

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ✠

DECEMBER 25, 2022

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore him!



Adoration of the Shepherds, Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1485

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand
as you are able.*

✠ 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.

Noëls sur les instruments: Une jeune pucelle

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)



Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth,
when man and woman were formed in God's own image;
long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow
in the clouds as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom;
eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges;
a thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year
from the founding of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father,
willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy,
was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.
Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.
O come, let us adore Him.

Gathering Hymn



O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW #283



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Apostolic Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, once God, now and forever. Amen.

☒ Word ☒

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community.
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

*God saves us not
because of what we do.
Rather, God is a God of
mercy and salvation
who renews our lives
through the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Hymn

*Please stand
as you are able.*



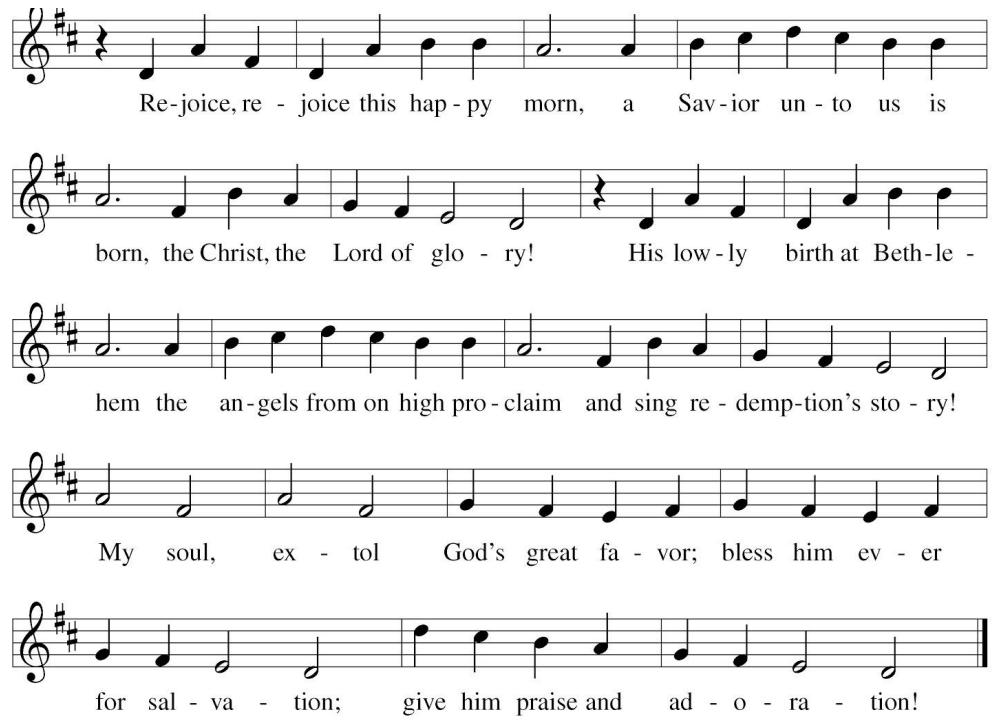
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

LBW #43



Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608



Gospel

Luke 2 2:1-20

*The world's deep night
is shattered by the light
of God's new day. The
glory is revealed to
poor shepherds, who
share the good news
with others.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

In that place there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

For Us A Child is Born

BWV 142

Johann Sebastian Bach/ Johann Kuhnau

Overture & Chorus

Baritone Aria



Chorus

Sermon

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*

For us a Child is born, a son is given.

*And the government of nations, on his shoulder now will be,
And his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God,
Everlasting Prince of Peace.
And the increase of his reign;
Peace and joy will have no ending.
From upon the throne of David,
justice rules his kingdom o'er
from this time forever more.*

*Laud we the name of God most holy.
Praise we His name most holy. Praise with mighty anthem.
Let His be the honor and thanks.*



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

All My Heart Again Rejoices

ELW #273

1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and
2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in

near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is
death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light e -

sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."
yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WARUM SOLLT ICH, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676

Prayers of the Church

P: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

A: The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

✠ 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.



Tenor Aria

*Those who walk in deepest darkness,
Have seen a glorious light.
Those who in the shadows dwelling,
In the land of death's fortelling,
Upon them the light hath shined.*

Offertory Response

Verses 1 & 3

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW #288



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Offertory Prayer

A: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Lord's Prayer

✠ 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.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, as born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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.**

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion
Please be seated.

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.

Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
The table has been prepared. All are welcome.

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Alto Recitative & Aria

*Behold, the Lord himself gives you a sign,
and a promise now is truly given.
A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and call his name Emmanuel;
"God with us."*

*The voice that cries in the wilderness,
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Every valley be exalted,
every mountain be made low.
And the glory of the Lord
in this time shall be revealed.*



Chorus

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
For unto us a child is born,
Emmanuel.*

Post-Communion Blessing
*Please stand
as you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn



✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Joy to the World

ELW #267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Benediction

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Noëls sur les instruments: Où s'en vont ces gais bergers?

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.

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. We will continue to have Sunday services online.*

*We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PastorRev. Dr. Arden D. Haug

OrganistDr. Kris Rizzotto

Flute...Dr. Rachel Haug & Bianca Najera

ViolinDr. Elizabeth York & Ian Snyder

ViolaJim Bartsch

CelloDaryl Carlson

BassDr. Josh Schwalbach

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Sean Lundquist, tenor

Phil Friedlund, baritone

Worship AssistantSteve Hoyt

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 10:00 AM *Worship with Holy Communion*..... Sanctuary & YouTube

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

**CHRISTMAS MONDAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00 PM *AA*..... Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 7:00 PM *Men's AA*..... Patio/Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM *AA/Spiritual Recovery*..... Christy Room/Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 10:00 AM *Bible Study*..... Library/Zoom

12:00 PM *Staff Meeting*..... Christy Room/Zoom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 12:00 PM *Al Anon*..... Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 10:00 AM *Worship with Holy Communion*..... Sanctuary & YouTube

11:00 AM *Coffee Hour*..... Fellowship Hall

SCAN TO GIVE



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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:



Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; Elena Glück & family, niece of Renate Amann; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington; Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; **Linda Kuehn**, sister-in-law of Carol Kuehn; **Allison Peterson**, friend of Susanne Haas; **Bunny Anderson**, sister of John Bergford; **Allison Reagon**, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff; **Amara Small & Anne Vaaler Richardson**, friends of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; **Roxanne Spiess**, friend of Phyllis Dahl; **Joey Derington**, brother of Kelly Mayhar; **Ken Haenel**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **Nathan Anderson**, nephew of Rick Pepin; **Geof Witrak**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Mark Peterson**; the family of **Ethan Kappel**.

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

No Staffed Nursery Today

Parents with little ones are welcome to use the Nursery, as needed, during the service today. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary. The livestream of the service will be playing in the Christy Room so you can still have a connection to what is happening live in the Sanctuary.

Loved Ones In The Military
Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Our Saviour's Housing Meals

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a *meal for 40* on the first Friday of every month. Our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders and serves the meal. Cost to provide the meal is **\$250**.

Thank you to **Carol Kuehn & Family** for December.

Our 2022-2023 Schedule:

JAN *Lizbeth & Mike Brown*

FEB *Mary & Dave Goplen*

MAR *Ellie Holmquist, Heather Jacoby, Ruth Lee, & Gretchen Robertson*

APR *Rick Gripentrog*

For information or sign up, contact Cheri Moe at moeclana@aol.com or (952) 431-5226.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jorgen Olson 12/28 Mary Flynn 12/28
Remi Pizarro 12/29 John Zachman 12/29
Allyson Sprain 12/30 Chris Hovda 12/30
Pauline Haug 12/30

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Poinsettias

If you ordered poinsettias, you may take them home after the service today or any time the church is open.

Priscilla Circle

Christy Room

January 6th

9:30 AM

Join us for a time of camaraderie!

No knitting skills required..

Women's Bible Study

Library

January 5th & 19th

7:00 PM

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by Beth Moore.

Join us! loti.org/lifestyle/groups/

LOTI Book Club

Home of Deb Gilroy

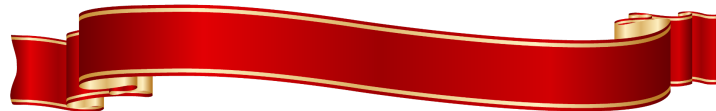
January 22

5:00 PM

Our book is *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Please bring your book, a light snack to share and a willingness to laugh, love and learn.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



POINSETTIAS

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY OF
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<i>Brenda Weigel, Ross & Wesley, Bartels</i>	
<i>Lizbeth Brown & Family</i>	
<i>Bob & Kristi Brownson</i>	<i>Marcia Oathoudt, Harvey & Dolores Brownson</i>
<i>Jean & Bruce Carlson</i>	<i>Loved ones</i>
<i>Marty & Mary Knoblauch Carlson</i>	
<i>Casey & Andrea Christy</i>	<i>Jack Reno</i>
<i>Mary Flynn</i>	
<i>Alyson & John Frahm</i>	
<i>Bill & Kathy Fredell</i>	<i>Margaret Mueller & Ellen Fredell-Shawbold</i>
<i>David & Mary Goplen</i>	<i>Our parents</i>
<i>Rick Gripentrog</i>	<i>Warren, Julane & Lon Gripentrog</i>
<i>Kathy & Mark Hering</i>	<i>Our parents</i>
<i>Twyla Hobbs</i>	<i>Dad, Dennis, my brother, Todd and nephew, Ty</i>
<i>Ellie Holmquist</i>	<i>Loved ones</i>
<i>Jason Hurliman</i>	<i>Aaron and Joshua Hurliman</i>
<i>Mary Jubenville</i>	<i>Roger Sharon</i>
<i>Ruth Lee</i>	
<i>Eivor Lund</i>	
<i>Brenda Martensen</i>	<i>Doris & Maynard Martensen</i>
<i>Todd & Katie Messerli</i>	
<i>Linda Nelson</i>	
<i>Rick & Suzanne Pepin</i>	
<i>Mary Sabatke</i>	<i>Bruce Sabatke</i>
<i>Denise Wilkens</i>	



Poinsettias may be taken home after today's service. Order details are posted on the Christy Room door.





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Friday 9:00 AM to Noon



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