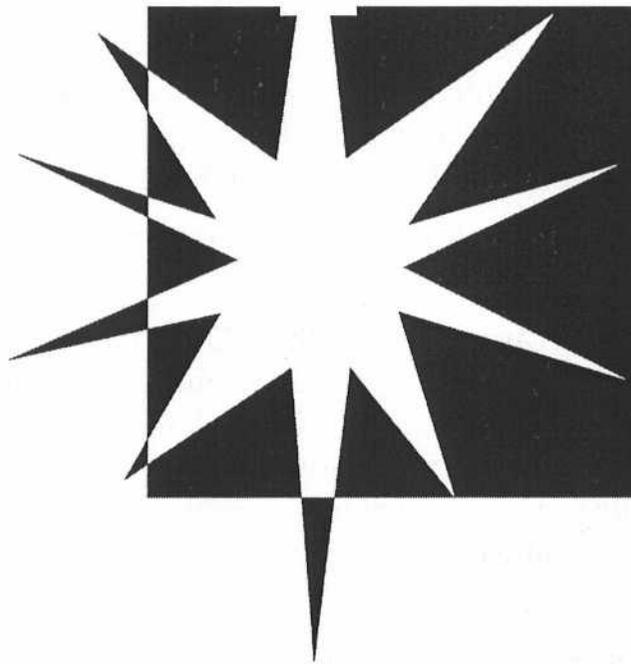
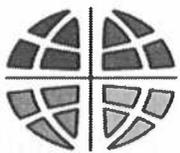


OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

January 12, 2025
Epiphany



Welcome to Our Saviour's



ELCA

Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). You are welcome at Our Saviour's because of who you are. We are a congregation of longtime churchgoers, newcomers, seekers, seasonal visitors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musicians. We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the Tucson region and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason. We like the sound of young people in worship, we value the experience of our elders, and all ages between. Our communion table is Christ's table, and all people are welcome, no exceptions. Your presence here builds up the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests: The Family of Kathleen Bents, Jewel, Tracy; Marty; Maija, and those at home.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Friends and Family of Doris Ballmer (Patty Sirs' aunt); Richard (neighbor); The Banker Family (cousin of Mary Pflibsen); John (friend of Pastor Glenn's); Beverly (sister-in-law of Martha Neff Stum and Mary Neff); Josh, Melissa, and Mary Ann (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally (friend of Kathy DeVinney); Tom (brother-in-law of Ted Adams); Abel (great grandson of Laverne Walsh); Maureen (mother of Adam Delaossa); Jeanne (friend of Schatzi Taylor); Ann (mother of Asher Havenhill); Michael Bales (brother of Alan Bales); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak).

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + *liturgy* is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Holy Communion Setting 10).

TODAY'S SUNDAY Forum: January 12: Church Council Presentation: *Changes to the Constitution and Other Procedures*

Introduction of Council Nominees. At our annual meeting (Feb 9), we will be voting on proposed updates to the Constitution. Most of these are required by changes in the ELCA Model Constitution. However, we also are proposing a few other minor updates. In addition, at the ELCA's recommendation, we have combined our governing documents (Constitution, Bylaws, Continuing Resolutions) into one integrated document. We will review the changes at this Forum.

If we have time, we also hope to have some small group discussion of ways we can engage more in small groups and in ministry together.

Come and See

We will begin again on Thursday January 9. We are starting in the book of 1 Corinthians. This is an excellent time to jump into a new series with us. Please join us on Thursdays at noon.

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ELW is Evangelical Lutheran Worship, our red hymn book located in the pew rack in front of you.

The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.

**An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.*

Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE - *Open Our Eyes*, Arr. by Mark Zeeman

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and one another, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away

those seeking shelter,

claiming there is no room when we have plenty.

We have made power and wealth our idols,

while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.

We have overlooked the shepherds,

expecting good news in prettier packaging.

Too often, we have valued violence

instead of your peace.

Turn us from our ways to your ways.

Grant us the grace to begin again.

Free us from all that keeps us bound,

and forgive our sin,

through Jesus Christ.

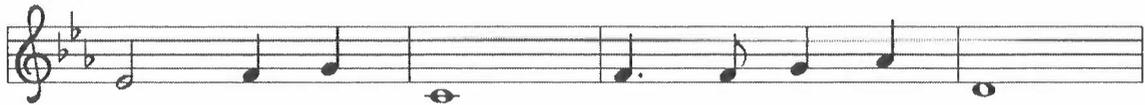
Amen.

...live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN ACS#1094 Bring Many Names**

Bring Many Names



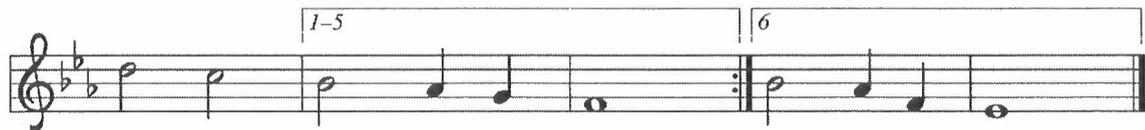
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing, till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936
 Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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***GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Lift 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 in their nurses' arms.
Then 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.
A 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Read in parts. The congregation part is in bold.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in
righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the
oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the
earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba
and Seba offer gifts.**

May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those
who have no helper.**

He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their
blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you
gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was
given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I
wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my
understanding of the mystery of Christ. In 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: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the
same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of 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. Although 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 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:
'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.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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."

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW#303 (v 1-2) - *Brightest and Best of the Stars* (next page)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

.....O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

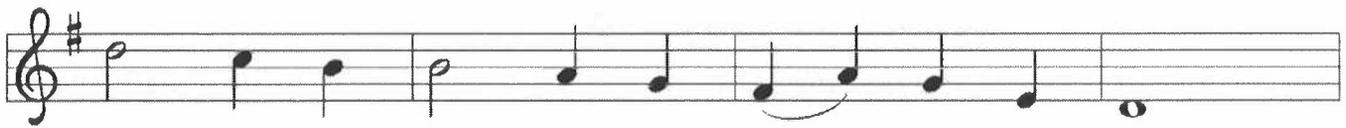
Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

Brightest and Best of the Stars



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
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dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
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guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
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 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
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Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

OFFERING - *We Three Kings*, Arr. by Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

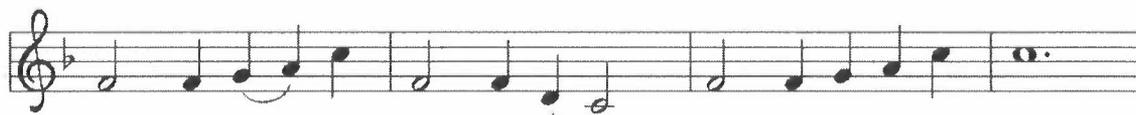
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 to give our thanks and praise in all ways and all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



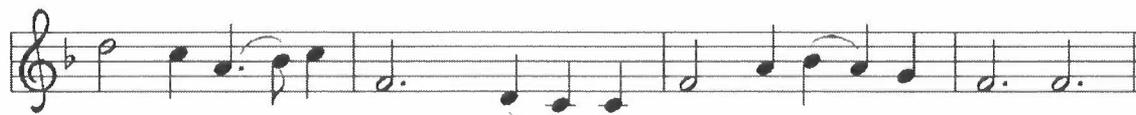
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, let us pray as Jesus did:

**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.**

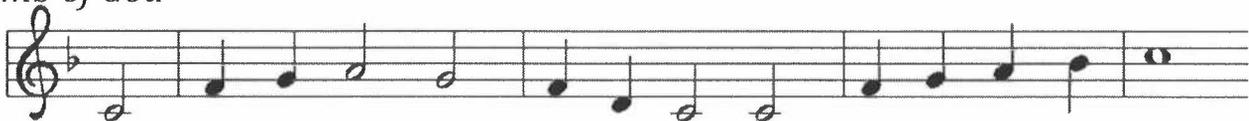
COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you as you are to the table. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW #301 *Bright and Glorious is the Sky*
ELW #302 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF VOCATION

Siblings in Christ, your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the way of Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Holy God, by the power of the Spirit, you have knit us into the one body of Christ. Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN - ELW#303 (v 3-5) - *Brightest and Best of the Stars* (next page)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God!

You are welcome to leave at any time following the dismissal. Many at Our Saviour's remain to listen to the postlude - please feel comfortable leaving or staying as you wish. You are invited to join for coffee and conversation following worship.

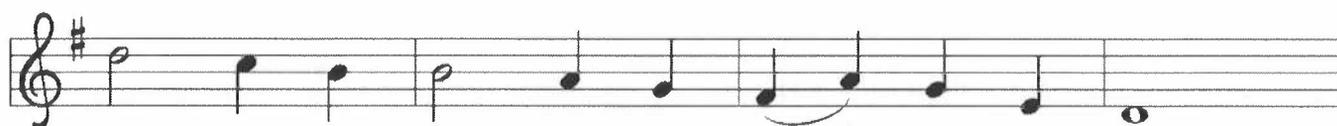
POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, Arr. Henry Balcombe

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UPCOMING JANUARY SUNDAY FORUMS

January 19: *Celebrating the Life of Bayard Rustin*

In marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 20, we will honor the life of a key leader in the civil rights movements of the 1960s. Bayard Rustin is credited with teaching Dr. King the practical strategies of non-violence during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In 1963 he organized the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in which a quarter of a million people rallied to demand an end to segregation, to establish fair wages and economic justice, and to secure voting rights, education, and long overdue civil rights protections for all Americans. As a gay man, however, Rustin experienced discrimination within these political movements. His writings in *Time on Two Crosses* provide insights on how he was able to successfully navigate the social mores of race and sexuality in order to pursue his commitment to justice and equality.

January 26: *Praying the Psalms:*

“Orientation, Disorientation and New Orientation”

Every Sunday we read a Psalm as part of our worship service, but have you used them in your prayer life? Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, suggests that “in season and out of season, generation after generation, faithful women and men turn to the Psalms as a most helpful resource for conversation with God about things that matter most.” As we begin 2025, praying the Psalms can become a new spiritual practice for you along the path of your discipleship.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The new year brings new ways to live out your faith at church, work, and home. Here are some ways you can get engaged at Our Saviour's. Signing up helps leaders know who they can reach out to when help is needed.

Sandwich Ministry - help make sandwiches and pick-up/drop-off of supplies

Plastic Ministry - help sort plastic, make plarn (plastic yarn), and coordinate Orange bucket on Sundays

Coffee Ministry - help make and clean-up coffee on Sundays and at other events

Hospitality Ministry - decorate, serve, and clean-up at memorials and other church gatherings

Worship Ministry - usher, acolyte, read, altar care, emergency response

Grounds Ministry - help with various projects around campus as needed

Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or by emailing oslc@lutherantucson.org.

Centering Prayer

Meets weekly from 12-1 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. Then we spend about 20 minutes engaging with the upcoming Gospel text using a practice called *lectio divina*. No preparation or experience necessary.

Caring Ministry

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

Quilting Group

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

Knit and Crochet Group

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

Chancel Choir

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Dr. Gréta Pásztor at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org.

Bell Choir

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller (kmmiller@hotmail.com) or any other Ringers.

Spanish Class

¿Aprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email amchavez111@gmail.com to register.

Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone. All events in Activity Building.

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM); Lay Shared Bible Study (Wednesdays, 10:30 AM. Contact Lauretta Olson at landjo@cox.net).

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 1/12/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Olga Ryan
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Mary Pflibsen
Acolyte	Olga Ryan
Music	Gréta Pásztor
Cantor	Nilu Dorshner
Usher	Angie Grandison and Hildi Williams
Greeter	Fred and Donna Hudson
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Gerry Meyer
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 1/19/2025

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Jennifer Strand
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps and Pam Hardman
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Gréta Pásztor
Music	Chancel Choir
Cantor	Aysen Milliogullari
Usher	Ron and Nancy Rude
Greeter	Kris Sanchez
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