

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Chris Luckenbill ~ Organist & Choir Director

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM

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*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.*

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## PRELUDE:

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Stand*

**CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**# 283**

**RED HYMNAL**

## GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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.**

## **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**

*Sit*

**LESSON: Titus 2:11-14**

*Bible p. 969*

A: The Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He 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.**

*Stand*

**CAROL: *Joy to the World***

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev-'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*Bible p. 832*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph 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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

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

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When 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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The 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.**

*Sit*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor Amy*

*Stand*

**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.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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**

## 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.**

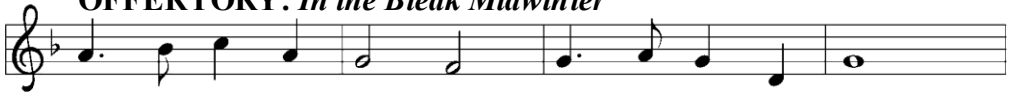
*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Sit*

**OFFERING:** *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

*Stand*

### **OFFERTORY: In the Bleak Midwinter**



What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



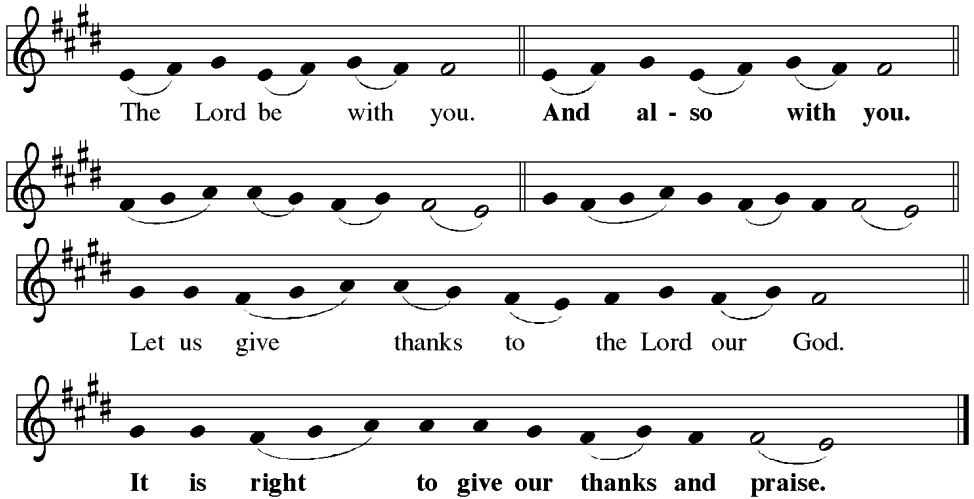
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

## OFFERING 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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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:  
Take and eat; 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.

## 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**

**LAMB OF GOD:**

*Sung to the tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**O Lamb of God from Bethlehem, where Mary gave you birth.  
Grant us your grace and mercy, Redeemer of the earth.  
O Lamb of God forgive us, for we still live in sin.  
Enter our hearts and guide our lives, give us your peace within.**

*Sit*

**COMMUNION: (*Please be seated*)**

*For those at home or taking communion at their seat, use the kit and receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and 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."*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

***What Child Is This* # 296**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* # 270**

***BOTH IN RED HYMNAL***

*Stand*

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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

The 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:**

*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.*

**RECESSIONAL CAROL: *Silent Night, Holy Night***

- 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.

*Following the carol Silent Night,  
there will be a period of silence followed by chimes.  
Extinguish your candle after the chimes and  
place in containers at the exits.*

**POSTLUDE:**



*We are happy to have you celebrate the  
Festival of the Nativity of our Lord  
with us this Christmas Eve.*



*May You Have a Blessed and Joyous Holy Day!*

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**Welcome to our Visitors!** *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.*

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**USHERS:** DARWIN & LINDA LONDON

**LECTOR:** LINDA LONDON

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** LINDA LONDON, LINDSEY BERNARDO

**ACOLYTES:** BENTLEY & LINCOLN BERNARDO

**LIGHTS:** JASON PRONTOCK

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# 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 & Madee .....Brad & Debbie Finalle

Granddaughters:

Taylor & Emma Roy .....Mark & Mary Segerberg

Our Family .....David & Kristin Henninger

David, Meghan & Emily;

Mary & Matt .....Pastors Amy & John

In gratitude for family .....Marie Russell

Family.....Marty Clark

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

Our Family .....JoAnn & Joe Kruckow

Family & Friends.....Mary Ann Haag

Grandparents:

Mike & Cindy Knobloch;

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

Our mother Amy Hunter's

100<sup>th</sup> 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

