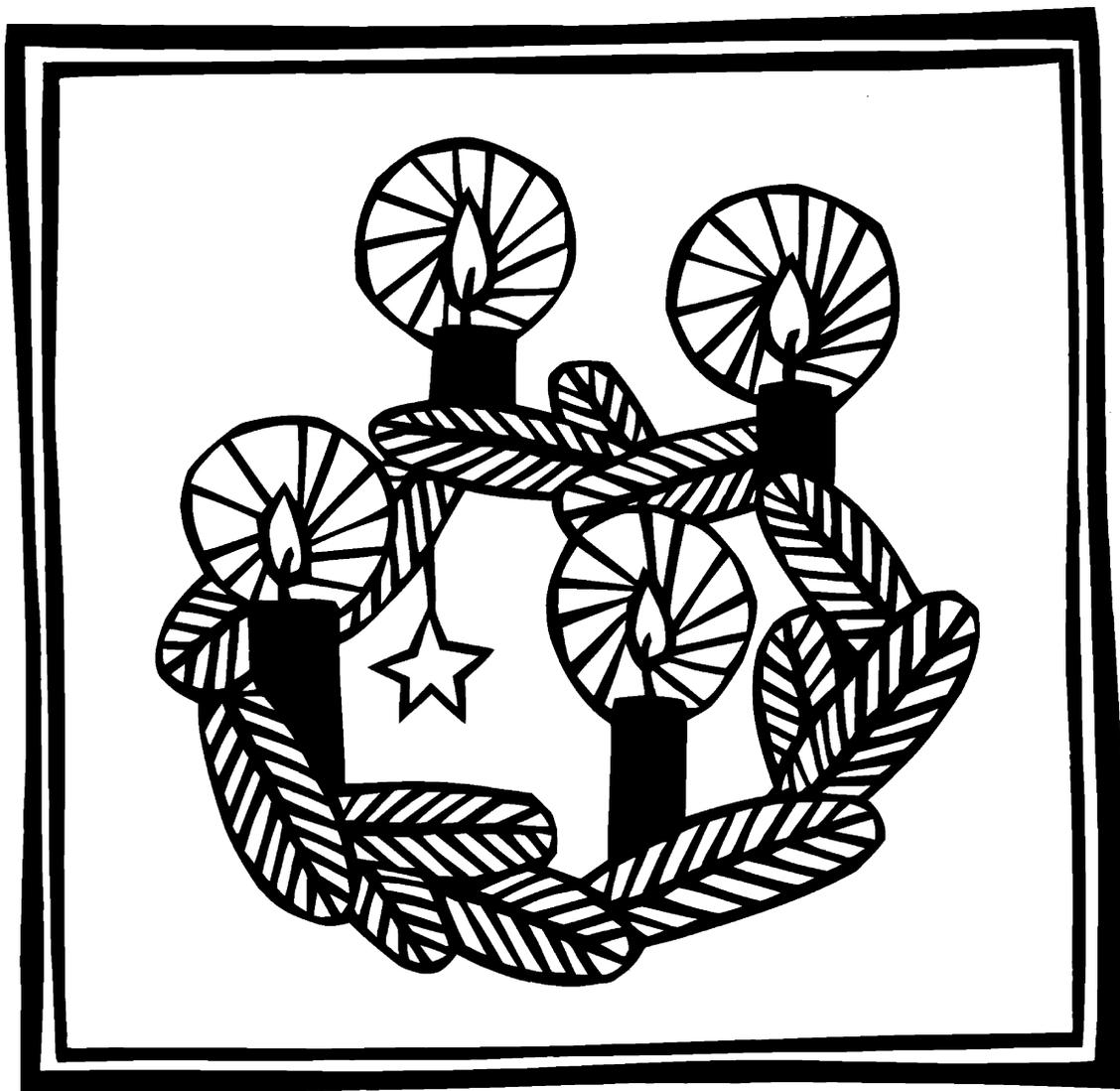


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Third Sunday of Advent ✠ A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols December 11, 2016

This morning, we hear again the familiar story of the fall, the promise and God's redemption in the English tradition of a Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The worship service follows an order that was written in 1918 by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White. He had served as a chaplain in the trenches of World War I, and wanted to comfort his fellow soldiers with the Christmas gospel.



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*

✠ Gathering ✠

*Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers,
welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.*

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Wexford Carol

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness.

L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

C: Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

L: May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

C. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Advent Song

*Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.*

*Our Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heav'nly dove,
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*

A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

Once in Royal David's City

Solo: Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Choir: He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior Holy.

Choir: And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Please stand as you are able.

**All: Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson – Eric Amann

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and
that his seed will bruise the serpent's head*

They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are

you among all the animals and among the wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” And unto Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; and in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

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Second Lesson – Sean Coleman

Genesis 22: 15-18

*God promises faithful Abraham that in his seed shall
the nations of the earth be blessed.*

The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself have I sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour, Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father, A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds, Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem, Where our dear Savior lay,
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas, All other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Third Lesson – Janna Haug

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day

Fourth Lesson – Steve Hoyt

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

All O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson – David Hagford

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

The prophet in exile foresees the coming glory of the Lord.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

I Saw Three Ships

Sixth Lesson – Jean Carlson

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

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Seventh Lesson – David Ackerman

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

All Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lucas Bond Seybold

Parents: Jeffrey and Maggi Seybold
Sponsors: Michael Anderson and Krista Swenson

Presentation

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C: I do

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Congregation may be seated.

Baptism

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

The Baptismal Song Lisa Holt Thompson



You are re - born you are made new;

You are God's chi - ld to - day. - - - You are washed in the

wa - ter Blessed by the Word, part of God's fam - ily to stay.

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Offering

Traditional Carol from the British Isles

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

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.”

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Distribution

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

Traditional Carols from the British Isles

Please stand as you are able.

Collect for Christmas

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

O Come All Ye Faithful

All: Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain:

Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
on of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God... In...the .. highest: *Refrain.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Postlude

Dance of Adeste Fidelis **K. Vigne**

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

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| YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY | Pastor | Rev. Arden D. Haug |
| | Organist | Kenneth Vigne |
| | Choir Director | Dawn Allan |
| | Worship Assistant | Mary Sabatke |
| | Baptism Song | Kathy Hering and Mark Waldeland |
| | Musicians | Laura MacKenzie, Andrea Stern and Ben Allee |
| | Ushers | Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell |
| | Advent Wreath Candle Lighters | The Ulland Family |
| | Altar Servers | Pauline Haug and Linda Nelson |
| | Readers | Eric Amann, Sean Coleman, Janna Haug, Steve Hoyt, David Hagford, Jean Carlson, David Ackerman |
| | Communion Assistants | Carolyn Hagford, Renate Amann, and Linda Nelson |
| | Coffee Hosts | The Christmas Tea |
| | CHURCH OFFICERS | President |
| Vice President | | Ross Formell |
| Treasurer | | Ross Bartels |
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| | Caretaker | Dane Peterson |
| | Office Manager | Linda Nelson |
| | Nursery Attendant | Sheridan Swee |
| | Seminarian | Marty Charest |

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | Christmas Tea | Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:00 pm | P. Low Student Recital | Sanctuary |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 7:00 pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Barbara Arney Men's Group | Christy Room |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 5:15 pm | SA Support Group | Christy Room |
| | 7:00 pm | AA/SR Group | Christy Room |
| | 7:00 pm | Men's AA Group | Room 56 |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 10:00 am | Bible Study | Christy Room |
| | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting | Christy Room |
| | 7:00 pm | Confirmation | Christy Room |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Fellowship Hall |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 12:00 pm | Al Anon | Fellowship Hall |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 1:00 pm | MMTF Recital | Sanctuary |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 9:30 am | Sunday School Pageant and Santa Lucia | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | Coffee Hour | Sanctuary |
| | 12:00 pm | Scandinavian Julbord | Fellowship Hall |
| | 4:00 pm | Scandinavian Julbord | Fellowship Hall |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, Cheri Moe, Alice Gunter, Jane Schuldt, LOTI members; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson, friends of the Kuehn Family; Maria Gonzalez, friend of Cheri Moe; Connor Miller, nephew of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff.

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| <p>Loved Ones In The Military Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.</p> | |
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Happy Birthday

Carol Kuehn 12/11 Emily Melbye 12/16
Gregory Sarles
12/17

STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises; the Christy Room is staffed with a Nursery Attendant for your child. The Christy Room is located to the left of the sanctuary through the side door at the front of the church and across from the church office. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you. There is a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor’s office and the sacristy.

**SCANDINAVIAN JULBORD
DECEMBER 18**

**NOON AND 4:00 P.M. SEATINGS
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW**

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the next Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Tickets are \$32 each for adults, \$15 for children 5 to 12 years old and children under the age of 5 are free. The menu for December is posted in Fellowship Hall and by the 21st St. entrance to the church.

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THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. End of the year gifts to the LOTI must be received by Friday, December 30th.

SCAN TO GIVE



**EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI
CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS**



December 18
Children’s Christmas Pageant
Santa Lucia

Traditional JULBORD
“Christmas Smorgasbord”
12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

December 24
Christmas Eve
Family Service at 4:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.

December 26 and 27
Church Office Closed

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