

# FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Contemporary with Praise Band

## REGULAR SERVICES TIMES

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
December 28, 2025 • 1st Sunday of Christmas

**GATHERING CAROL**    *What A Glorious Night*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Congregation: Let earth receive her king.**

P: Let every heart prepare him room,

**C: and heaven and nature sing!**

P: Come and worship Christ the newborn king.

**OPENING CAROL**    *O Come All Ye Faithful*

**INVOCATION / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnation. The time is right, our expectations are fulfilled and our hope is vindicated. We rejoice in the life and light you have given us in the Christ child. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 63:7-9**    *pew Bible, page 679*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-17**    *Pew Bible page 968*

*Today's Gospel reading is the first chapter of the Book of John. Jesus is the Word of God who became flesh, one of us, at Christmas. This is one of the greatest poetic passages in all of Scripture. Jesus is the true light who enlightens everyone,*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being<sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

*Making Christmas Last*

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

**SERMON CAROL** *Away in a Manger*

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING MUSIC** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

**BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.

**COMMUNION CAROL** *Silent Night*

**COMMUNION BLESSING** *(stand)*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Congregation Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God guide you in the way of peace and give light to your darkness.  
Blessings in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL CAROL** *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

**SENDING**

Praise Band: Go tell it on the mountain,  
**Congregation: Jesus Christ is born!**  
Praise Band: Go in peace to love God, love others, serve.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Carrie Parrott
<b>GREETER</b>	Deanne Benorden
<b>USHERS</b>	Eric Johnson, Shirley Hahn
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Dawn Ellis, Joanne Sills, Sarah & Chip Hester, Kaya Johnson
<b>PROJECTION &amp; LIGHTS</b>	Lisa Stelter

***The poinsettias in the sanctuary are dedicated to Loved Ones***

## **Christmas Memorials & Honorariums**

### *Altar Arrangements*

In honor of the Birth of Our Savior

**Faith Lutheran Church**

In memory of our son Joe

**Alice & Joe Pigott**

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### *Poinsettias*

In memory of Karen & Ralph—Peggy & Paul Jurkoic

In honor of Maria—Jen & Brad Berry

In memory of Austin Montgomery Herbold—Mary & George Herbold

In memory of C.B & Louise Wright—Mary & George Herbold

In memory of Arlene & George Herbold—Mary & George Herbold

In memory of our son, Adam—Nancy & Stephen Dean

In memory of Adelaide & Sterling Wigren—Nancy & Steve Dean

In memory of Myrtle & Wilbur Dean—Nancy & Stephen Dean

In memory of Betty & Bob Ellis—Dawn Ellis

In honor of our grandchildren & great grandchildren—Alice & Joe Pigott

In memory of our son Joe—Alice & Joe Pigott

In memory of Joe Pigott's parents Edna & Richard Pigott—Alice & Joe Pigott

In memory of my husband Toivo Rist—Connie Rist

In memory of my husband Jim West—Marj West

In memory of Lisa and Carol—Vicki Adams

In honor of our children—Shirley & Ben Campbell

In memory of Patricia's parents Nita & Paul Hoover—Patricia & David Mabry

In memory of David's parents Virginia & Arthur Mabry—Patricia & David Mabry

In memory of Leonard, Jeff & Jill Johnson; Craig & Bonnie—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

In memory of Michael Lee—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

In honor of our families—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

In memory of my father Skip Beardsley—Laura Beardsley

In memory of my grandparents Harold & Louise Polsgrove—Laura Beardsley

In memory of Bud & Carol Beardsley—Laura Beardsley

In joyful celebration of our children and grandchild—Carrie & Andrew Parrott



# PRAYERS

**Members:** Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Michael Condon, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Nick Gary, Mary Beth Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Paul Jurkoic, Bonnie Legako, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Saylor family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**Friends:** Rogan Acuff, Alderman family, App family, Baker family, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Carl Bowers, John Burkett, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Andy Cole, Meg Corrigan, Vanessa Coates, Linda Cosby, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dennis family, Carolyn Dillhyon, Michelle Dionne, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Angél Gobel, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Hall family, Patrick Harvey, Charlie Hewston, Joy Hymer, Christine Johansen, Juniper Johnson, Don Karlstad, Duane Koran, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Darren Lee, Tammy & Mark Leonhart, Loyacano family, Joe May, Jeff McCown, Roger McCown, Tillie Meffert, David Nelson, Scott Nelson, Josh Nickols, Cynthia & Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Ashley Raunch, Shannon Remington, Lois Richardson, Roberts family, Carolyn Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Tony Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Kim Yee, Gary Yonke, Mark Zalesky, Nan Zhang & family, Zenher family, Aaron & Zionah, Angel & Ben, Barb, Cheri & George, Christine, Darcy, Dave, Debbie, Duskin, Eve, Hayden, Janie, Jodi, Judy, Laura, Lauren, Myra, & Sandra, Stephanie, Tonya, Vanessa, Zane, Zoe *and those we name to You.*

**Revelation:** The Christmas story requires all to love God, love others, and serve.

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** Michael Lee, Sarah.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Eddie, Faye, Edna, Anne, Max, Savannah, May, Jorge, Johnny, Ease, Vivian, Susan, Brood, Robert, Chris, Alisa, Zachary, Donna, Amber, Kelly, Adrien, Ronnie, Mary, Andrew, Noorjau, Merita, Brook, Tricia & Andrew, Ryan *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army Friends:** Paula, Julie, Stephanie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Ren, Lisa, Cheryl, Wendy, Al, Gabby, James, Gibby, Jay, Alfredo, Chris, Grant, Grant, Jr., Zyane, Lois, Adam, Jason, Gary, Brandon, Sean, Jason *and those known to God.*

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Jamaica, Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

## Church Council Leadership Team

Stephen Dean, President

David Mabry, Vice President

Mary Bales

Laura Beardsley, Secretary

Carrie Parrott, Treasurer

Ritchie Case

Connie Rist

Dawn Titsworth

Pastor Stelter

*As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

# DECEMBER 28



## *Ongoing Christmas Joy*

*Today's sermon will focus on living with Christmas joy all throughout the year.*

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**If you are new**, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

## **DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.**

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*Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.*

**Adult Bible Class:** The Holy Land Revealed - In the classroom side of the Cup

**Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** In the Youth Room (Resumes in January)

**Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade):** In the Library (Resumes in January)

**Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger:** (Resumes in January)

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

**Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All):** In the classroom side of the Cup

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***Staying connected*** through at least one of these ways allows you to know what's happening in between Sundays so you can plan ahead and be involved. If you follow us on social media, please be **sure to share our posts!**

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. The Cup Revisioning
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chili Cook Off**
  - Wednesday, January 14, at 6 p.m.
- **Spirituality Book Club**
  - Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

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## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Jeremiah 31:15-22, Luke 19:41-44, Psalm 20

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 26:1-9, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Psalm 20

**Wednesday:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8,

Revelation 21:1-6, Matthew 25:31-46

**Thursday:** Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7

or Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21

**Friday:** Genesis 12:1-7, Hebrews 11:1-12, Psalm 72

**Saturday:** Genesis 28:10-22, Hebrews 11:13-22,

Psalm 72

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20,

Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-9, 10-18

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## Faithful Response

Offerings last week: **\$ 14,046**

Offerings year to date: **\$ 816,500**



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