STAFF

Pastor: David Salyer | Youth: Eric Wood | Music: Jason Robertson

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WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What are the 12 Days of Christmas?

The season of Christmas extends from Christmas Day to the Feast of the Epiphany, which always falls on January 6th.

Thus there are 12 days from December 25th to January 6th during which we celebrate the birth of Jesus. This season is known as Christmastide. Sundays that fall within this 12 day period are named First/Second Sunday after Christmas.

While the royal color purple is used during the Sundays in Advent, the color white is used during the Christmas season. White reminds us the Light of the World has come to us in Jesus.

John 8:12 - Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



December 28th, 2025

The First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

†Congregational Singing

#143 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Unto us the Christ is born.

O Come, let us worship Him!

†Collect

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

#133 "Hark! the Herald Angels" [4 verses]

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 103:8-12

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that

we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing #167 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 13:1-2, 14-15

Epistle Reading Galatians 4:4-7 †Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

†Profession of Faith The Apostle's Creed

Sermon Pastor David Salyer

"Redemption Son"

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "All Glory Be to Christ"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Kristin Holl & Nora Hooton

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, December 28th - *The First Sunday after Christmas* No Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Sunday, January 4th - The Epiphany of Our Lord

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

12:00 p.m. . . . Fellowship Meal (Team #3) and Deforestation

Monday, January 5th

5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

- ◆ There will be a **fellowship meal** on **Sunday**, **January 4th**. We will also be taking down the Christmas decorations after lunch. Please bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert to share. **Serving Team #3** will be in charge of serving: Hooton, J. Holl, LeFeber, D. Holl, J. Hajda, L. Salyer, Brock, Reiter, Gibbons, Parish, M.Johnson, Wood, Dunn. Note: being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is, rather, a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.
- **♦ Sunday School** classes are on break and will resume on January 18th.
- ◆Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Wednesday, January 14th at the church beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to attend to hear updates from pastors, boards, and committees and hear about plans for the coming year.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$215,252.59. Received 12/21: \$3,898.88. Received year-to-date: \$197,575.35.
- ◆ December Birthdays: (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer
- ◆ January Birthdays: (6) Rachel Goodbrake, Mary Wolf, (10) Charles Holl 2024, (19) Julie LeFeber

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would give us wisdom and boldness to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.
- ◆ Presbytery: Harvest Church Omaha Pastors Andrew Lightner and Kent McCrimmon; Grace Central Omaha Pastors Eric Tonjes, Tim Janiszewski, and Bruce Otto.
- ♦ Missions: Rick and Betty Aschmann MTW Ecuador
- ◆ For our mothers with newly born children: Megan Holl (Moses James born 8/5), Bethany Remm (Brooklynn Grace born 7/28). And our expecting mother, Kristin Holl.