Jackie Murphy), Karen Rodgers (friend of Nila Bilstad), Deb Springer (family of Louise Menter), Anna Labellarte (Joe's mother), Ken Simonson, Mike Quillin, Michael Ungari, Juli Pykelny (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), Lucia Oelz, Steve Ernst (friend & brother of Chris Miller), Jean Neumann (cousin of April Neumann), Ron Johnson (brother-in-law of Eileen Weglarz), Lukas & Coco (grandchildren of Joanne Schwarcz). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ever-present One, in Christ Jesus we boldly come before you in worship. Nurture and encourage all who gather for worship, those who serve in worship leadership roles, and all who participate in the work of this faith community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Generous God, throughout time you have given us people who have shown us the gift of your grace. Inspire us by their faithfulness to serve you and all your people. Hear us, O God.

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C and also with you

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING is received.

OFFERTORY "Brightest and Best" *Stand as the offering is brought forward.*

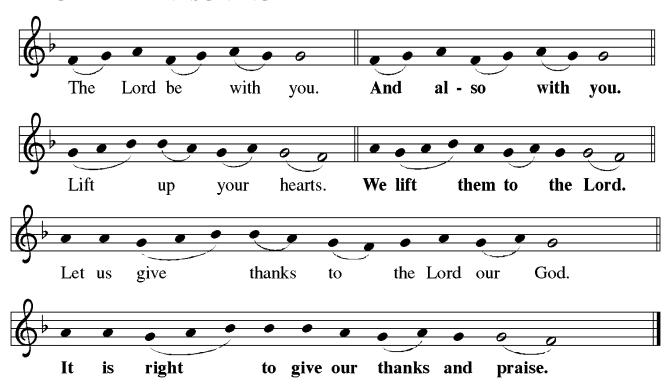
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Generous God,

C you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, mighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the saints with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -





Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

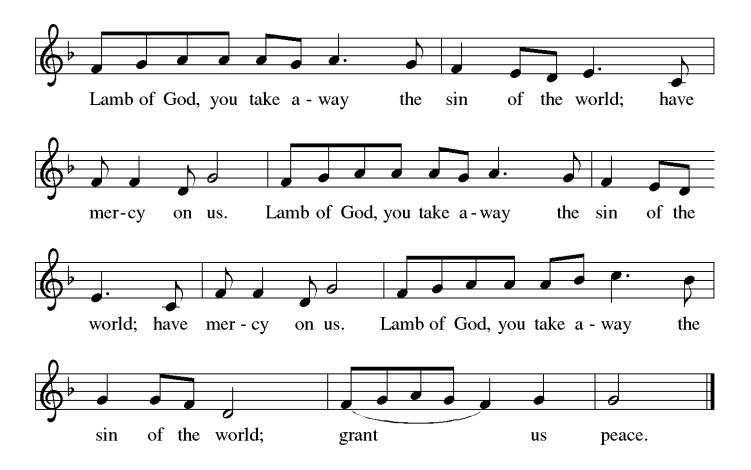
P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C 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 DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward by the diagonal aisles and return to your seats by way of the center aisle. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please extend your hand to indicate your desire to receive the bread. During the distribution the following hymn is sung:

COMMUNION CANTICLE



COMMUNION HYMN "Now the Silence"

Hymn is printed on page 20 of this booklet

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Stand after all have been communed

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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 and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Grace from God's own heart, peace from the + Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Hymn is printed on page 21 of this booklet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU to the following people for helping in worship today:

Greeters: Lily & Christine Upadhyay
Assisting Minister: Mary Lou Gilliam

Communion Deacons: Joe Labellarte/Jennifer Prosk Ushers: Lily & Christine Upadhyay

Acolyte: Jayne Upadhyay
Nursery: Sam Prosk
Coffee Host: Carmaline Spurrier

Counter: Jackie Murphy Altar Care: Judy Shambrook

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Dorothy & Ron Stocks in celebration of their 58th

anniversary.

ITEMS FOR THE MONTH for COOL Food Pantry is peanut butter.

JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All submissions, including prayer requests, must be sent to the church office by noon Wednesdays. Typically, we freshen prayer concerns after 3 weeks so the list doesn't get too long. Please remember to email utheranholyspirit@gmail.com when prayer concerns change or to update your request.

If you ordered a poinsettia, please take it home today.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your offering envelopes located by the coat rack.

FOLLOW THE STAR OBSTACLE COURSE— **TODAY** after worship.

<u>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS</u> will be taken down TODAY. Please stay and help after worship if you can.

2019 FLOWER CHART

Anyone interested in donating \$26 to commemorate special occasions and help beautify the sanctuary should sign up on the flower chart located in the church office.

PRAYER GROUP—Thursdays at 9:30 AM

All are welcome to join us in the Prayer Chapel at 9:30 AM as we continue to lift up our joys and concerns either spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Nominating Team is currently searching for new leaders to serve on the Church Council. Please prayerfully consider serving your church in this way in the coming year. If you are interested, see Daaron Dohler, Emmanuel Neela or Jan Schwanke.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets weekly from 10-11:30 AM in room 6

We are studying "Luther's Small Catechism". Stemming from our last unit on the "Forgotten Luther", we will be getting reacquainted with the fundamentals of Luther's theology as we explore the 10 Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Join us for a thought provoking and inspirational time of reflection, study, and discussion. We always close our time together in prayer.

FELLOWSHIP PLANNING POTLUCK—Sunday, Jan 12 at 11:00 AM

On Sunday, January 12, at 11:00 AM, after our 9:30 worship service, the entire congregation is invited to gather for a potluck dinner as we plan new fellowship events for the coming year. There's nothing like a good old fashioned potluck dinner, and everyone is invited to bring one dish to share that would serve about 10-12 people. Please bring either a main dish, a salad, a desert, or an appetizer, and we'll have plenty for all. The main event on the agenda is to brainstorm ideas for fellowship events for the coming year, find a place for them on the calendar, and mutually share in leading and organizing these fellowship events. All ideas are welcome, and there are no suggestions that are too outrageous. A church family that plans and plays together, stays together! So bring your friends and family and join the fun!

<u>LIFELINE SCREENING</u>—Saturday, Jan. 18

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Holy Spirit on 1/18/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Jan. 19 at 11 AM

Please join us after our ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM. We have important business to conduct, including the election for our new Church Council members and an update about sanctuary repairs and enhancements. Your participation is important!

Budget preview meeting will be on Jan. 12 at 9 AM **before** the 9:30 service.

YOUTH SUNDAY-SUPERBOWL OF CARING—Feb. 2 at 10:45 AM Join us for a special service featuring the youth of our congregation.

HOLY FAMILY BENEFIT LUNCHEON—Feb. 8 at 11:30 AM

All ladies are invited to a festive Valentine Luncheon to support Holy Family School at Trinity Lutheran Church in Evanston. All proceeds will go towards raising \$8000 to fund the annual tuition for one child at Holy Family School. Sign up in the Narthex or email Jeanne Nelson at jnelson814@comcast.net by 2/2.

Mark your calendar:

one 9:30 AM worship service on Jan. 12 & 19

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



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As with Gladness Men of Old



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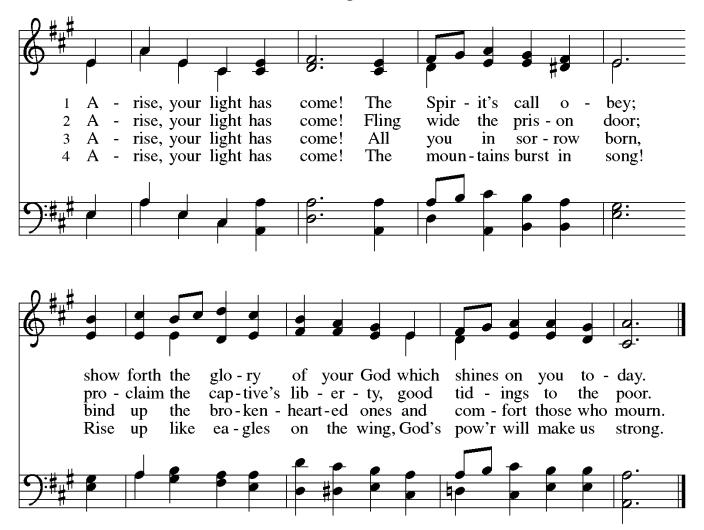
Now the Silence



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Arise, Your Light Has Come!



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January 19 at 11 AM

| HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS | | |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday, Jan. 5 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. | Service of Holy Communion Follow the Star Obstacle Course Take down Christmas Decorations Worship & Music Meeting |
| Tuesday, Jan. 7 | 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. | Staff Meeting Confirmation LYFE |
| Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 7:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m. | Choir Practice Bells Practice |
| Thursday, Jan. 9 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group Bible Study |
| Sunday, Jan. 12 | 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. | Congregational Budget Preview Mtg Service of Holy Communion Fellowship Planning Potluck |

Pastor:
Office Manager:
Music Ministers:
Mike Duffy, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo,
Nancy Fencl and Darlene Neumann
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Attendant:
Jennifer Williams
Carmaline Spurrier

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