



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 21, 2021 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE

The Crown Imperial March

WALTON

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***HYMN AT THE PROCESSION**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

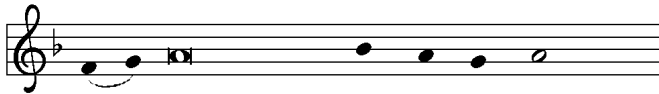
2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***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.

***KYRIE & GLORIA**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



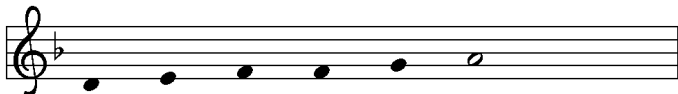
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



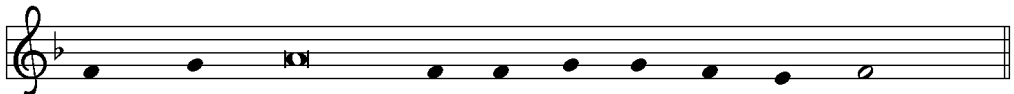
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



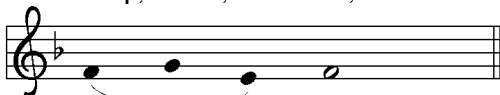
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - mighty - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel.

As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times
ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.
¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
¹⁴To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 93

Sung by the choir.

THE Lord is King;
he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
²He has made the whole world so sure
That it cannot be moved;
³Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
You are from everlasting.
⁴The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
The waters have lifted up their voice;
The waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters,
Mightier than the breakers of the sea,
Mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
⁶Your testimonies are very sure,
And holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
For ever and for evermore.

SECOND READING

REVELATION 1:4B-8

A reading from Revelation.

GRACE to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus
Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be
a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly faces the center aisle to welcome Christ in the Gospel.



***GOSPEL**

JOHN 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

PILATE entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR PEDERSON

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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HOLY BAPTISM

Colton Alburn Doyle

Parents: Eric and Leanna Doyle

Sponsors: Evan Bowen and Eileen Bowen

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

PRESENTATION

Parents and sponsors: We present Colton Alburn Doyle for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

As you bring Colton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with your child among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help this child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Colton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Colton and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Assembly stands

As the whole people of God, let us profess our baptismal faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font.

We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen. *Assembly is seated.*

BAPTISM

Colton Alburn Doyle, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The minister places hands on head of newly baptized.

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Colton with the gift of your Holy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of newly baptized.

Colton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A representative of the congregation lights and presents the baptismal candle.

Representative: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Representative: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Minister presents the child to the congregation.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each intercession ends with these words:

God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

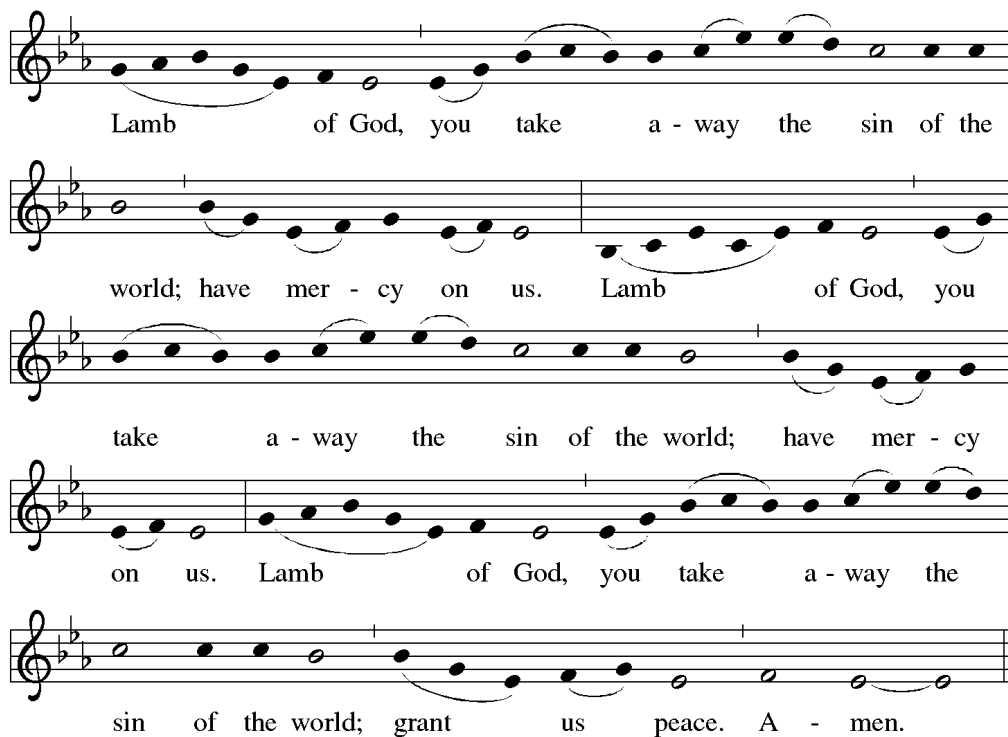
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, take your place at the feast.

All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free hosts are available if requested.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing

R. V. WILLIAMS

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Jesus shall reign

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

KARG-ELERT

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Coffee/Fellowship Time

Our thanks to *Jean Granskog, Beth Grazulewicz & Veronica Olsen*, and for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room. Come and enjoy the refreshments and one another's company.

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson
Organists	Nathan K. Lively, Marina Zelenz
Worship Assistant	Lois Coffin
Reader	David Hendrickson
Acolytes	Jake Bartlett, Matthew Effren
Communion Assistants	Jake Elwell, Connie Feydy
Ushers	Roberta Eichler, Joe Milukas
Counters	Diane Egley, Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Astrid Olsen, Veronica Olsen, Michele Taylor
Altar Committee	Cheryl Milukas
Little Free Pantry	Jean Granskog

Livestream Sponsors

Today we thank *Jean & Rolf Granskog, Irene Hendricks & Steve Eno, and Nanette & Tom Jordan* for sponsoring the Sunday livestream of our worship by their gifts to the Media Fund.

Upcoming Music at St. John's

St. John's will be hosting a **Messiah sing-along on Sunday, December 5 at 5:00**

pm. Bring your Messiah scores and sing along from your seats or just sit back and enjoy the music that will set the holiday tone. The concert will end with the iconic *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Soloists will be Mary McCue, soprano; Silas Hoffman, treble; Ruston Ropac, mezzo-soprano; Corey Shotwell, tenor; and Harrison Hintzsche, bass-barritone. Violinist Erin Famous will join organist Nathan Lively. Conducted by Anthony Rispo from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY. St. John's choir will be joined by the choir of St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco.

If you would like to support the music ministry of St. John's, please make checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church" and memo "Worship and Music." All gifts are greatly appreciated.

The Little Free Pantry

Sign up now to volunteer to maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AE2EABFEC34-help> to sign up.

Because of the colder weather, we are shifting to the "winter stock" for the Little Free Pantry until spring when it no longer freezes. Please note the desired food and kitchen/toiletry items to round out our inventory:

- **Food items:** Protein bars, pouch protein (i.e. tuna/chicken), spices, dried milk. We can always use dried soup mixes and pasta.
- **Personal care items:** Shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, toothbrushes and pastes, floss, feminine care products, and lotions.
- **Cleaning products:** Small containers of laundry soap and dish soap.

Bring the above items to the church - do not place them directly into the Little Free Pantry because we are trying to monitor inventory. Thank you for supporting our 24/7 access, outdoor pantry.

Thanksgiving Bags

All 50 bags for 50 families were distributed - Thank you! **Those of you who received Thanksgiving Bags must fill and return the bags to the church no later than today Sunday, November 21!**

This is a firm deadline because Family Centers takes all the bags to distribute to families in need. What wonderful generosity for this important mission effort!

Advent Night

After cancelling Advent Night last year because of COVID, Advent Night is back! It will be held between 5:00 -7:00 pm on Sunday, November 28. This is a time of fun and fellowship for all - crafts, music, food.

Bring your neighbors! Also, come at 4:30 pm on Advent Night to help decorate the sanctuary. With a sizeable crew, we can quickly decorate the tree, set out window candles, and hang the wreaths.

Youth Pancake Breakfast – Thank You!

Last Sunday's Youth Pancake Breakfast was a smashing success! Good attendance; good food! Our thanks to the youth and the adults who supported the food prep and serving, thank you to Cindy Willette who coordinated the breakfast, and a big thank you to the folks of St. John's for generously supporting this youth fundraiser to the tune of nearly \$700.

Dates to Remember

November

Nov 28: Decorate Sanctuary - 4:30 pm

Nov 28: Advent Night - 5:00 -7:00 pm

December

Dec 5: Lucia procession following 10:30 am service

Dec 5: Handel's Messiah - 5:00 pm

Dec 16: Senior Christmas Luncheon

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship

- 5:00 pm - Family Oriented
- 7:30 pm - Traditional Candlelight

Dec 26: 9:30 am Lessons & Carols Worship