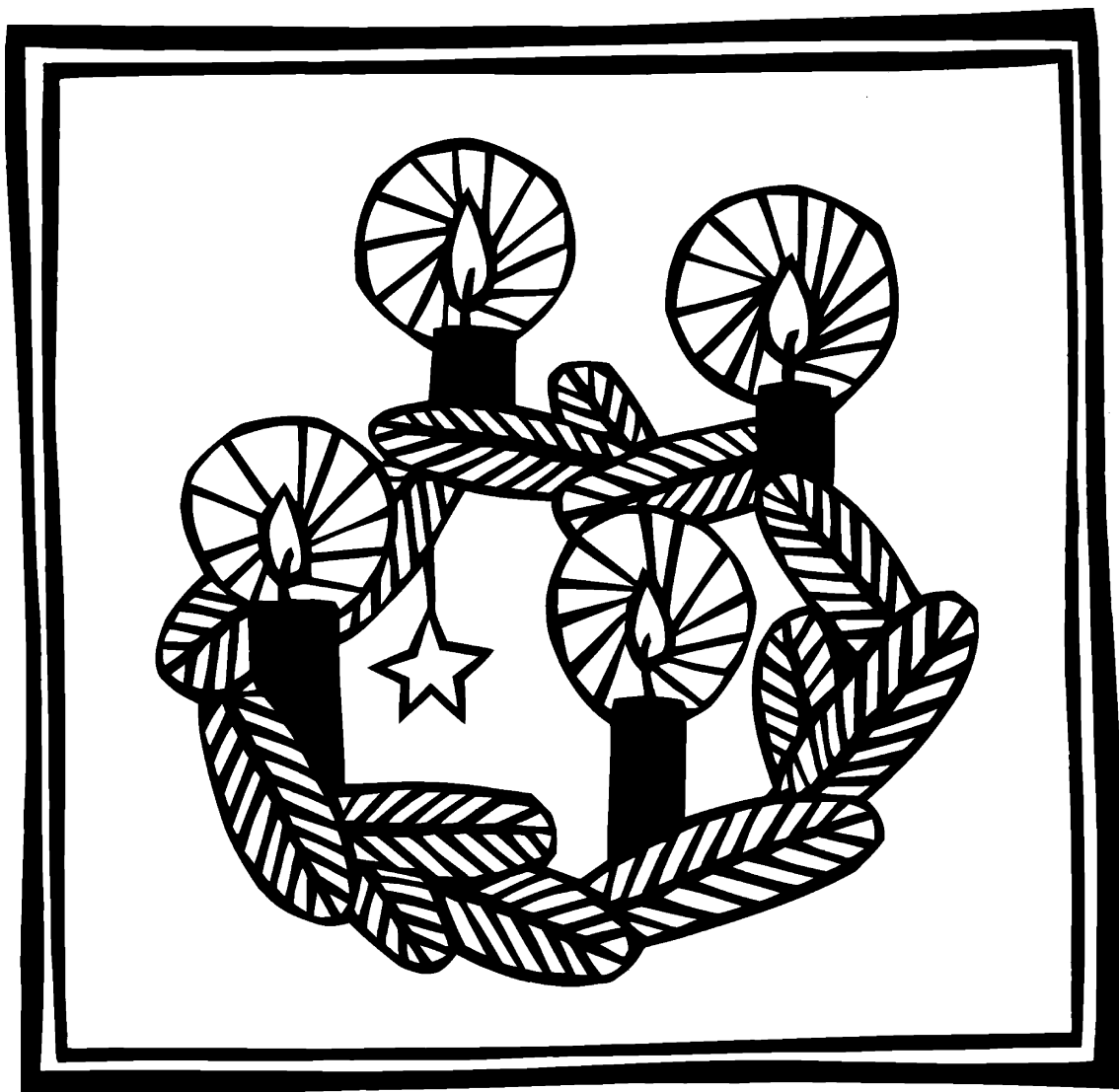


# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✘ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✘  
A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols  
December 22, 2013

*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**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

*Bach*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

**L:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**C:** **We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

**L:** "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For the darkness shall cover the earth, and think 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." (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**C:** **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

### **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 Mary, favored one of God, For us the Child you bore.  
A candle we now light for you Bless'd mother of our Lord*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heavenly 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 – Sophie Wolff**

*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."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

### *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*Arr. Paul Christiansen*

#### **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."

P: 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 Saviour 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 – Debby Pizarro**

*Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7*

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Choral Anthem**

#### *Advent Hymn*

*Don Besig*

### **Fourth Lesson – John Sylvester**

*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.

P: 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 Immanuel!

*Please be seated.*

### **Fifth Lesson – Jean Carlson**

*Luke 1:26-38*

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**P:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Choral Anthem**

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

*Arr. Howard Helvey*

### **Sixth Lesson – Marty 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.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Choral Anthem**

*Hodie Christus Natus Est*

*Arr. Marty Haugen*

### **Seventh Lesson – Mary Sabatke**

*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.

P: 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 Immanuel!

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.*

**Offering**

*Ave Maria*

*Franz Schubert*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel of the Incarnation – Pastor Haug**

*John 1:1-14*

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Service of Holy Communion**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

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.*

## **Distribution Hymns**

### *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

### *What Child Is This?*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

*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**

**Fanfare**

*By Mouret*

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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.

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor Organist Choir Director Trumpet Worship Assistant Ushers Altar Servers Readers Communion Assistants Coffee Hosts	Rev. Arden D. Haug Mary DeVries Dawn Allan Ben Alle Margaret Coleman Ross Bartels and John Sundeen Kathy Hering and Margaret Coleman Sophie Wolff, Sean Coleman, Debby Pizarro, John Sylvester, Jean Carlson, Marty Carlson and Mary Sabatke Denise Wilkens, Renate Amann and Mary Sabatke Christmas Tea and Cookie Sale
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	John Sundeen Eric Amann Susan Melbye Peter Lee
<b>STAFF</b>	Children’s Ministry Director Caretaker Office Manager	Diane LaMere Dane Peterson Linda Nelson

### CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22</b>	9:30 am	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Christmas Tea & Cookie Sale	Fellowship Hall
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 23</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24</b>	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>	9:30 am	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	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: **Fritz Kottke, Dick Stewart; Lucy Miller, Shirley**

**Robinson, Joyce Madson, Kermit Kramer, Denise Johnson, Mary Flynn**

**Loved Ones In The Military**

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



# Happy Birthday

*Kermit Kramer*

*12/23*

*James Rambow*

*12/25*

*Jorgen Olson*

*12/28*

*Shirley Carlson*

*12/31*

*Daniel Myers*

*12/24*

*Jennifer Wise*

*12/25*

*Chris Hovda*

*12/30*

*Laurel Wolff*

*12/31*

## NURSERY

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises, the Christy Room is available for you and your child. Worship services are broadcast into the room so you can stay connected. 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 also now a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor's office and the sacristy.

## 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. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you

plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

End of the year gifts to the LOTI must be received by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



### December 24

Christmas Eve

Family Service at 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

### December 25 & 26

Church Office Closed

### December 29

Worship and Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.

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## SONG FOR CHRISTMAS TEA (BRING YOUR BULLETIN DOWNSTAIRS)

**:/: CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN, AND, CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN,  
AND CHRISTMAS LASTS UNTIL IT'S EASTER. :/:**

**:/: BUT THAT JUST ISN'T TRUE, BUT THAT JUST ISN'T TRUE,  
'CAUSE LENT COMES RIGHT THERE IN BETWEEN THEM. :/**