

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let’s rejoice and be glad!”



5:30 p.m./8:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

1285 North New Florissant Road, Florissant, Missouri 63031
(Area 314) Church: 837-1224 School/Child Care: 837-1252

WORSHIP: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

EDUCATION HOUR: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (except in summer)

DATE: *November 26-27, 2022*

Welcome to Worship at Atonement

FOR OUR VISITORS: *Our hymns and liturgy are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).*

Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired are available at services. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians, who commune in their home parish and who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those with questions about the meaning of Holy Communion or who wish a private confession and absolution should contact a pastor during the week prior to communing.

Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests. Please also continue to practice social distancing. Please be assured that all reasonable precautions are being taken to assure health and safety.

Sunday Education at Atonement -- 9:30 a.m.

YOUTH FORUM: Youth Forum for Grades 9-12 meets in the Youth Room in Kretzmann Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for younger students are scheduled to resume in January.

ADULT FORUM: Adult Forum will resume, when appropriate.

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; St. Matthew 3:1-12



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 26-27, 2022

The Service at 5:30 p.m. and 8:15 a.m.

(*Seating may take place at these times.)

PRELUDE: (8:15) *“An Advent Scene on a Theme by Tomas Luis Victoria”* George McKay

THE ADVENT RESPONSORY AT THE ENTRANCE: (*stand*) adapted from the Psalms

L: Show us your mercy, O God,

C: and grant us your salvation.

L: Give us the joy of your saving help again,

C: and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

L: Give peace in all the world;

C: for only in you can we live in safety.

L: Keep the nations under your care,

C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon earth;

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy be forgotten,

C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

L: Lord, hear my prayer,

C: and let my cry come before you.

AN ENTRANCE HYMN FOR ADVENT: #242 (*stanzas 1-2*)

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY FOR ADVENT I

P: The Lord be with you,

C: and also with you.

P: Let us pray together. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.

C: Protect us by your strength

P: and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,

C: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ANTHEM: (8:15; please sit) “*I Wonder As I Wander*”

John Jacob Niles

THE FIRST LESSON: (please sit)

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON: (8:15) “*Signs of the Season*”

Pastor Mueller
(Tune: “*Dundee*”)

(as the children gather)

**We look around and see the signs
That herald Jesus' birth.
May each of them throughout these weeks
Bring joy to all the earth.**

(as the children return)

**Amidst the gloom and dark of night
A candle's light we view,
Reminding us, when life seems bleak,
God brings us hope anew.**

THE SECOND LESSON:

Romans 13:11-14

St. Paul writes: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live

honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

HYMN: #240 (stanza 1)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

[During the singing, the First Candle of the Advent Wreath is lighted.]

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

THE LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

P: God is light.

C: In Him, there is no darkness at all.

P: If we live our lives in the light,

C: as He is in the Light,

P: We live in union with one another,

C: and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.



THE GOSPEL PROCESSION: *(please stand)*

Tune: “*Veni, Emmanuel*”

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

St. Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and

one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Tune: “*Veni, Emmanuel*”

**Oh, come, Desire of Nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind.
Oh, bid our old divisions cease,
And be for all our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

THE SERMON *(please sit)*

Pastor Mueller

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *(tune: Helmsley)* “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Stanza 1

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

Stanza 2

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
 deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.**

Stanza 3

**Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers.
With what rapture, with what rapture,
 with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

Stanza 4 (please stand)

**Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as thine own.
Oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly;
 oh, come quickly!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

THE DECLARATION OF FAITH:

from Philippians 2

I believe in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And, being found in human form, he humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and has given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that “Jesus Christ is Lord” to the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *(please stand) Each petition ends:*

A: The Spirit and the Church cry out;

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

(please be seated)

HYMN, as the Altar is prepared: #254

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER FOR ADVENT: *(please stand)*

A: Let us pray. O Mighty One, you have done great things for us,

C: and holy is your name.

A: Use these gifts we bring,

C: so that the hungry may be fed,

A: that those who are bound may be freed,

C: and that your good news may be proclaimed among your people;

A: for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: We do thank and praise you, almighty and gracious God: 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 again to judge the world in righteousness. For this great gift we sing your praise, and accept Christ anew as our Lord.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, as you promised when, On the night in which you were betrayed, you took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to your disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, as we break this bread.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, as you also promised when you took the cup after supper, gave thanks and gave it for your disciples to drink, saying: Drink of it, all of you. 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.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, as we share this cup.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, through your Word and Holy Spirit. Fill us anew in this Advent season with all hope and joy in believing, that we may be wholly one with you, our Lord and King. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

THE INVITATION

P: Come, Lord Jesus, Host and Guest,

C: And let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE: *(please sit; Pilgrim Communion)*

(Please follow the guidance of the ushers. The chalice is offered currently only for Intinction [dipping].)

Hymn #248

“People, Look East”

Hymn #242 *(stanzas 3-4)*

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Hymn #264

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

THE POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL: *(please stand)*

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and assure you that God's salvation is in our midst.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER FOR ADVENT

A: Let us pray. You have given us, O Lord, a foretaste of the feast to come. Send us forth to proclaim your mighty deeds, by which you have accomplished our salvation. We ask this in your name and for the sake of your beloved people.

C: Amen

THE LITANY

(based on the historic “O Antiphons” of Advent)

Each petition concludes with the minister chanting this phrase; the congregation then echoes this phrase:



- P: O Emmanuel, our King and our Law giver, the Anointed of the nations and their Savior, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O Wisdom, breath of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O Root of Jesse, standing as a signal to the nations, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O Key of David and Ruler of the house of Israel, who opens and no man can close, who closes and no man can open, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O Lord of lords and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O King of the nations, the Ruler they long for, the Cornerstone who brings all together, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**
- P: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light and Sun of justice to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, Come and save us. **Come and save us.**

THE MINISTERS RECESS IN SILENCE

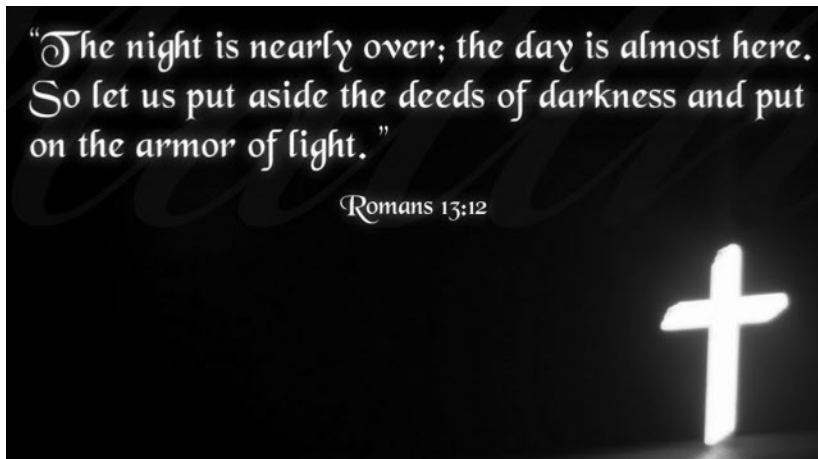
THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (8:15) *“Wachet Auf”*

Johann Gottfried Walther



Presiding Minister and Preacher.....*Pastor Richard E. Mueller*
Assisting Ministers.....(5:30) *Greg Viehman*; (8:15) *Betty Luebke*
Organists.....(5:30) *Julie Binder*; (8:15) *Cindy Vantine*
Instrumentalist.....*Sally Boyd*
Adult Choir.....*Dr. Bruce Vantine, Director*
Altar Guild.....(5:30) *Jodi Laffold*; (8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*
Greeters.....(8:15) *Bonnie David, Jack David*
Counters.....*Doris Hagen, Gene Hagen, Patrick Walker, Joycelyn Pugh-Walker*
Head Ushers.....(5:30) *Tom Beckermann*; (8:15) *Don Meier*
Trustees..... (5:30) *Jodi Laffold*; (8:15) *Don Posey*



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, and EPIPHANY

Wednesdays, November 30 and December 14, at 7:00 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer at Atonement

Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.
Worship at Florissant Valley Christian Church

Regular Weekend Services December 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18
5:30 p.m., 8:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Traditional holiday services with Holy Communion, special music, homily, and everyone's favorite carols! Bell Choir performs at the 7:00 p.m. service.

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.
A Service of Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist. Choral music by the Adult Choir.

Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.
Welcome the day of our Savior's birth with traditional carols,
a message from the Word, and Holy Communion.

New Year's Eve, December 31, at 5:30 p.m. - Devotional worship only
Followed by Family Fun Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1, at 10:00 a.m.
Welcome the Wise Men with story and song

January 15 at 8:15 a.m.
A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany - An Atonement Tradition



NOTES ON THE SERVICE

During Advent and Lent at Atonement, weekend worship is a bit less celebratory and a little more anticipatory, as we look forward to two of the Church's greatest celebrations, Christmas and Easter, and to the ultimate fulfillment of the victory of God.

Again, this Advent, our worship is shaped to heighten our sense of anticipation and eagerness, as we ask God to "stir up your power and come."

Our worship begins with an Advent Responsory, based on the Psalms and borrowed from the great cathedrals of Europe.

The Entrance Hymn is from Marty Haugen, the composer and lyricist for Holden Evening Prayer.

Perhaps the greatest [and oldest] hymn of Advent, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," based on the "Great O Antiphons," brackets our reading of the Holy Gospel.

Many scholars believe that Philippians 2:6-11 is one of the earliest confessions of faith in the Christian Church and, as such, was already familiar to Paul's readers. It becomes our Confession of Faith in this service.

The prayer petition, "The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus," based on Revelation 22:7, dates back at least as far as the Responsory for the medieval Roman rite for Vespers.

The Offertory Prayer (based on the "Magnificat") and Post-Communion Prayer were written for use on this Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Arden W. Mead.

The Eucharistic Prayer was written by the Rev. Arthur R. Halbardier for use during this season.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table is adapted from a common table prayer used in many of Atonement's homes.

The service concludes with a return to the "Great O Antiphons" of Advent, now chanted to a simple tone.

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Jesus is coming to bring hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Peace that lasts forever
Tuesday	Romans 13:11-14	The day when Christ returns
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Thursday	Psalms 147:1-11	Sing and praise the Lord
Friday	Romans 12:9-13	Marks of the true Christian
Saturday	Psalms 122	A song of praise
Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. **Isaiah 2:3a (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, in the power of your mystery and majesty, you do great things for us so that we may live with hope through Christ Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who give food to the nations, we thank you for feeding us this day and for being with us now and always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of peace bring you hope now and always.



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NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

taking
faith
home

HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Earth is Hopeful

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When something important is about to happen, how do you prepare for it?
- During the Advent season, how do you prepare for the coming of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 24:36-44 . With Advent we begin a new church year. Last year our Gospel readings came from Luke. This year they will be from the Gospel of Matthew. This passage leads us to raise many questions, to take life and faith seriously, and to wonder. Who is in and who is out? Remembering that some people were living with the intimidation of Roman occupation in Galilee and Judea, we wonder on what basis is one person taken and another left. What does it mean to stay awake and be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man? Are the pleasures and responsibilities of daily life leading us to complacency? Are we not seeing the signs of the times? What the Gospel tells us is to be attentive and live a life that walks in the ways of the Lord. Jesus has come and is still coming into our lives so that we may know the good news of God's love and faithfulness. God's reign in our lives brings peace, not power grabbing, hope, not despair, and joy, not fear (Isaiah 2:1-5).
Discuss: What does it mean to you to stay awake and be prepared for the Son of Man? *Pray:* **Dear Jesus, give me a living faith to seek your presence in my life each day so that I may know, trust, and share your love for all people and be the loving presence you want me to be. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others that they may experience hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Advent means "coming." During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. Make a circular Advent wreath for your home to remind you of God's unending love and eternal life through Jesus. Use evergreens to decorate the wreath as a symbol of life and growth. Place four candles around the wreath. Put a white candle in the center that will be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent Christ. For this first week of Advent, light one candle to focus on the hope we have in God through Jesus Christ. *Say:* **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, the light of Christ that gives us hope.**



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Anniversary: David and Martha Fellwock - 61 years

Deaths: Bud Dickey, friend of Barb Stoneburner
Dale Kilz, cousin of David Eggers

Hospitalized and Ill:

Martha Fellwock	Glenda Warren	Ron Wolf	Wanda Jensen
Mia Brown	Diane Riley	Susan Fuller	Rob Biesendorfer

Our Loved Ones/Friends:

	Carl Brauner, cousin of David Eggers		
Joe Casey	Winnie Marks	Tom Parker	Anita Linsin
David Herman	Valerie Moore	Nicole Carr	Beth Piette
Nancy Marxkors	Judy Fallon	Eric Stegmann	David Harms

To continue your loved one in the prayers, please notify the church office by Tuesday Noon.

Due to Federal privacy laws, please obtain explicit permission to list friends or loved ones in the prayers.

OUR WELCOME

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship. Visitors are asked to sign the attendance form in the bulletin. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.

OUR CONGREGATION

Atonement is a family of professing Christians who are in ministry to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been in ministry since September 30, 1951.

Atonement School has begun its 68th academic year, with the mission statement: "Teaching children of God the skills needed for a lifetime of learning, worshipping, and caring, so that the world sees Jesus in them."

OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children's Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, PAKT, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:15 a.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*
9:30 a.m. - *Adult Choir Rehearsal*
10:45 a.m. - *Worship, Too - Holy Communion*
12:00 noon - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*

MONDAY

- 1:30 p.m. - *Seniors Alive*
3:30 p.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*
7:00 p.m. - *Bell Choir Rehearsal*

TUESDAY

- 3:30 p.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*

WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 a.m. - *Worship*
3:30 p.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*
7:00 p.m. - *Holden Evening Prayer*

THURSDAY

- 9:45 a.m. - *Bible and Breakfast*
3:30 p.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*

FRIDAY

- 3:30 p.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*

SATURDAY

- 9:30 a.m. - *Men's Bible Study*
10:00 a.m. - *Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot (until 8:00 p.m.)*
5:30 p.m. - *Worship - Holy Communion*



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