

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Service of Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2022
10pm



Bulletin board by Sheila Sues Hocker

“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Service of the Lesson, Carols, and Candlelight

December 24, 2022—10:00 pm

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We invite you this evening to come into the story of God's son. Come and listen to the words of promise and fulfillment. Come and sing the songs of joy and hope. Come and meet the Savior of the world.

PRELUDE MUSIC:

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
"Still, Still, Still"

Gerri Sarsten & Beth Greff
Joel Crane & Kerry Carpenter

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

GATHERING SONG: "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

GREETINGS OF PEACE / CHRISTMAS LITANY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WE HEAR THE STORY

Part 1 The Promise

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Joy to the World"

FIRST LESSON: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SECOND LESSON: **Micah 5:2-5a**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THIRD LESSON: **Luke 1:26-38**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Part 2 The Fulfillment

FOURTH LESSON: **Luke 2:1-7**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: “Away in a Manger”

FIFTH LESSON: **Luke 2:8-14**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: “What Child is This”

SIXTH LESSON: **Luke 2:16-20**

CHRISTMAS CAROL: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER “O Holy Night” Special Music by Gerri Sarsten & Joel Crane

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

THE LORD’S PRAYER Spoken

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER **ALL ARE WELCOME**

COMMUNION CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

COMMUNION BLESSING/ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Hum "Silent Night" as candles are lit)

CHRISTMAS CAROL "Silent Night"

FINAL BLESSING

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE:

Gerri Sarsten

"Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts"



The reason for the season



Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias
to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season

~ **Given by Tom & Kari Harris**

In memory of Ron Vernon, Wally & Ada, Reuben & Blanche, Willie & Grace, Edith & L.G.

~ **Given by Art Wheeler & Beth Greff**

In memory of Florence Wheeler

~ **Given by Jerry & Patty Hanson**

*In memory of Scott Kennedy and Barb Hanson
In honor of the Traynor girls*

~ **Given by John & Jean Kraft**

*In memory of our parents
In honor of our family*

~ **Given by Kay & Jim Miller**

*In memory of family, sister
In honor of Bowley, Kunz & Tiffany families*

~ **Given by Donna Belisle**

In memory of Gene Belisle

~ **Given by Maggie & David Anderson**

In memory of Mary Trzynka

~ **Given by Sharon & Wayne Narum**

In memory of our parents

~ **Given by Ken & Karen Will**

~ **Given by Lisa Ahlness and Van Vechten Crane**

In memory of Hans Ahlness, Paul Ahlness, Richard & Mary Crane

~ **Given by Candace, Gloria, Sandra and families**

In memory of Conrad & Agnes Christianson

~ **Given by John, Mark Erickstad and families**

In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad

~ **Given by Roger & Esther Anderson**

In memory of our parents

~ **Given by the Krumwiede family**

In memory of Faye Krumwiede and Ray Staiger

~ **Given by John & Janet Doerner**

In honor of Deacon Janie Hague & Pastor Lisa Ahlness.

~ **Given by Roger & Cherie Krueger**

In honor of our eight grandchildren; Ella, Lyla, Anja, Milea, Emmitt, Wes, Lily, Ann

~ **Given by Mavis Pommerer**

In memory of Roger Pommerer

~ **Given by Arlene, Robin, Collete, Elizabeth, Heather Hoglund**

In loving memory of Bob Hoglund

~ **Given by Sally & Terry Grenz**

In honor of all children across the world

~ **Given by Lois Hanson**

In honor of The River and all musicians who add so much to our worship

~ **Given by Bob & Barb Wilson**

*In memory of Kenneth & Stella Wilson, Harold & Violet Gritmacher
In honor of our grandchildren; Ty, Tate, Brooke & Kathryn*

~ **Given by Brian Dahl Family**

In memory of Phillip & Vivian Dahl

~ **Given by Marjo & Jim Hewitson**

In honor of our family

~ **Given by Paul Gurholt and family**

In memory of Marcia Gurholt

~ **Given by Shirley Grondahl**

In memory of C.R. Grondahl

~ **Given by Scott & Nichole and girls**

In memory of Becky Sommers

~ **Given by the Krumwiede family**

In memory of Faye Krumwiede and Ray Staiger

- ~ **Given by Janie Hague**
In memory of Paulette Hague
- ~ **Given by Lillian Crook**
In memory of Marian and Garland Crook
- ~ **Given by Lee Dire**
In memory of Paul Dire, Balzer & Helen Burckhard
- ~ **Given by JoDee & John Sayler**
In memory of Stork, Millie, David & Rick Nordquist, John D, Adele, Paul & Matthew Sayler
- ~ **Given by Mike, Kim, Nate, Grace Humann**
In memory of Gerald & Darleen McLaughlin, Ray, and Loretta Human
- ~ **Given by Steve & Cheryl Neu**
*In memory of loved ones.
In honor of our children and grandchildren*
- ~ **Given by LorRaine Riveland**
In memory of Roger Riveland, Art & Dora Strand, and Orivel Harstad, Lynn Rosencrans
- ~ **Given by Amy, Aaron, and families**
In honor of Elizabeth "Bette" Fockler
- ~ **Given by the Suess-Hocker Family**
In memory of Grandpa Roger Suess
- ~ **Given by Bill & Shirley Zinsli**
*In memory of Bill & Marnie Zinsli, Angie & Perry Zinsli
In honor of our children and grandchildren*
- ~ **Given by Kelly & Wayne Olson**
In memory of Luella Olson and Larry King
- ~ **Given by Lynn & Marlene Grabow**
In memory of Glen & Evelyn Grabow, Bessie, and Slim Borud
- ~ **Given by Donna & Linda Kenny**
In memory of long-time members Rose & Merle Kenny. Rose died near Christmas during Covid, so we weren't able to celebrate her life publicly. She fixed hair for the ladies at Missouri Slope. Her husband Merle loved to usher and work in the nursery. Blessed be their memory!
- ~ **Given by Deb Carpenter**
In memory and in honor of loved ones.