

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025 ~ 8:00 PM

Celebrating the Nativity of our Lord



Welcome to our Visitors! *We are happy to have you celebrate the Festival of the Nativity of our Lord with us this Christmas Eve. Visitors, please pick up a welcome gift after worship in the foyer. We hope our worship will draw you closer to Jesus and give you real hope for your life. If we can be of any assistance, please speak to an usher.*

May You Have a Blessed and Joyous Holy Day!

We welcome all baptized Christians who commune in their home churches to receive Holy Communion with us. If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle; if you wish to receive communion at your seat, please pick up a communion kit from the table in the foyer before the service begins.

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented in Celebration of the Birth of Christ by Bill & Debbie Fye.

Thank you to all who placed poinsettias in the church for the Christmas season. Poinsettias may be taken following the 10 p.m. service. There is a pick-up list in the pew by the Christmas tree.

The church office will be closed Thursday December 25 and Friday December 26.

Looking ahead . . . Services for the 1st Sunday after Christmas, Sunday, December 28, 2025; Epiphany of Our Lord - Sunday, January 4, 2026. Sunday Worship times are 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

USHERS: BRAD FINALLE, ZAIDEN PRESTON

LECTOR: LISA BLASKY

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: LISA BLASKY, DEBBIE FINALLE

LIGHTS: MARK VIVIAN

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response.

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude:

Announcements

GATHERING

** Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

* Greeting

P: The grace of the child born for us and the joy of the Son given to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: The light shines in the darkness

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us

C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In Him was life and the life was the light of all people.

* Opening Carol – Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Bible p. 969

A: The Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

* Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Bible p. 832

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

~ *Pastor Amy*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Hymn – Away in a Manger

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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

* Apostles' 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

*** Prayers**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

***Sharing of God's Peace**

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

* Offertory - Create in me a clean heart

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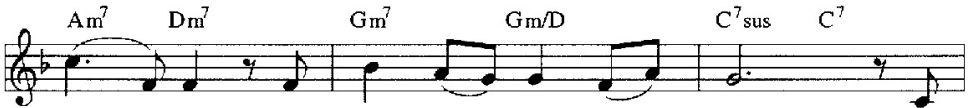
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

* Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We are so grateful God that you welcome us to this table.

C: We have done nothing to earn your gifts,

P: We cannot claim to deserve your favor,

C: But in your mercy, you welcome us freely.

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving.

* Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For this we give you thanks.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

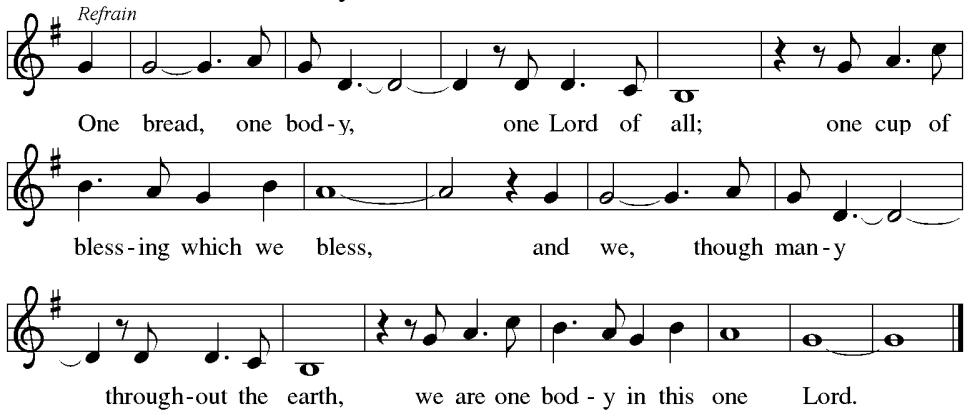
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

* One bread, one body

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Communion (*Please be seated*)

Our Lord Jesus is the host at this supper. It is for all who wish to experience the forgiveness Jesus offers. Therefore, Jesus invites all of us to receive Him in this meal.

For those at home or communing at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

What Child Is This

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

* Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

* Prayer

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

* Blessing

P: In our Savior Christ, God is with us. Almighty God, Father +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus said: “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” We declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Jesus also said: “You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven; for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.”

* Lighting of candles by the congregation – Guitar Solo

This is symbolic of the Light of Christ being passed to the world. Please light your neighbor's candle.

The lighted candle is never tilted, but always held upright while giving light to another.

* Closing Hymn – Silent Night, Holy Night

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- 1 Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from your holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Please extinguish your candle and place in containers found at the exits.

* Postlude

Christmas - 2025



Poinsettias Have Been Presented

To The Glory of the Christ Child
By:

Donna & Jeff Bush; Denise Delp;
Brad & Debbie Finalle;
Debbie Gillung; Barry & Janet Hicks;
Reuben Hicks; Bob & Carol Mortland

In Honor of:

By:

Children: Nicole, Kari (Eric),

Kacie & MadeeBrad & Debbie Finalle

Granddaughters:

Taylor & Emma RoyMark & Mary Segerberg

Our FamilyDavid & Kristin Henninger

David, Meghan & Emily;

Mary & MattPastors Amy & John

In gratitude for familyMarie Russell

Family.....Marty Clark

Lois Haag.....Penny, Jason & Grace Prontock

Our FamilyJoAnn & Joe Kruckow

Family & Friends.....Mary Ann Haag

Grandparents:

Mike & Cindy Knobloch;

Our Children: Kara, Molly & JJ.. The Hanslovan Family

Our mother Amy Hunter's

100th Birthday.....Denny & Janie Hunter

In Loving Memory Of:

By:

BJ Kessler;
Robert & Margaret Kessler;
Arnold & Margaret Hearn..... Robert & Diana Kessler

Bill & Margie Gillung Debbie Gillung

John & Elvera Brendle;
Gus & Joan Fye Rick & Karen Fye

Max Griffith Grace Griffith

Ricky Keller & Gary Keller..... Eileen Keller

Alvin & Mavis Schott;
Frank & Bertha Okonski Tom & Ginny Schott

Joyce Dombroski Dombroski Family

Loved Ones JoAnn & Joe Kruckow

Ken Mitchell;
Kris & Terry Swope The Druhushaks

Esther & Jacob Keller;
Carl Chittester..... Andy & Keri Keller

Martin Bohensky Amanda Bohensky

Jeff & Kip Lieber Carol & Rick Lieber

Allen & Judy Spicher;
Jacob & Esther Keller Jeremiah & Allison Keller

Ken Mitchell; Denise Statler The Mitchell Family

Ron Johnson;
Joyce & Dick Penvose..... Johnson Family

Miller & Josie Hopkins;
J & Marilou Knobloch..... Mike & Cindy Knobloch

Father Tom Russell..... Marie Russell

Jim & Joann Segerberg..... Mark & Mary Segerberg

Jane & Dick Leach;
Joan & Gus Fye Bill & Debbie Fye

