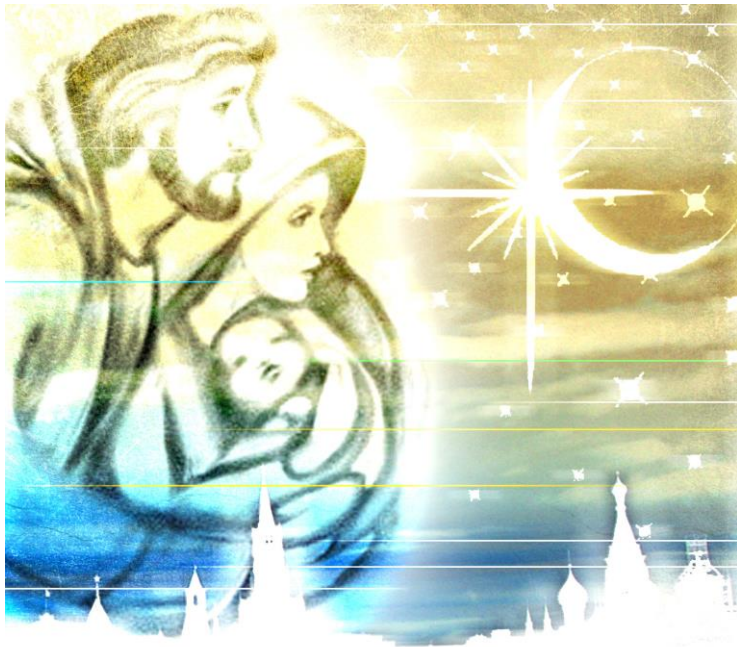




# CHRIST THE REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Then *Joseph* Got Up,  
took the child and his mother by night,  
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

Leading People into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ

December 28, 2025 First Sunday after Christmas

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### Last Sunday:

Attendance: 8:15/10:45/12:15/Total  
106/88/42/236

Offering: \$13,715.69

Online Livestream Reach: 139

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Nita Turner  
Patty Brown  
John Muller  
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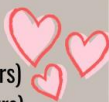
### CELEBRATIONS

#### *Birthdays:*

28- Adelaide Ross  
28- Brooke Hodge  
29- Bruce Cottrell  
29- Peter Hull  
30- Ryan Dickson  
30- Marie Vavra  
1- Glenn Jackman  
2- Bev Bordner  
2- Corene Cline  
3- Kristofer Drain

#### *Anniversaries:*

29- Mark & Jane Holt (35 yrs)  
29- John & Mary Gant (41 yrs)  
30- Chris & Brenda Flasch (36 yrs)  
30- Chris & Amber Carson (30 yrs)  
31- Paul & Alyssa Whaley (16 yrs)  
1- Steve & Deena Ridenour (30 yrs)



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Provided by  
Kim & Jeff Pierce.



### EARLY

#### ELDER:

Pete Knutson

#### LAY READER:

David Edwards

#### USHERS:

Rob Koch  
John Gant  
Wes Speer  
Wayne Beikmann

#### GREETER:

Shawn Murphy

### LATE

#### ELDER:

Brad Teegarden

#### LAY READER:

Donna Boggs

#### USHERS:

Paul Wilkening  
Jerrold Johnson  
Chris Cross

#### GREETERS:

Steve Ridenour  
Lynn Moeller  
Sandy Moeller

#### ALTAR GUILD:

Sarah Ross

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Kids:** Pre/K, 1st & 2nd, Club 345 meet at 9:30 in the Education Hall Classrooms.

**Junior High/Confirmation:** (6th-8th): Led by Shaun James & Jonathan Caspersen at 9:30 in the Education Hall Jr. High Room.

**High School:** (9th-12th): Studying Myth or Faith led by DCE Suzanne at 9:30 in the Education Hall Youth Room.

**Young Adults:** Led by Harrison Boyd in the Fishbowl

**Adults:** Pastor's Class at 9:30 in Fellowship East.

Life by His Word class studying John is led by Steve Short in SE Classroom next to the Fishbowl.



## Early Service Order of Worship

### Divine Service Setting Two

**As We Gather** On this First Sunday after Christmas, we continue to rejoice in the mystery and mercy of the Word made flesh. The newborn Christ, cradled in humility, comes as the Light who shines into every shadow of our world and our hearts. Even as the celebrations of Christmas linger, we gather today to ponder, like Mary, the wonders God has done, giving thanks that His promises are fulfilled in Jesus. In the quiet days that followed the Nativity, we are reminded that God's presence dwells with us not only in moments of celebration but also in the ordinary rhythms of life.

#### Prelude

#### Confession and Absolution

*Please stand as you are able*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20 LSB 167*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

#### Opening Sentences

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

**P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
**C and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**  
**P** And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
**C Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
**P** Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C for he has done marvelous things!**

#### Opening Hymn

*Joy to the World*

*LSB 386*

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 LSB 167*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Please kneel as you are able*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 167

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*John 20:19–23* LSB 167

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

**P** When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

**C** **Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.**

**P** Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

**C** **Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears,**

**P** for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

**C** **There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country.”**

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

## Kyrie

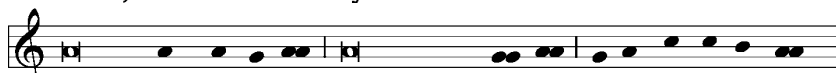
Mark 10:47 LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



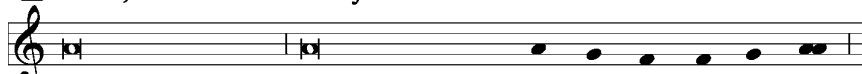
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



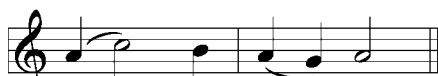
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



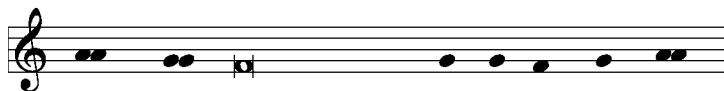
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



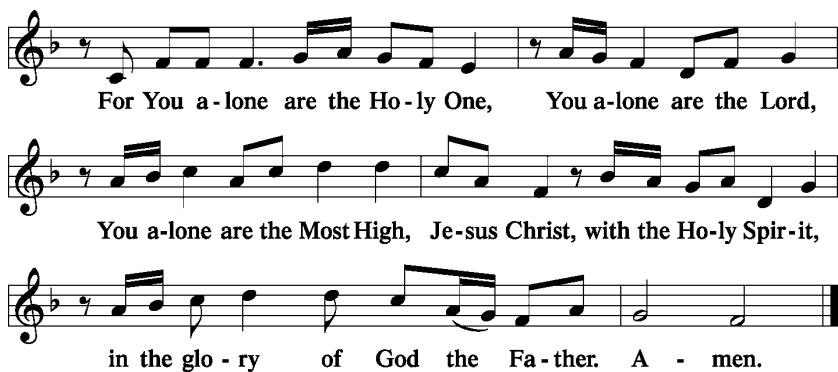
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



## First Reading

*Isaiah 63:7-14*

**A** The First Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-three.

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 111*

**P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

**P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work and his righteousness endures forever.

**C He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**P** He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.



**C** He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**P** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**C** They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**C** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**A** The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter four.

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

## Alleluia and Verse

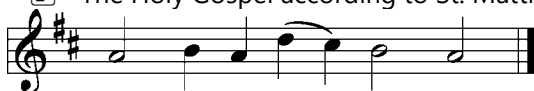
**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

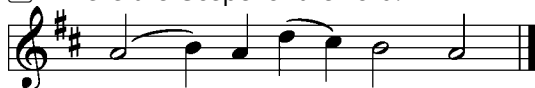
<sup>13</sup>When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## **Children's Message**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*LSB 361*

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition:*

**℟** Lord in Your mercy.

**☩ 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 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

### Offering

*During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. Alternatively, you may record your attendance with us on your smartphone or tablet via the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.*

### Voluntary

*Please stand as you are able*

### Offertory Hymn

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

*LSB 374*

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

### Collect

**P** Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## Closing Hymn

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*LSB 380*

## Announcements

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Acknowledgments

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Scott Burmeister

Interim Director of Music: Craig Amendt

Guest Organist: Paul Pinkosky

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN  
28**

8:15 AM  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:45 AM

Worship Service  
Sunday School/Bible Class  
Communion Service  
Fellowship45  
Modern Service

**WED  
31**

10:00 AM

Widow/Widower's Bible Study

**THU  
1**

*CTR Offices Closed*

**FRI  
2**

8:00 AM  
4:30 PM

Roustabouts  
Tulsa Saints

**SUN  
4**

8:15 AM  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
10:45 AM  
11:45 AM

*Mite Sunday*  
Communion Service  
Sunday School/Bible Class  
Worship Service  
Fellowship45  
Modern Service

#### **NEXT WEEK, January 4, 2026**

##### **Elders:**

Early: Dennis Morris Late: Chris Flasch

##### **Altar Guild:**

Early: Jan Dreyer

##### **Greeters:**

Early: Del & Jan Dryer Late: Janice McQueen

##### **Ushers:**

Early: Pete Knutson/Chuck Fuller/Bob Rains/Shawn James

Late: Jerry Morlock/Eli Morrissey/Lindsay Flasch

##### **Lay Readers:**

Early: Katie Haddad Late: TBD



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