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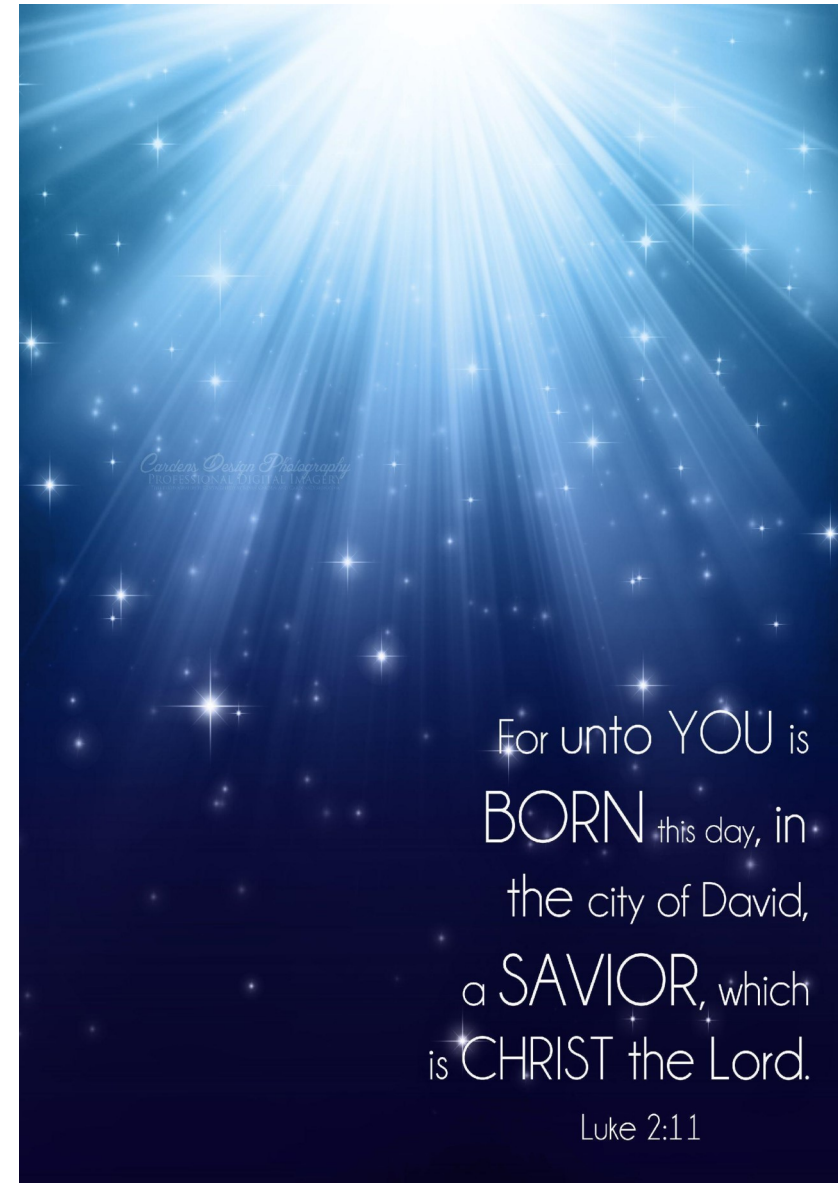
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**Lutheran Church of the Cross
Christmas Eve Festival Worship Service
December 24, 2024**



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
The Nativity of our Lord—Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2024 5:00pm Service

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

<i>"Prepare a Place"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Christmastime"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Angels Watching Over Me"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Till Your Candle (Welcome the Light)"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Bethlehem Wind"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Christmas Hallelujah"</i>	Barb Wilson, Marlene Grabow, Kerry Carpenter, Paul Gurholt
<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Sing Noel! O Sing Noel!"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Night of Silence"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"Mary Sat a Rockin'"</i>	River Worship Team
<i>"I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"</i>	Doug Johnson, River Worship Team, & Congregation

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG: *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW 283*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96



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 memory of Gladys & Bob Bain
- ~ **Given by Roger & Cherie Krueger**
*In memory of our parents the Krueger's & Backer's
In honor of Jessica & John and their families*
- ~ **Given by Mavis Pommerer**
*In memory of Roger Pommerer
In honor of all men/women serving in the military.*
- ~ **Given by Lois Hanson**
*In honor of Beth, the River and all musicians who give of their talent
to make our worship more meaningful.*
- ~ **Given by Brian Dahl Family**
In memory of Phillip & Vivian Dahl
- ~ **Given by Mike & Tracy Geiermann**
In honor of our grandchildren
- ~ **Given by Arvid & Shiela Mugaas**
In honor of the River Singers
- ~ **Given by Ken, Dick, Ron & Pam**
In memory of Ed & Ella Ottenbacher
- ~ **Given by JoDee & John Sayler**
*In memory of Stork, Millie, David and Rick Nordquist. Mary Ternes,
Patty McVane and Ruby McVane, John D, Adele, Paul, Matthew and
Sandy Sayler*
- ~ **Given by Lisa Ahlness & VanVechten Crane**
In memory of family & friends

- CHRISTMAS HYMN:** "Joy to the World" ELW #267
- SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" v.1 ELW #275
- GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- SERMON** Pastor Sondra Krogstad
- SONG OF THE DAY:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW 279
- APOSTLES' CREED**
- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" ELW 286
- SHARING OF THE PEACE**
- OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER** "Still, Still, Still" Doug Johnson, Kerry Carpenter
- WE SHARE THE MEAL**
- PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**
- LORD'S PRAYER** Spoken
- INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER** *All Are Welcome*
- COMMUNION SONGS:** "How Quietly/Away in a Manger"
"Peace, Peace with Silent Night"
"Lo, How a Rose"
- COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**
- BENEDICTION:** Spoken
- SENDING SONG:** "Silent Night" ELW 281
- DISMISSAL**
- POSTLUDE SONG:** "The Bells of Christmas"
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"



Poinsettia flowers given in memory or in honor

- ~ **Given by Art Wheeler, Beth Greff, Dana Wheeler, and Kurt & Elyea Wheeler**
In memory of Florence Wheeler
- ~ **Given by John & Jean Kraft**
In honor of our family
- ~ **Given by Maggie & David Anderson**
In memory of Mary Trzynka
- ~ **Given by Sharon & Wayne Narum**
In memory of our parents
- ~ **Given by his family**
In memory of Jim Klein
- ~ **Given by Ken & Karen Will**
In memory of family
- ~ **Given by Verlaine & Larry Jahner**
In memory of Ramona Larson, Val & Mildred Jahner
In honor of our children and their families
- ~ **Given by Terry & Sally Grenz**
In memory of family members
In honor of all children in the world!
- ~ **Given by Shirley Grondahl**
In memory of husband—C.R. Grondahl, son David Grondahl
- ~ **Given by Bob & Barb Wilson**
In honor of our grandchildren Ty, Tate, Brooke & Kathryn

- ~ **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 honor of our family
- ~ **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 loved ones
- ~ **Given by Steve & Cheryl Neu**
In honor of our families in heaven and on earth
- ~ **Given by LorRaine Riveland**
In memory of Roger Riveland
- ~ **Given by Amy Hammond 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 & Janice King
- ~ **Given by Jan & Keven Martin**
In memory of Bernie & Vic Goetz, Linda & Kelly Goetz
- ~ **Given by Jim & Kay Miller**
In memory of parents & sister
In honor of children Terra, Mike, Krisi, Tim, Brandon, & Tiffany family

