



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Advent



Advent is Rooted in Repentance



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 closer we get to Christmas, the greater the pressure. There is so much work to be done! We want our houses to look good for out-of-town guests. We want to impress people with the thoughtfulness of our gifts. What a welcome relief, therefore, to hear what is required to really be ready for Christmas: only repentance. You see, repentance is the opposite of work. It is the candid and honest admission of our sin combined with the joyful trust that everything needed to bring us close to God has already been done by Christ.

At this frenetic time of year, the call to repent is not another demand to do something more. It is gracious invitation to set down our work to make way for Christ’s work. Rooted in that repentant rest, we can fully enjoy a real Christmas.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

December 7, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 15)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 6th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.
Tune: MERTON (87 87) William H. Monk, 1823-89.

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



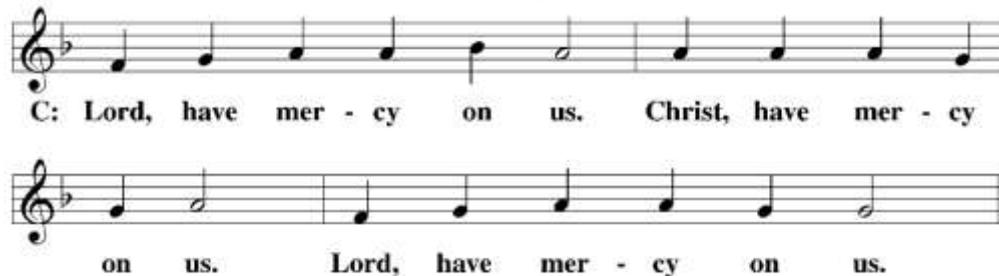
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: **We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: **We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

Two Advent candles are lit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears, ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death. ⁵ Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips. ⁶ The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together, and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the cattle. ⁸ The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ This is what will take place on that day. The peoples will seek the Root of Jesse, who will be standing like a banner for the peoples, and his resting place will be glorious.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 130

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;*
therefore you are feared. **Refrain**

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. ⁵ And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. ⁸ For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. ⁹ He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it says: "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise." ¹² And again Isaiah says: "There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope." ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounce -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -

es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
 nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
 uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
 us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
 vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.
 Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

SERMON

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, ² “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!” ³ Yes, this is he of whom this was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.” ⁴ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. ⁶ They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming

wrath? ⁸ Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! ⁹ Do not think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ Already the ax is ready to strike^[b] the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is Near!

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, today we observe the 25th anniversary of the dedication of this house of worship. 25 years ago this brick and steel and stucco were set aside to be ever and only used for your glory. In this building our babies have been baptized. In this building our youth have been confirmed. In this building couples have become husband and wife standing before your altar. In this building mourners were comforted by him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ. For 25 years you have come to your people without fail in Word and Sacrament. In this building your Kingdom has come. Thank you for your steadfast love.

**C: I rejoiced with those who said, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
(Psalm 122:1)**

M: 25 years ago when this building was dedicated, Satan dedicated himself to its destruction. But he has failed, for the gates of hell cannot prevail against the confession and proclamation of Christ crucified. Thank you for your gracious protection.

C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! On this rock you have built your church and the gates of hell will not overcome it! (Matthew 16:16, 18)

M: In the fire of the Last Day, not one of these stones will be left upon another. Until that Day, may we be rededicated to the mission you have given us. If it pleases you, let this building continue to be a safe haven for weary souls, an outpost of refreshment in a barren wilderness, a sanctuary where burdened souls can find rest, a place where sinners can find Christ.

C: How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven! (Genesis 28:17) Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



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, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

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.



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 fered man - ya day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78; alt.

Tune: FRIEDRICH SCHER (87.87.77.88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem -
 2 Be - fore Saint John was born, He leaped in joy - ful
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's trans -
 4 Oh, grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re -



na - tion, Saint John the Bap - tist came With
 meet - ing, Con - fess - ing him as Lord Whose
 gres - sion, Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The
 joic - ing, The word pro - claimed by John, Our



words of con - so - la - tion. With true fore - run - ner's
 moth - er he was greet - ing. By Jor - dan's roll - ing
 dev - il's dread op - pres - sion. Be - hold the Lamb of
 true re - pent - ance voic - ing, That glad - ly we may



zeal The great - er one he named, And him, as
 stream, A new E - li - jah bold, He tes - ti -
 God, Who takes a - way our sin, Who for our
 walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way Un - til we



yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 fied of him Whom proph - ets had fore - told.
 peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 live with him In his e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

THANKSGIVING

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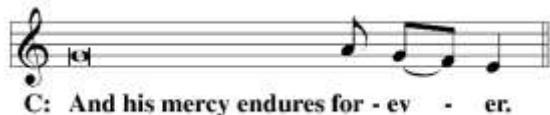
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING SONG

The Church of God is One
Choir and Congregation

*The congregation is invited to join in the singing of The Church's One Foundation.
The director will cue the congregation when to sing.*

**The Church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her, to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

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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 December 7: Second 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 Biber and Kathy Zech
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Donuts

Sunday December 14: Third 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: Phil Boll 10:30: Dave Olson
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund and Bob Degnan
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biber and Kathy Zech
- A/V & Recording: Raelyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Lynn Biber (12/8), as he celebrates his birthdays this week.

Happy Anniversary We have no anniversaries to share this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

December 11: Giving Tree Donations Due

December 12: LoL Fun and Games Day | 1:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

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 today 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.

LoL Fun and Games Day | December 12, 1:30 p.m.

Are you looking for something to do on these cold winter days? Come brighten your day at our monthly Fun and Games day this Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. If there is a game you like, bring it along. If there is a shack you would like to share, you can bring that too. This is a fun afternoon of great fellowship.

Children’s Christmas Service Practice | December 13, 9:00—10:00 am

Reminder: the last Saturday Children’s Christmas Service Practice is this Saturday, and the final practice is before the Service December 18.

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

There are still seats available if you would like to join us on the bus trip for the Wisconsin Seminary Christmas program. The bus will depart from the church parking lot promptly at 1:00 p.m. and head to Mequon. After the performance. We will be providing box lunches from Jimmy Johns and beverages on the way home. Payments may be dropped off at the Church office or given to Kristin the day of the trip. Checks should be made payable to Lord of Love referencing Bus Trip.

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.

A Note of Thanks from the Madison Area Jail Ministry Friends

A very big thank you to everyone at Lord of Love Church for their generosity and sharing God's love by providing comfort to those in need of such. Thank you for responding to this request from the Dain County Jail staff for the need for winter jackets and clothing for those being released from the Dane County Jail during the late fall and winter weather.

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 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**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*