



Zion Lutheran Church

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Divine Service

Saturday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome! We are so glad you joined us this season of Advent when we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! May God richly bless and be with us all at this time of year. If you have any announcements or prayer requests, please let us know.

It is the mission of our church to share the love of Christ. Romans 5:5 says “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” May the Lord be with us as we hear the Gospel and receive the Sacraments for the strengthening of our faith and making disciples of all nations!

HOLY COMMUNION

"Given and Shed for You for the Remission of Sins"

"Take eat, this is My body...Drink ye all, this is My blood"

"Let a person examine themselves, and so let them eat of this bread and drink of this cup" - 1

Cor. 11:28. I have examined myself whether: 1) I truly admit and repent of my sins; 2) I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the Bread and the Wine I receive His true Body and Blood; 3) I believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins; 4) and I promise with God's help to improve my sinful life.

As a worthy guest at Holy Communion, I will receive these blessings: 1) the forgiveness of my sins; 2) strength to lead a holy life; 3) give testimony of my faith. If you have any questions about attending Holy Communion, please speak with the pastor or an elder.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent,

December 17 & 18, 2022

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scap - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: August Lemke, 1820-1913

Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day: Advent 4

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10–17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle: Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary

as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

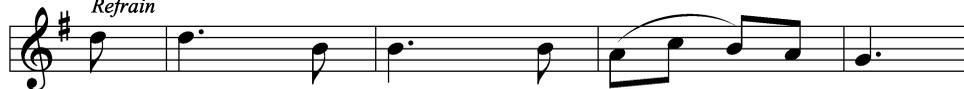


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent.
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon: They Shall Call His Name Immanuel, Matthew 1:23

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord God, You promised the virgin-born Son to reluctant King Ahaz, and in the fullness of time the Word became flesh. Open our hearts and strengthen our faith gladly to receive Your Son in the signs where He is present: not in signs of our own choosing, but in the Holy Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, preserve Your apostolic Gospel and its ministers. Cause the name and the resurrection of Christ Jesus to be proclaimed among all the nations, including among us who are called to belong to Him, that the obedience of faith may be brought about in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, it is Your will that we live chaste and decent lives in all that we say and do. Preserve all couples who are engaged to be married in faithfulness and honor, that they may come to their wedding day without fear, shame or disgrace. Since Christ is Immanuel, who saves His people from their sins, clothe all brides and grooms in the forgiveness of Jesus, in which all can stand before You cleansed and confident of Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You do not bear with the tiresome flattery and unbelief of kings and rulers forever. Have mercy on us, Lord, and spare our nation. Clear away all empty shows of piety and renew genuine faith in the virgin's Son, that His coming at the last may not be a sign against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You named Your Son "Jesus" because He was born to save us from our sins. Give us repentant hearts. Do not let us bow to temptation or abuse His name by seeking our own way, but lead us to confess our sins and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need the family of Tom Fenenga, Jan, Melva, Marcheta, Violet, Alexis, David, Bradley, Tom, Brenda,

Paula, Scott, Kanbi, Bill, Jack, Bridget, Ken, Lyle, Becky, and Al. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly Lord and ruler of the house of Israel. With the Holy Spirit, You spoke to Moses out of the burning bush and gave the law in terror to test Your ancient people, that the fear of You would be before them. As Moses stretched out his arm at Your Word to bring Israel out of bondage, and as he stood in the breach against Your wrath, so You have given Christ to redeem us with His arms outstretched on the wood of the cross. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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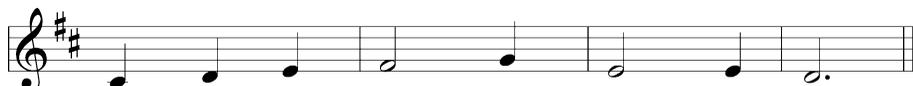
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv' n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93
Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908
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Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scept - er, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that *“the virgin shall conceive and bear a son”* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *“descended from David according to the flesh”* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *“Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *“did as the angel of the Lord commanded him”* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

About the Cover: The sign of a virgin conceiving and giving birth was given despite King Ahaz’s refusal to ask. However, for all who believe, Immanuel— “God with us”— is the gift of salvation! God has come to be with us, not to condemn, but to save through His cross (John 3:17). As Mary treasured up the things concerning her Son in her heart, may we treasure Christ in our lives as well (Luke 2:19, 51).

Those who have been hospitalized, homebound, in care centers or have special needs: the family of Tom Fenenga, (father of Ann Powers), Jan Spreckels, Melva Doerr, Marcheta Anderson, Violet Dominiack (Terry Dominiack’s wife), Lorna DeHaai, Alexis Valenzuela, (Gary and Connie Cleland’s granddaughter), David Leheska, (Jeanne Mueller’s nephew), Bradley Haynes (Linda Mason’s nephew), Tom Fenenga (Ann Powers’ father), Brenda Bultsma (Barb Powell’s sister-in-law), Paula Grussing, Scott Busack, Kanbi Knippling, Bill Dahlman, Jack Kahlman (Judy Lulf’s brother), Bridget Lake (Karen Ristau’s sister-in-law), Ken Olinger (Lila Speckel’s brother), Lyle DeHaai, Becky Rybak, Rev. Al Althoff.

“If you are sick, in need of prayer, encouragement, comfort, or basic needs and would like to be put in the weekly prayers please contact the church office or pastor!”

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday, Dec 17	Divine Service 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 18	Divine Service 9 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Youth Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 21	Men's Bible Study 6:45 a.m.
Saturday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 25	Christmas Day Service 9 a.m.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

This week:	Brylee Brennan, Saturday, Dec 17 Leo Swanson, Sunday, Dec 18
Next week:	Carly Weeman, Saturday, Dec 24 Rory Peterson, Sunday, Dec 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no midweek Advent service on December 21st.

2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up after service. Thank you!



If you are going to purchase a Poinsettia please have them to the church by Wednesday, December 21st for the names to be placed in the Christmas bulletin.

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School program is Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m. Following the program, desserts will be served. Practice for the program will be during Sunday School on the 18th until noon. Pizza will be served that day. There will be no Sunday School over Christmas break. It will start back again on January 8th.

Bethlehem in Brule County

Bethlehem is coming to Brule County! Come to the Pukwana Ag Building this Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 5 PM for a live INDOOR nativity pageant. Following the pageant there will be a free will donation homemade soup supper. All proceeds will be split between Chamberlain's Helping Ends Meet and Kimball school's Weekend Back Pack Snack program. All interested in the community choir should arrive at 4 PM to practice.

LWML Seeking a President

The LWML are looking for candidates for President of LWML. Please speak with a board member if willing or interested. It is a good board which makes for light work and shared responsibilities. Elections are planned for January.

Angel Tree

There is an angel tree with items that can be donated hanging on the tree. Let's help a local family or two who need a little help this Christmas!

Newsletter Email Option

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email, please sign up at the back of the church and include your email address.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve service will be at 5 p.m. Christmas Day will be held at 9 a.m. Communion will be held only on Christmas Day.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Attendance

Saturday, December 10 26

Sunday, December 11 66

Offering

General Offering, December 10 and 11 \$1,932.10

Simply Giving and Online Giving \$2,266.30

Total \$ 4,198.40

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS The Nativity of our Lord: 1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10,
Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-6, **Holy Gospel:** John 1:1-14.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for December 18 – Advent IV: Surprise pregnancy once redeemed the whole world. Joseph would have aborted the undertaking, but the Lord explicitly forbid it (Matthew 1:19-21). Even human limitations could not prevent the Heavenly Father from keeping His promises (Romans 1:2-3).

So, every surprise pregnancy we encounter—along with our lives and everyone else's (Psalm 24:1)—belongs to Almighty God, and we may rejoice to say so.



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Lutheran Family Service:

Lutheran Family Service is the only recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod providing mental health counseling, unplanned pregnancy support, adoption services, and life advocacy in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Building Healthy Families: What do you do in your home to keep your family focused on the true meaning of Christmas? Time spent together without technology, taking turns reading aloud the “original” Christmas story from Luke 2 is one great idea. Praying together is another. Perhaps at Christmas dinner, invite your family to read a Christmas song as a prayer before the meal, with each member given a verse to share. The text from Martin Luther’s “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (Lutheran Service Book #358) would be a beautiful family prayer. A blessed, peaceful and joyful celebration of Jesus’ this Christmas to you and yours from your friends at Lutheran Family Service!

Birthdays

Dec 19 Erica Julius

Dec 21 Ashley Rosenberger

Dec 24 Willow Kott

Dec 25 Carol Bowers, Mary Fisher, Balinda Schmiedt, Janette Spreckels

Dec 27 Christy Hickey

Dec 28 Lorna DeHaai

Dec 31 Alyssa Reis

Baptismal Anniversaries

Dec 19 Otto Hickey, Betty Kindopp

Dec 20 Michael Reimer, Burton Saul, Sean Wagaman

Dec 21 Shawn Powers, John Thompson

Dec 22 Rod Peterson, Tosha Scmiedt

Dec 23 Ramsey Brennan

Dec 24 Loren Bode

Dec 26 Marcheta Anderson, Melva Doerr, Ethan Swanson

Dec 27 Alix Hickey, Cory Stellwag, Katie Swanson, Stephanie Swanson

Dec 28 Chad Swanson

Dec 30 Erica Julius, Kendall Peterson, Melissa Rybak,

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Dec 26 Bill and Elaine Dahlman