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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”



Bulletin board by Sheila Seuss Hocker

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2022

4:30pm Music Prelude

5:00pm Service

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
The Nativity of our Lord—Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022 5:00pm Service
“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

MUSICAL WELCOME

You are invited to sing with the River Worship Team throughout our worship.
All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

PRELUDE MUSIC

“Infant Holy Infant Lowly”	Gerri Sarsten & Beth Greff
“Come to the Manger”	River Worship Team
“Bethlehem Wind ”	River Worship Team
“All is Well”	River Worship Team
“Noel”	Deb Carpenter, Barb Wilson, Kerry Carpenter, Paul Gurholt
“Christmas Amazing Grace”	River Worship Team
“O Holy Night”	Gerri Sarsten & Beth Greff
“A Hallelujah Christmas”	Marlene Grabow, Barb Wilson, Paul Gurholt, Kerry Carpenter
“Peace Peace/With Silent Night”	River Worship Team
“I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”	Doug Johnson, River Worship Team, & Congregation

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96

CHRISTMAS HYMN *“Joy to the World”*

~ **Given by Paul Gurholt and family**

In memory of Marcia Gurholt

~ **Given by Shirley Grondahl**

In memory of C.R. Grondahl

~ **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, Orivel Harstad,
Lynn Rosencrans*

~ **Given by the Suess-Hocker Family**

In memory of Roger B. Suess

~ **Given by Bill & Shirley Zinsli**

*In memory of Bill & Marnie Zinsli, Angie & Perry Zinsli
In honor of our children and grandchildren*

~ **Given by Amy, Aaron and families**

In honor of Elizabeth “Bette” Fockler

~ **Given by Lynn & Marlene Grabow**

In memory of Glen & Evelyn Grabow, Bessie and Slim Borud

~ **Given by Kelly & Wayne Olson**

In memory of Luella Olson and Larry King

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

In memory of Becky Sommers

**Thank you to everyone who purchased
poinsettias
to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas
season and to those who decorated the
sanctuary.**





- ~ **Given by John & Janet Doerner**
In honor of Deacon Janie Hague and Pastor Lisa
- ~ **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 around 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 & Stela 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 Mike & Tracy Geiermann**
In honor of our children & grandchildren
- ~ **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!

- SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
- GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- SERMON** *Pastor Lisa Ahlness*
- SONG OF THE DAY:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
- NICENE CREED**
- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”
- SHARING OF THE PEACE**
- OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER** “How Quietly/Away in a Manger”
- WE SHARE THE MEAL**
- PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**
- LORD’S PRAYER** Spoken
- INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER** *All Are Welcome*
- COMMUNION SONGS:** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
- COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**
- BENEDICTION:** Spoken
- SENDING SONG:** “Angels We Have heard on High”
- DISMISSAL**
- POSTLUDE SONG:** “The Bells of Christmas”
“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”



Poinsettia flowers given in memory or in honor

- ~ **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 parents & 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 Mark & Val Kunze & family**
In memory of Jim Klein & Russell Kunze
- ~ **Given by Deb Carpenter**
*In memory of loved ones
In honor of loved ones*

- ~ **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 John, Mark Erickstad and families**
In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad
- ~ **Given by Candace, Gloria, Sandra and families**
In memory of Conrad and Agnes Christianson
- ~ **Given by Roger & Esther Anderson**
In memory of our parents
- ~ **Given by Scot, Melissa, Kieffer and Kambree**
In memory of Glenn & Loretta Long
- ~ **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 Saylor**
In memory of Stork, Millie, David & Rick Nordquist, John D, Adele, Paul & Matthew Saylor
- ~ **Given by Mike, Kim, Nate, Grace Humann**
In memory of Gerald & Darleen McLaughlin, Ray and Loretta Human
- ~ **Given by Jim & Marjo Hewitson**
In honor of family

