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First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 275

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

DIALOG

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world:

C: by day and night he shines for all to see.

P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

P: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world!

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please sit.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Away in a Manger

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

CAROL

Creator of the Stars of Night vs. 1

SECOND READING

Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL

ELW 279

O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1-2

THIRD READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38a

CAROL

ELW 272

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming vs. 1-2

FOURTH READING

Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL

ELW 277

Away in a Manger

FIFTH READING

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL

ELW 282

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v. 1

SIXTH READING

Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL

ELW 300

The First Noel vs. 1-3

SEVENTH READING

John 1:1-14

CAROL

ELW 292

Love Has Come

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

P: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P: In his light, draw all to the wonder

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

P: In his light, draw all to his majesty

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

P: In the brightness of his life

**C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and
hunger in the world.**

P: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.
Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

SOLO - Karen Linfor "A Manager is His Throne"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us

and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,

that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving

grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

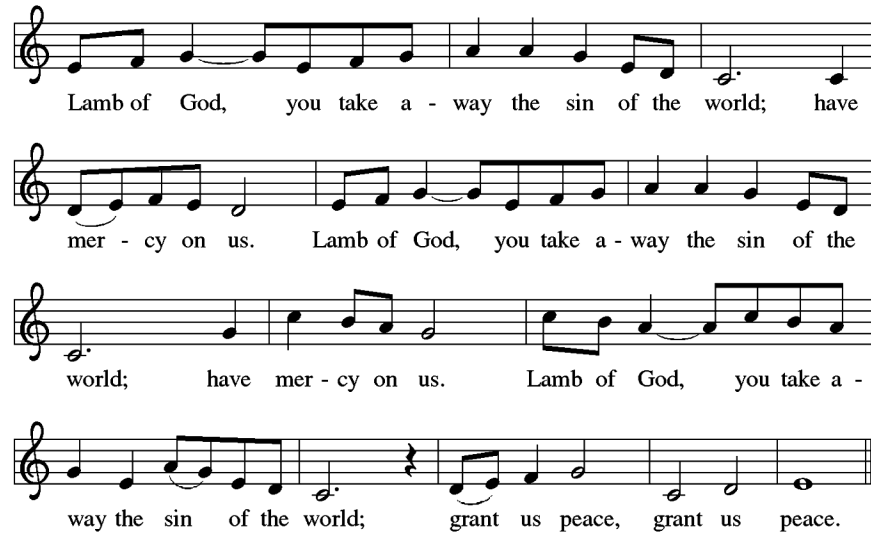
LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.
Amen.

BLESSING

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: Praise God, all creatures here below!

P: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

P: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

**C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents
and treasures.**

P: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: We live with joy and go now in peace.

P: Almighty God, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Spirit of Faith,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 290

Go Tell It On the Mountain

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

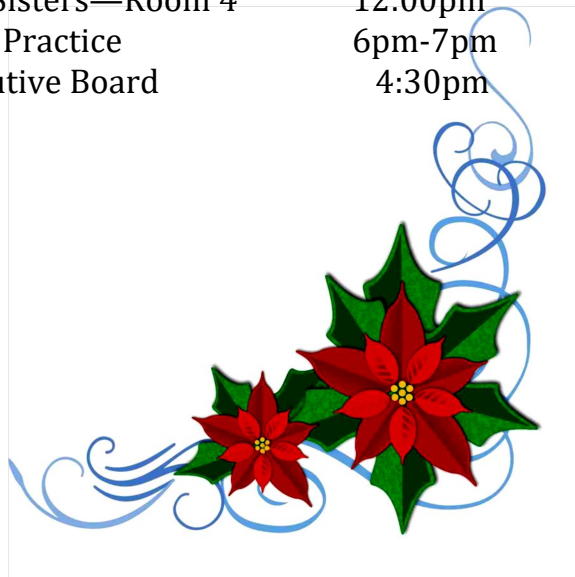


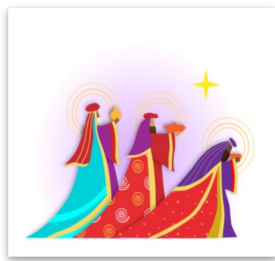
Altar Care:	Connie Reule
Announcements:	Chet Madison
Reader:	Bob Behr
Prayer Leader:	Kirsten Ireton
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Refreshments:	Mack and Carole Vance

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

December 28 - January 3, 2025

Today	Holy Communion	10:30am
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	6pm-7pm
Thursday	Executive Board	4:30pm





You are invited to join us in Schultz Hall for our Epiphany Breakfast on **January 6th at 9:30am**. Pastor Rob will share the importance of celebrating Epiphany. The Evangelism Board will provide breakfast casseroles, coffee and juice. Those attending are encouraged to bring fruit, muffins, coffee cake or breakfast breads to share as well as nativity sets to display on the tables. Please sign up on the opportunity table in the narthex so that we will know how many plan to attend.

✦ Jesus is the ✦
Reason for the Season

