

Worship Leaders for Sunday, December 25

Ministers	All the baptized!
Organist	Carol Kolodejchuk
Preacher	Tom Stutelberg
Acolyte	Ellynnor Haas
Lector	Bev Bandimere—Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7
Ushers	Larry Goetze; Bob Kolodejchuk
Coffee Servers	Janet & Dwight Schultz; Dave & Linda Hellriegel
Dish Washers	Dave & Linda Hellriegel

Worship Leaders for Sunday, January 1

Ministers	All the baptized!
Organist	Barb Wigness
Preacher	Tom Stutelberg
Acolyte	Ellie Breuer
Lector	Rita Lundquist—Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Coleman
Coffee Servers	Kent & Rochelle Hasse; Mike & Kathy Coleman
Dish Washers	Jill & Matt Wasik

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Christmas Day

December 25, 2016 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church
Carver, Minnesota

Christmas Day

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.

*When marked with *, please stand as you are able. Liturgy is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), or "cranberry" hymnal. "Pages" are in the front of the hymnal—follow the numbers at the bottom of the hymnal page. Songs use the hymn numbers at the top of the page.*

Gathering

Announcements

Call to Worship "Light One Candle" #240, v. 1-4

Ring the Bell

***Confessions** (right column) page 94

***Gathering Song-** "Joy To The World" #267

***Greeting** ("The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ") page 147

***Kyrie** ("In peace, let us pray to the Lord") page 147

***Canticle of Praise** ("Glory to God in the Highest") page 148

***Prayer of the Day** page 150

Word

First Reading Isaiah 62:6-12

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.

Second Reading Titus 3:4-7

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.

***Acclamation** "Angels We Have Heard On High" #289

***Gospel** Luke 2:8-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

Children's Time with Pastor Tom

Sermon "So God imparts to human hearts the message of God's Heaven" Pr. Tom

***Hymn of the Day-** "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" #279

***Apostle's Creed** page 127

***Prayers of Intercession** (P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer)

*** Peace**

Meal

Thankoffering instrumental Gordon & Ann Decker

Offertory "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276

***Lord's Prayer** page 154

("Our Father in Heaven," in left column)

Sending

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #288

***Dismissal**

Postlude

This divine service continues with coffee and fellowship in the parish center and then with service in the world.■

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Other Church Contacts

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Brandy Office Hours

Mon.—Thurs 9:00am–1:00pm

After hours, leave a message on the office phone.

Pr. Tom's Office Hours

Tue and Thurs 9:00am–1:00pm

Or by appointment

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For information about weddings and baptisms and about becoming a member, please contact the parish office, 952-448-3450, eastunionlc@gmail.com

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Parents and Children

God put the “wiggles” in children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. How we welcome children in church influences their response to God and the household of faith.

To help children feel welcome, we provide activity bags and children’s bulletins at the ushers’ table in the church entrance, and each week we invite them to the front of our church sanctuary for a message in their own language.

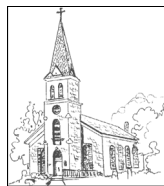
We now have a child care room in the back of the sanctuary. Please enter near the front doors of the church. An usher can show you. The room now has rocking chairs, a box of quiet toys and the closed glass doors provide some visibility to worship.

Prayer Corner

To add a name or to remove a name from the Prayer Corner, notify the EULC office, 952-448-3450, or eastunionlc@gmail.com. Names will remain on the prayer list approximately two weeks unless the office is otherwise notified.

Healing

Jerry Caesar, Darlene Olson, Ruth Steen, John Peterson, Bob Wirtz, Jerry Wallace, Cindy Tolk, Elizabeth Gardner, Dale Carlson



East Union Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

ONE MINUTE STEWARDSHIP SERMON

This past week Tim McGraw and Faith Hill paid off the remaining layaway payments for lucky Wal-Mart customers in Jacksonville, Florida. So as to not be recognized Tim had his mother, Betty Trimble, go into the store and pay off over \$5000 in back payments. She also walked through the store handing out both gift cards and cash to customers as they shopped. This charitable offering was the singing couples’ way of saying thank you to their neighbors and friends. Stewardship at Christmas. Thanks for your offering today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Youth & Education Committee is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 15th from 7:30am –8:45am and 10:00am—12:00pm. Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 kids, 2 and under are free.

PASTOR TOM’S RETIREMENT SCHEDULE

Jan 1 preach

December 25—January 1

Sunday, December 25, 2016

9:00am Worship—Non Communion

10:00am Fellowship

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Christmas Poinsettias at the front of church are in honor or in memory of someone this holiday season:

In Memory of Anna Johnson given by Randy & Tami Johnson

In Memory of Bettianne Wirtz given by The Wirtz Family

In Honor of Lori Rohrich, Amy Whaley and Stacie Kolodejchuk given by Bob & Carol Kolodenjchuk

In Honor of Carolyn Hallin in Memory of Scott Hallin given by Chris Hallin

In Memory of Scott Hallin given by Carrie Hron

In Memory of Scott Hallin given by Carolyn Hallin

In Memory of Our loved ones who have gone before give by Wayne & Rita Lundquist

In Honor of Holasek Family in Honor of our Mother/ Grandmother In Memory of Marie Bendeich given by Lori Holasek

In Memory of Fred Cook given by Alma Cook

In Honor of Curt & Ester Lundquist given by Paul & Jeanne Lundquist



East Union Lutheran Church Cookbook

We're making a cookbook and we need your help!

What to do:

- Select your favorite recipes (we would love to include some original EULC cookbook favorites but would appreciate all new recipes as well)
- Type or print them neatly
- Include your name
- Submit using the envelope outside the office or email it to eulccouncil@gmail.com
- Submit no later than January 15

All categories of recipes appreciated.
Thank you for your help and support!

