

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website, elcbow.org.

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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service. **We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering.

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

(tune: Haf trones lampa fartig) - setting, Anne Krentz Organ
For the TEXT, see Hymn of the Day, p. 14.

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

C Amen.

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Have mercy, O God,

**C against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you.
In the name of Jesus Christ and by his authority
I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

◆ THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Light the Advent Candle"

- arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Verse 1: As we light the Advent candle
(Choir only) with the light of hope (peace, love, joy) burning bright,
 faithfully we wait for His coming;
 faithfully it shines through the night.
 In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;
 hear the prayer these flames would tell.

Verse 2: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent _ can - dle with the light of Joy burn - ing
 bright, faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing;
 faith - ful - ly it shines through the night. In our hum - ble hearts a
 fire _ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would _ tell. _____

* peace, love, joy

(Interlude with optional narration)

Verse 3: Choir and Congregation

As we light the Ad - vent _ can - dle with the light of Joy burn - ing bright,
 faith - ful - ly we wait for His com - ing; faith - ful - ly it shines through the night.
 In our hum - ble hearts a fire _ burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would _
 tell. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.

* peace, love, joy

Postlude: Hear the humble prayer these flames would tell:
(Choir only) Come, O come, Emmanuel.

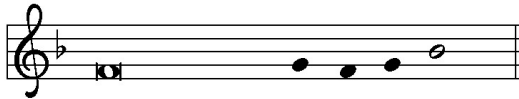
◆ GREETING

P 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.

◆ KYRIE

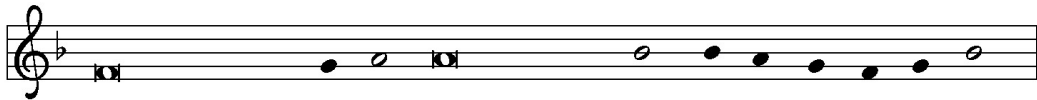
ELW Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



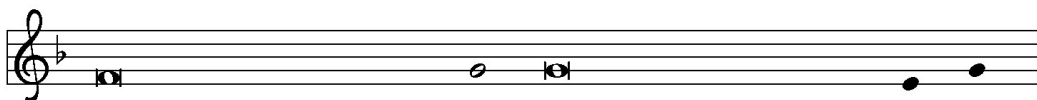
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



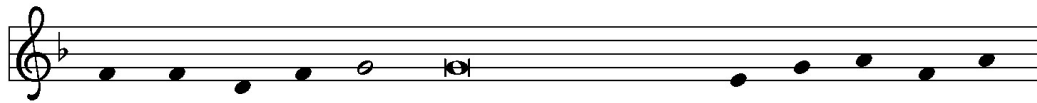
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



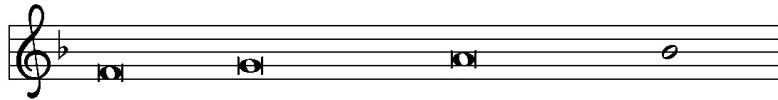
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 6



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

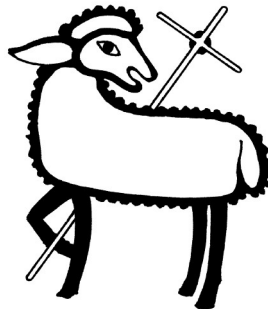
Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

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a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

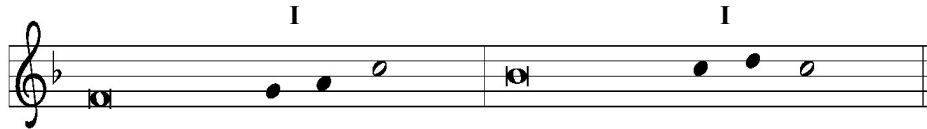
C Thanks be to God.



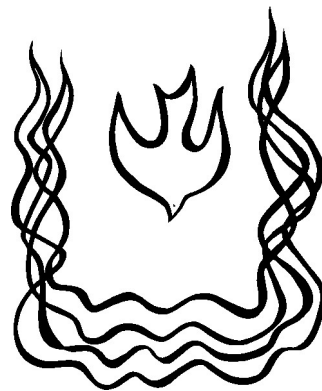
PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-6

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)



- ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not [|] be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become [|] my salvation.
- ³ **With joy you [|] will draw water
from the wells [|] of salvation.**
- ⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call [|] on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this
name [|] is exalted.
- ⁵ **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done [|] gloriously;
let this be known in [|] all the earth.**
- ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O [|] royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy [|] One of Israel.



SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

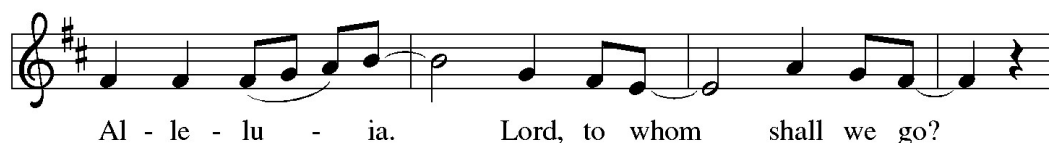
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Convicted by John's preaching, the crowds ask what they must do to prepare for the one who is coming. Rather than calling them to withdraw from the world, John points them back to their daily callings..

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. ⁹ 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.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW 244

All Verses



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'nings bore;
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

◆ APOSTLES' CREED

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

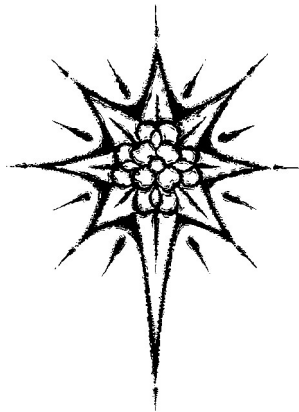
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.



◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM Lord, in your mercy, **C** receive our prayer.

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*

THE OFFERING *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation’s ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



OFFERTORY: CHORAL ANTHEM “On Jordan’s Banks”
- Linda Cable Shute

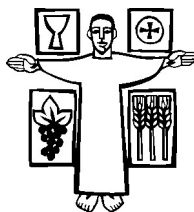
- TEXT:
1. O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun, when will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light we grope in gloom and dark of night.
 2. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of Kings.
 3. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.



◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 9

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

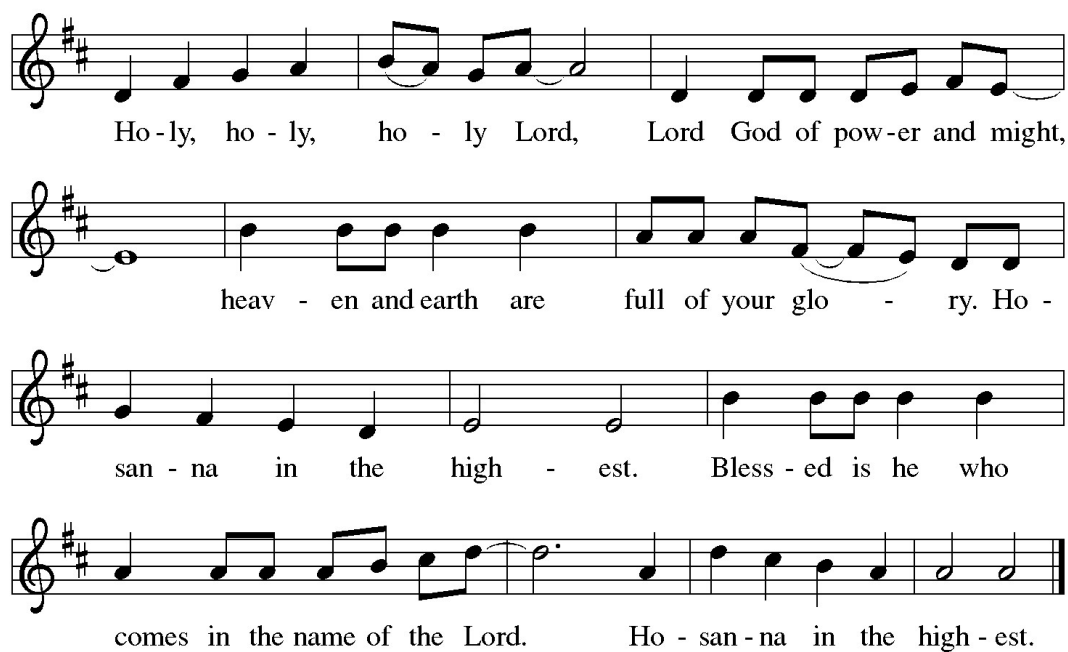
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

ELW Setting 6



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er 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.



P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

- ~ **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.**

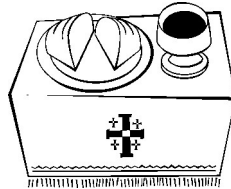
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 6

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, grant us peace.

- "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" - **ELW 247**
 "He Came Down" - **ELW 253**
 "Prepare the Royal Highway" - **ELW 264**
 "Hark: A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" - **ELW 246**
 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" - **ELW 249**



COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

P The peace of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
keep your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.



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◆ SENDING HYMN "Joy to the World"

ELW 267

Verses 1 & 2



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (tune: Puer nobis)
- Hal H. Hopson



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Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday December 15	Serving Next Sunday December 22
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
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Acolyte	Kaycee Stubben	Eva Kllogjeri
Lector	Nancy Nygren	Terri Olsen
Greeters	Darla Jensen Matt Benson	Shirley Brick Judy Bendtsen
Ushers	Larry Olsen Jean Miller	Jon & Susan Aarstad
Altar Guild	Kathy Shoop Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen Susie Forsythe
Fellowship Hosts	Debbie Conijn Steven & Sarah Dahl	Parrish Life
Flowers	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Council Member of the Day	Laura Engebretsen	Cheryl Conner

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, December 22, are:

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrew 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

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