Sunday, December 21st, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW 283

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sunday School Christmas Program

"Away in a Manger"

*Hymn of the Day:

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

ELW 290

- 1. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
- 2. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
- 3. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

<u>Offering</u>

Special Music

"The First Noel"

Brett Schlosser & Pastor Brad

*Offertory Hymn:

"Love Has Come"

ELW 292

- 1. Love has come a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

3. Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Priase to you, God on high!

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*The 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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 3. Hail the heav'nborn Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Worship Services, Wednesday December 24th

2:00 pm: Christmas Celebration Worship with Special Music, Children's Sermon, and Candlelight Portion 4:30 pm: Christmas Celebration Worship with Special Music, Children's Sermon, and Candlelight Portion 9:00 pm: Christmas Candlelight Worship with Special Music and Candlelight Portion All services will have Holy Communion and will be live streamed.

Thank you to the Hanestad, Polonec, and Thomley families for the gift bags today.

Office Closed December 24-26, 31st and January 1st

No Wednesday Worship or classes on December 31st

No Sunday School till January 11th

Thank you to everyone who helped with lefse and the bake sale!

Next Crew will be Wednesday, January 14th 3:30-5:00 for all 3rd-6th graders

Blood Drive on December 29th, Noon till 6pm

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh Ushers: Bill Borgert, Nick Schaff, Bill Fisher

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Altar Guild: Becky Nyhus, Char Larson, Barb Doty

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Fellowship: Brielle & Addie Jeske, Ella Engeman

Schedule For The Week of Dec 21-28

Sunday 9:00am Worship Monday 10:00am Bible Study

Wednesday 2, 4:30, 9pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday 9:00am Worship

Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack Saul Hedlund Jeanna Hollister Helen Rosen
Leona Steies Kayden Ebensperger Shannon Bauer Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett Brad Stevens Shirley Mittlestadt Ken Larson

Randee Mayer Lynda Swenson Kasen Iverson
Tom Lohfink Lynda Bird Kendra Kostman
Ashley Behling Brian Moll Kathy Joles

Weekly Devotions

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Sunday: Psalm 80Monday: Psalm 81Tuesday: Psalm 82Wednesday: Psalm 83Thursday: Psalm 84Friday: Psalm 85

Saturday: Psalm 86 Sunday: Psalm 87

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