

What's Happening This Week?

- *December 22nd - Children's Christmas Program
- *December 22nd - Happy Birthday Michael Mulvanny
- *December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 4PM
- *December 25th - Merry Christmas!
- *December 26th - Happy Birthday Darryl Frederickson
- *December 26th - Happy Birthday Don Woytcke

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December 22, 2024

+ Fourth Sunday in Advent +

Welcome to worship. Like Mary and Elizabeth, we share the anticipation of what God is birthing — through Jesus, and in all our lives always.

Some here are exhausted already, God, like a full-term pregnant mother. Some — especially children — are excited for the celebration now just days away. Enfold us all as we worship you, Lord.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to all our guests and visitors! Please share your contact information with us by signing our guest book, fellowship pad or a connection card. We don't share your information with anyone outside the church. Pastor Mike looks forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Sunday 12/15/24 Attendance: 27

Sunday 12/15/24 Offerings \$4,295

Sunday 12/22/24 Counters: Rita Kaiser & Brian Podratz

Altar Duty for December: Darryl & Shelley Frederickson

The craving of wealth is dangerous to one's faith.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith
and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Tim. 6:10).

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Sharing The Scriptures

Harriet Gustafson

Gathering for Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 357 sts. 1, ref, 6-7

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Children's Christmas Program - Mary: Sawyer Boser, Joseph: Grayson Wyman, Shepherds: Rylan Wyman, Brayden Wyman, and Emmy Reinitz, Readers: Annabell Reinitz, Kalli Cone, Rylan Wyman, and Brayden Wyman, Innkeeper: Cam Bakker, Cow: Cam Bakker

Worshipping Together

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 361

Sharing the Scriptures

Harriet Gustafson

Joy to the World

Hymn 387

Away in a Manger

Hymn 364

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Hymn 388

Sermon

Pastor Michael Michalk

Daily Devotions and Prayer List

Proclaiming The Word

Prayer of the Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord / Communion

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Hymn 356

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Hymn 374

Benediction

Announcements

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 380

Old Testament

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Epistle

1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.