



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Advent



The King's Arrival is Imminent



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent’s Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: The king is an important person. His arrival at our place can mean something quite different to us depending on our relationship with him. We might fear his arrival if we expect him to punish us. We might welcome his arrival if we expect him to validate us. Either way, we expect his arrival to be a big deal. How would it make us feel if we heard that his arrival would be informal and familiar?

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching King Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he will be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday serve as a microcosm for all Jesus’ work, proving the King of the universe was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation. That is precisely why Christ came. That is why we anticipate his imminent arrival not with worry but with joy.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

November 30, 2025

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 4)

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make
5 Re - deem - er, come! I op - en wide My

hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
Christ the rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and
it a tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for
heart to you; here, Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's cm - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy,
sav - ing grace; Show me your kind and friend - ly face.

Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -
The end of all our woe he brings; There -
The cloud - less sun of joy is he Who
So shall no - your Sov - 'reign en - ter in And
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on Un -

fore re - jice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther
fore the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Sav - ior
comes to set his peo - ple free. To God the Spir - it
new and no - bler life be - gin. To God a - lone be
til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and

raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
praise For word and deed and grace!
fame We of - fer to your name.

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: **We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.**

M: We hear his call to watch.

C: **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

One Advent candle is lit.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

*² This will take place in the latter days:
The mountain of the LORD's house will be established
as the chief of the mountains.*

*It will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it like a river.*

*³ Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.
Then he will instruct us about his ways,
and we will walk in his paths."*

*For from Zion the law will go out,
and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem.*

*⁴ He will judge between the nations,
and he will mediate for many peoples.
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
nor will they learn war anymore.*

*⁵ O house of Jacob, come,
and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹ The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward for a brief children’s message this morning.

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, Praise to God the

heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth,
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is Near!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register during the collection of the offering.
Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stir up your power, O Lord, to rescue us from the dangers of this dark world by the advent of your Son, that we may ever walk in his light and learn the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness. Clothe us with the armor of light. Preserve the single in holiness, and lead husbands and wives to love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, you are the authority to whom all temporal authorities must bow. Give wisdom and godly insight to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer or judge our laws. Grant peace among the nations, that swords may be beaten to plowshares and spears to pruning hooks. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, you have given us your Son to bear the burdens of our sin and to grant us healing and hope. Hear us on behalf of those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, your Son has given us a place at his table where we receive the food of his own flesh and blood given for the life of the world. Grant us faith to recognize his body in this bread and his blood in this cup and to receive this blessed communion with joy and thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise you forever that you have sent your Son to reign over us poor sinners. You have given us a righteous and humble King who has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore you, enlighten, govern and direct us by your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by his humble appearance or Word, but believe in him and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

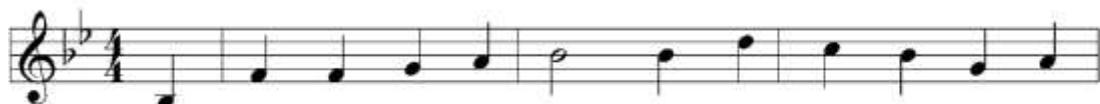
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

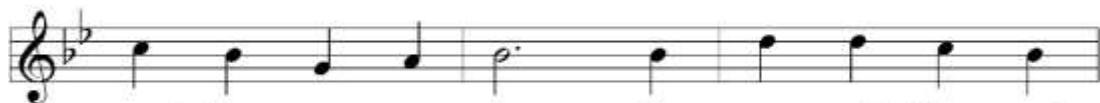
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



Low - ly came on earth to die, Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 ev - er sing - ing Till the dawn of end - less day.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, abr., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail, ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Help, Lord; hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray you. Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown



O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay you, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion That for - ev - er



let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
 will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, your mer - it through your grace.
 we may sing Hail, ho - san - na! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

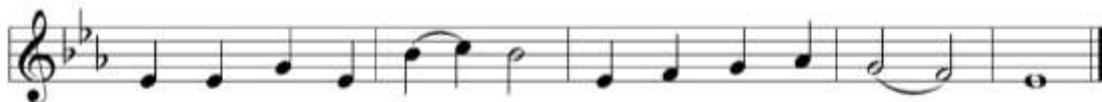
Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*,
 Darmstadt, 1699, alt.



1 God's own Son most ho - ly Came a ser - vant low - ly,
 2 Still he comes with - in us; Still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if we have known him And will not dis - own him
 4 Those who then are loy - al Find a wel - come roy - al.



Came to live a - mong us, Came to suf - fer for us,
 From the sins that hurt us, Would to truth con - vert us
 Nor have loved him cold - ly But will trust him bold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re - lease us.



Bore the cross to save us, Hope and free - dom gave us.
 From our fool - ish er - rors Ere he comes in ter - rors.
 He will then re - ceive us, Heal us, and for - give us.
 Let us here con - fess you Till in heav'n we bless you.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN (66 66 66) attr. Michael Weisse, c. 1480-1534.

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: FRUET EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
 the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
 ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,

All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing
 Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CWS 704:1+4)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
(p. 20)

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1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -

scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal

slain.
 ty; Thou - sand, thou - sand
 bears, Those who ri - di -
 throne. Cause of end - less
 Ev - 'ry knee shall

saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your

of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!

This glorious Advent hymn by Charles Wesley is set to its traditional English tune, HELMSLEY.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

In Our Prayers: Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: The Lord's Plan for Salvation, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, *lower level*

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Proverbs, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

Sunday November 30: First Sunday in Advent

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund and Bob Degnan
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Kristin Vomhof & Donna Cotter

Sunday December 7: First Sunday in Advent

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Paul Crary 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biver and Kathy Zech
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Ryan Jaeger (11/30), Carol Pederson (11/30), Brittany Olson (12/1), Nathan Strong (12/03), Dan Mallien (12/4), and Julie Doyle (12/5) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Happy Anniversary We have no anniversaries to share this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

December 7: 25th Anniversary Dedication Celebration

December 12: Giving Tree Donations Due

December 14: Bus Trip to Christmas at the Seminary

December 17: Children's Christmas Service | 6:30 p.m.

December 18: Ladies Friendship Holiday Dinner Outing | 6:00 p.m. Rodeside Grill

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Service | 6:30 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day Worship Service | 9:00 a.m.

December 31: New Year's Eve Worship Service | 4:00 p.m.

25th Anniversary Dedication Celebration | Today, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

We joyfully invite you to join us as we celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness in our church community with a luncheon from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM in the Church Lower Level. Come share in a special time of gratitude, fellowship, and reflection as we honor this milestone together.

Thank you to the Decorators!

Thank you to each of you for your time, effort, and creativity in decorating the church for Christmas. Whether you hung lights, arranged flowers, or added those special finishing touches, your contributions did not go unnoticed. The beautiful transformation of our worship space reflects your work and dedication and helps us celebrate the joy and wonder of this sacred season.

Children's Christmas Service Practices | December 6 & 13 from 9:00—10:00 am

Reminder there are 2 more Saturday Children's Christmas Service Practices before the Service December 18.

December 14: Bus Trip to Wisconsin Seminary for Christmas at the Seminary Sign-up

The Fellowship Committee is happy to announce that we have chartered a coach bus to attend Christmas at the Seminary Christmas concert at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. More details to follow regarding the departure time from church.

Ladies Friendship Holiday Dinner Outing | December 18, 6:00 pm | Rodeside Grill

We extend a warm invitation to all the ladies of our congregation to enjoy a dinner out, followed by a joyful time to enjoy the Holiday Spirit with games & fellowship. There is also an ornament exchange for those who are interested. Simply bring an ornament of a of \$5 or less to participate in the exchange. Please note, you do not have to participate in the ornament exchange to attend. All ladies are welcome to attend. The more the Merrier! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we can update the restaurant.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

The altar guild is seeking poinsettia (or monetary) donations to beautify our Altar during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, simply purchase a poinsettia of any color, and bring it to church. The plants can be brought to church anytime during the month until December 23, and can be taken home after our Christmas Day worship. The altar guild will arrange and maintain the poinsettias. For monetary donations, please use the small white labeled envelopes found on the back cabinet for monetary donations. Please drop off in the church office.

Giving Tree Community Gift Donations

We are once again taking part in The Community Gift Giving who is partnered with Toys 4 Tots to provide area families in need gift donations. This year we have been provided 8 families to purchase gifts for. Please note that *The Giving Tree* is now placed at the back of church. If you would like to donate a gift, please take one of the Christmas Tree Ornaments (with polka dots) from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift on noted on the back. Gifts have a maximum value of \$30. Please have all unwrapped gift donations along with the gift ornament indicating the family delivered to Church by Thursday December 11th. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Christmas & New Year's Worship Schedule

Children's Christmas Service



Wednesday December 17, 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Worship

December 31, 4:00 pm





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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



This evening's service will be recorded.