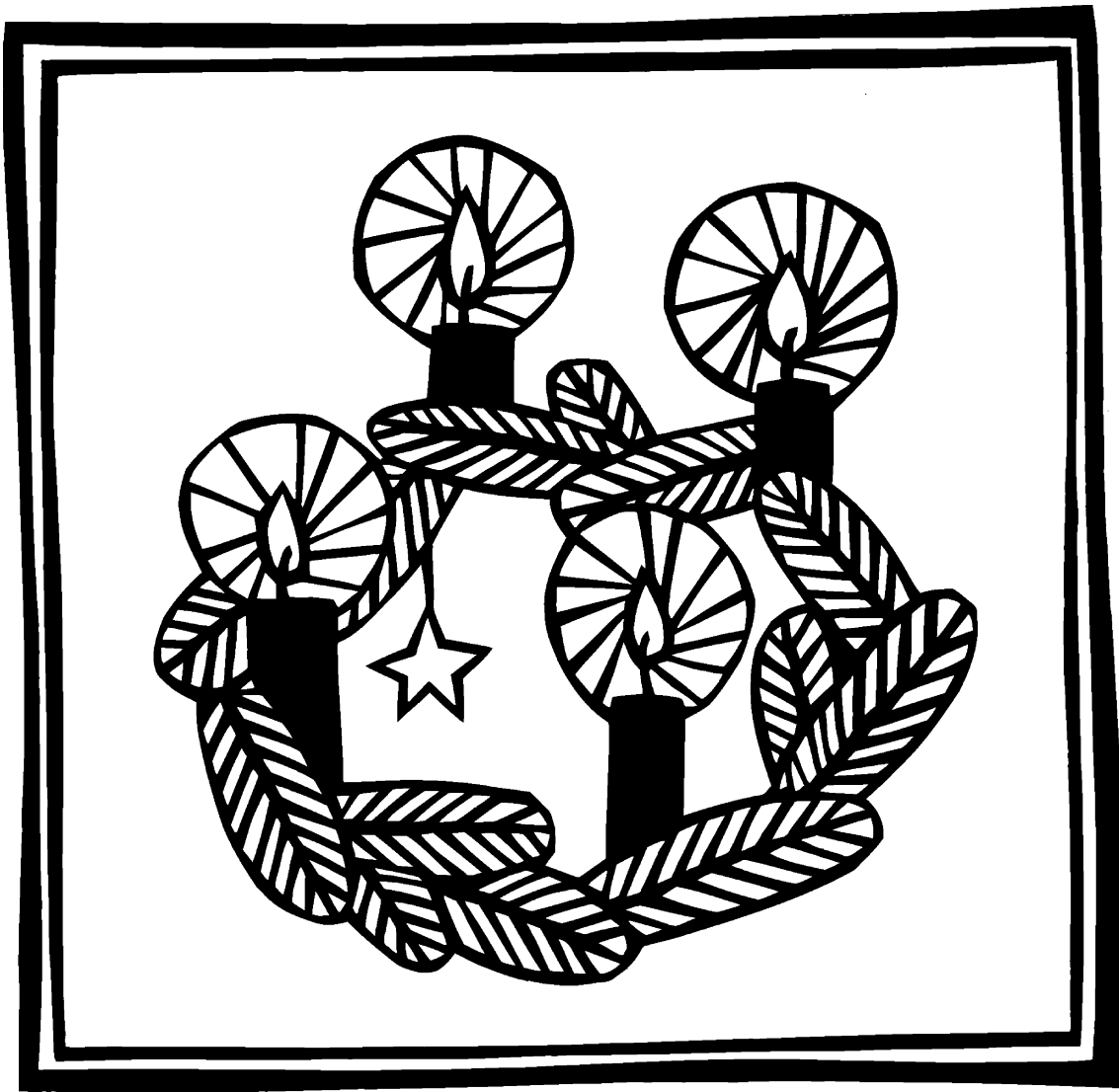


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Second Sunday of Advent ✠ A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols December 9, 2018

This morning, we hear again the familiar story of the fall of humanity, the promise of redemption and God's salvation given in the birth of Jesus as told in the English tradition of a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. The worship service follows an order that was written a century ago 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

Veni Emmanuel

K. Vigne

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

On the First Sunday of Advent we lit a candle of Hope. Today we light the candle of Peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” —Isaiah 9:6-7

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. 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.*

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 Christmastide 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.

Choral Anthem

Carol from an Irish Cabin

Dale Wood

First Lesson –

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

Jenna Alden

*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

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Second Lesson –

Genesis 22: 15-18

David Ackerman

*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 –

Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7

Mary Sabatke

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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Kenneth Vigne

Fourth Lesson –

Micah 5:2-4

Steve Hoyt

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 –

Luke 1:26-38

Debra Gilroy

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. 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." 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

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Suo Gan-A Welsh Lullaby

K. Lee Scott

Sixth Lesson –

Luke 2:1-7

Andrew Ulland

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

Infant Holy/Silent Night

Marty Haugen

Seventh Lesson –

Luke 2:8-16

Winnie Ulland

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.

✠ 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.

Greensleeves

Gospel of the Incarnation –

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.

R: 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. Gluten free wafers are available in the silver cup.

Distribution Music

Chorale and Presto on a Christmas Theme

K. Vigne

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

Refrain:

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

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son 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 on Adeste Fidelis

K. Vigne

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 | Steve Hoyt |
| | Musicians | Andrea Stern, Harp |
| | | Jonathan Brandt, Trumpet |
| | Ushers | Carol Kuehn and Becca Morell |
| | Advent Wreath Candle Lighters | Andrew and Winnie Ulland |
| | Altar Servers | Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson |
| | Readers | Mary Sabatke, Debra Gilroy, David Ackerman |
| | | Jenna Alden, Steve Hoyt, Andrew Ulland and Winnie Ulland |
| | Communion Assistants | Mary Knoblauch, Mary Sabatke and Janna Haug |
| | Coffee Hosts | Christmas Tea |
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| STAFF | Children's Ministry Director | Diane LaMere |
| | Caretaker | Dane Peterson |
| | Office Manager | Linda Nelson |
| | Nursery Attendant | Sheridan Swee |

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | Christmas Tea | Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:00 pm | P. Low Recital | Sanctuary |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 7:00 pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | B. Arney Men's Group | Christy Room |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 9:15 am | Prayer Ministry | Christy Room |
| | 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 12 | 10:00 am | Bible Study | Library |
| | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting | Christy Room |
| | 7:00 pm | Confirmation | Christy Room |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Fellowship Hall |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 12:00 pm | Al Anon | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 pm | Growlers & Theology | Parsonage |
| | 7:00 pm | Women's Bible | Library |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 10:00 am | SS Christmas Program Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 pm | Scandinavian Julbord | Fellowship Hall |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School Program | Sanctuary Sanctuary |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:30 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Scandinavian Julbord
3:00 pm E. Karelse Recital

Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary

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: **Shirley Carlson, Peyton Berkland, Molly Boyland, Kathy Hering**, LOTI members;; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Charles Sabatke**, brother of Bruce Sabatke; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell.

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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

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. There is an alternate route to take from the narthex—follow the signs. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS WELCOME!

Children who are visiting today, age 3 through 6th grade, are more than welcome to come to Sunday School. We do ask that a parent/guardian comes with their child after the Children's Message to check him/her into a classroom. Children will return to

worship with their family at the start of Communion. If your child would prefer to remain in worship, please know that there are age appropriate worship materials at the kid's worship table in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary). Welcome!


CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MATERIALS

Children are invited to use the worship materials throughout the service. Materials are located in the narthex and are organized by age group.

CHRISTMAS TEA TODAY

Please join us immediately after the church service today for the annual Christmas Tea and cookie sale in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU

 Thank you to Lee Wilson for providing the beautiful wreaths on the front doors of the church and for the large Christmas containers at the side entrance on 21st St.

GROWLERS & THEOLOGY AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 6:00 P.M.

The Growlers & Theology Christmas Open House will be held at the Parsonage next Thursday, December 13th at 6:00. This earlier hour will allow time for the Women's Bible Study to participate before they begin their study at 7:00.

There will be typical foods served at a German Christmas market including gluhwein and bratwurst. You are welcome to supplement the festive table.

The Christmas open house will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:30. Please RSVP so we make proper preparations.

SCAN TO GIVE



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



December 13

Growlers & Theology
And
Women's Bible Study
Christmas Open House
6:00 p.m.

December 15

Sunday School Christmas
Program Rehearsal
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
5:00 p.m.

December 16

Children's Christmas Pageant
Santa Lucia

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
12:00 p.m.

December 20

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

December 24

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

December 25

Church Closed

December 30

Worship and Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.

January 1

Church Closed

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