

# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**

*4th Sunday of  
ADVENT*



**REVELATION 14:1-3, 12-13 and MATTHEW 1:18-25**

*"Emmanuel"*

**HOLY COMMUNION  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 21, 2025**

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**LUTHERAN CHAPEL  
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses -\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

**GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

*"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*

Arr. By Lani Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

C: **Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSiON**

*1 John 1:8-9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

- 1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; you shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

**THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

*Mark 12:28-31*

**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**All:**      O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
                  and ransom captive Israel,  
                  that mourns in lonely exile here  
                  until the Son of God appear.

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
                  shall come to you, O Israel.***

**Men:**      O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
                  embracing all things far and nigh:  
                  in strength and beauty come and stay;  
                  teach us your will and guide our way.

***Refrain***

**Women:** O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
                  as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
                  in ancient times you gave the law  
                  in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

***Refrain***

**All:**      O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
                  your own from Satan's tyranny;  
                  from depths of hell your people save,  
                  and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

***Refrain***

**All:**      O come, O Key of David, come,  
                  and open wide our heav'nly home;  
                  make safe the way that leads on high,  
                  and close the path to misery.

***Refrain***

**Men:**      O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
                  O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
                  Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
                  and death's dark shadow put to flight.

***Refrain***

**Women:** O come, O King of nations, come,  
                  O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
                  refresh the hearts that long for you;  
                  restore the broken, make us new.

***Refrain***

**All:**      O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
                  and ransom captive Israel,  
                  that mourns in lonely exile here  
                  until the Son of God appear.

***Refrain***

## \*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## \*THE KYRIE

*Mark 10:47, pg. 138*

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## \*GLORY TO GOD

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29, pg. 139*

AM: Glory to God in the highest; and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(In Unison)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*"Light a Candle in the Night"*

**READER:** Jordan Hoffman

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. (*Psalm 100:1-2*)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock 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. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." (*Luke 2:8-11*)

Light a candle in the night. Prepare the way for the ho - ly Light;  
 God with us, Em - man - u - el, the fount of joy with us to dwell.  
 Child of joy come in Your glo - ry, heav - en's gift, the won - drous sto - ry!  
 Mes - si - ah King shall come to earth.  
 Pre - pare your heart for His ho - - ly birth.

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Music: Lloyd Larson

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## FIRST LESSON

## ISAIAH 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup> The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The treble staff begins with a G major chord (B, D, G) followed by a G major chord. The bass staff begins with a G major chord (D, G, B) followed by a G major chord.

1. Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph / like a / flock; \*  
show thyself also, thou that / sittest · up- / on the / Cherubim.
  2. Before Ephraim Benjamin / and Ma- / nasseh, \*  
stir up thy / strength and / come, and / help us.
  3. Turn us a- / gain, O / God; \*  
show the light of thy countenance / and we / shall be / whole.
  4. O / Lord God · of / hosts, \*  
how long wilt thou be angry / with thy / people · that / prayeth?

5. Thou feedest them with the / bread of / tears, \*  
and givest them / plenteousness · of / tears to / drink.
  6. Thou hast made us a very strife / unto · our / neighbours, \*  
and our / ene · mies / laugh us · to / scorn.
  7. Turn us again thou / God of / hosts; \*  
show the light of thy countenance, / and we / shall be / whole.
  17. Let thy hand be upon the name of / thy right / hand \*  
and upon the son of man whom thou madest so / strong for / thine own / self.
  18. And so will not we go / **back** / from thee: \*  
O let us live, and we shall / call up- / on thy / Name.
  19. Turn us again O / Lord God · of / hosts; \*  
show the light of thy countenance and / **we** / shall be / whole.

# STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

## **REVELATION 14:1-3, 12-13**

<sup>1</sup> Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup> and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth.

<sup>12</sup> Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.” L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE*

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.*

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges : Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : +**Last Day** : New Creation*

## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 6:68*

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## \*GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 1:18-25

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

### Response after the announcement:

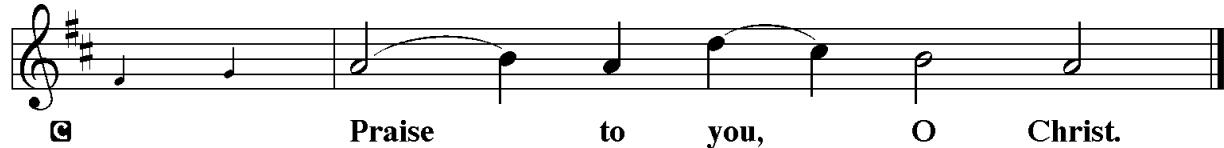
A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is two sharps. The melody starts on the note C, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line. The lyrics 'Glorious' begin with a note on the first line, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line. The lyrics 'to' begin with a note on the first line, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line. The lyrics 'you,' begin with a note on the first line, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line, which is connected by a curved line to the note on the first line of the next measure. The lyrics 'O' begin with a note on the first line, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line. The lyrics 'Lord.' begin with a note on the first line, followed by a short rest, then a note on the second line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

*“On the Apostle Andrew”*

Call to Endure

Birth of Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us

***The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power:*** How can any baby born truly save? The I AM in the manger!

***The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power:*** Jesus the Christ is born for us and to be with us now by faith and forever in the fulfillment.

***So What?*** Remember how God chooses to be known in the humble ones and humble things of life. Be still and know Jesus' Presence in His Church, in meditation, in the Word and Sacrament and by the mystery of your own baptism – in your heart. Seek humility.

Christmas  
for Christ

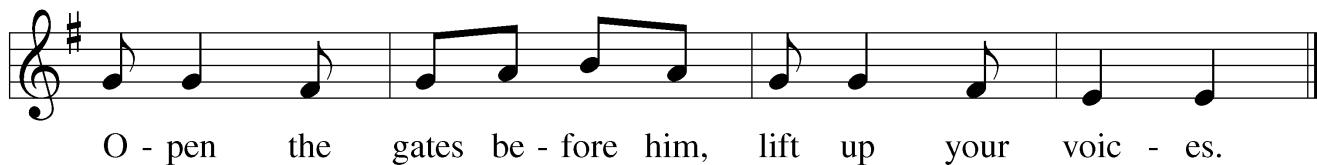
**\*HYMN OF THE DAY***"The King of Glory"*

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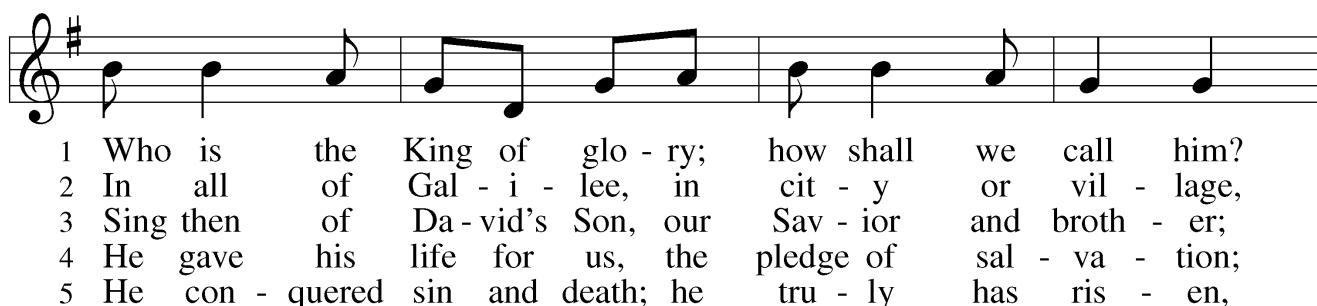
*Refrain*



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

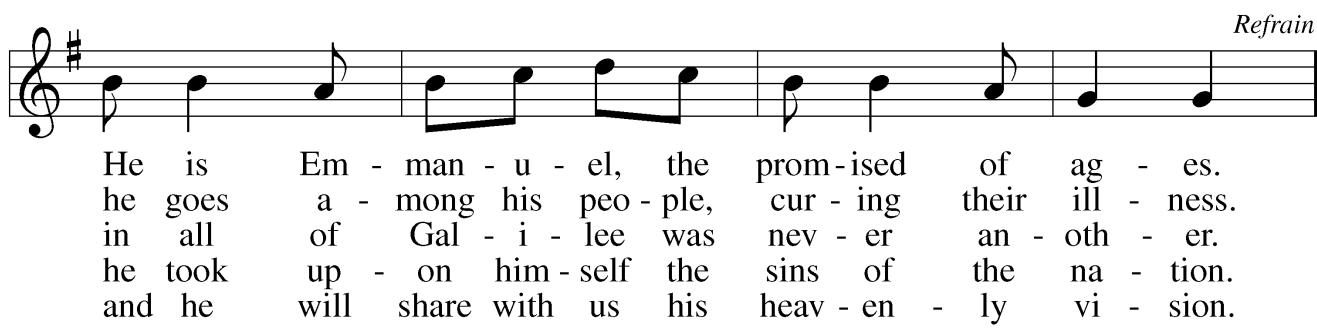


O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

*Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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**THE PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: **I do.**

P: Do you intend to live according to the covenant God gives us in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of

Jesus, and, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Response: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Tyler Fleming and pray for him in his new life in Christ.

**Response: We do and we ask God to help us.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Response: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Response: And 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**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Response: 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

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

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer is lifted up recalling God's mighty works from creation to the days of Noah, the Exodus, the baptism of our Lord Jesus, and the Great Commission given to the church and leading up to now.*

## ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM AND WELCOME

*Holy Baptism is administered by water poured on the head or immersion into the waters.*

P: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Response: **Amen!**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and may anoint with oil.*

P: Tyler Fleming, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Response: **Amen!**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as Scripture from the Gospel of Matthew 5:16 is shared.*

P: Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Response: **Amen!**

*The peace of Christ may be shared by the assembly and the Service continues with the Children's Message and lessons.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond Hear our prayers.*

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE MEAL

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"In Silence We Wait"*

Lloyd Larson

### \*OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(In Unison)*

C: **Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

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.**

## \*PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 pg. 144*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: 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.

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## \*LAMB OF GOD

*John 1:29, pg. 146*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## \*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

*"He Came Down"*

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**ELW #253**

## SENDING

### \*THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

### \*SONG OF SIMEON

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RECESSATIONAL HYMN

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

**ELW #439**

### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

Arr. by Gilbert M. Martin



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Chris Lowe
Acolyte.....	Cameron Bell
Lector.....	Charles Edwards
Crucifer.....	Maddie Potter
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Perry Linkous
Council Members of the Month.....	Rob Andrews and Jason Sanders

# Upcoming **EVENTS**



**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE:** This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:** Service on **Wednesday, December 24**, begins with prelude music at 7:00 pm, followed by service at 7:30 pm.

**2025 CONTRIBUTIONS:** It’s time to get your 2025 pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by **Sunday, December 28** to be credited to your account for the year.

**2026 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you’d like to sign up for a Sunday in 2026, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 or email [sudalewi@gmail.com](mailto:sudalewi@gmail.com).

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** You can now pick up your 2026 offering envelopes on the table entering the preschool area. In order to reduce the number of envelopes that are not being used, you may have been assigned a new envelope number. If you are a regular attender, there should be envelopes for you this year. If you would like an envelope assigned to you please contact the church office. Also note that Benevolences has now been renamed NC Synod under the offering flap.

**TABLE TALKS:** All are invited to the Table Talk following the service on **December 28**. The topic for study will be the Apostles’ Creed.



**LOVE OFFERING FOR DECEMBER:** Our December Love Offering is the ARC of Gaston County. The ARC is a non-profit organization committed to securing various opportunities for people with Developmental Disabilities. Through the ARC, clients are enabled to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play throughout Gaston County. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.



Welcome **Tyler Fleming** as he receives the gift of Holy Baptism and joins the fellowship today. Let us serve our Lord Jesus and do His will, together in His mission.

# Weekly **CALENDAR**



## **Sunday, December 21**

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8:30 am         | Fellowship with coffee                          |
| 9:00 am         | Sunday School and Bible Study                   |
| 10:00 am        | Worship / <b>Staff Appreciation</b> (Sanctuary) |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Confirmation</b>                             |
| 8:00 pm         | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)                   |

## **Monday, December 22**

## **Tuesday, December 23**

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| 10:00 am | Clothing Closet Workday |
| 5:30 pm  | Chapel Ringers (S)      |
| 6:00 pm  | Basketball Pickup (Gym) |

## **Wednesday, December 24**

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|                | Office Closed                        |
| <b>5:30 pm</b> | <b>Instrumental Ensemble Warm up</b> |
| <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>Chapel Ringer Warm up</b>         |
| <b>6:30 pm</b> | <b>Chancel Choir Warm up</b>         |
| <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Prelude Music</b>                 |
| <b>7:30 pm</b> | <b>Candlelight Service</b>           |

## **Thursday, December 25**

Office Closed

## **Friday, December 26**

Office Closed

## **Saturday, December 27**

## **Sunday, December 28**

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| 8:30 am         | Fellowship with coffee                    |
| 9:00 am         | Sunday School and Bible Study             |
| 10:00 am        | Worship (Sanctuary)                       |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Table Talk</b>                         |
| 11:30 am        | Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)                 |
| 4-6 pm          | Life in Christ ( Fellowship Hall, Chapel) |
| 8:00 pm         | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)             |



**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). *May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 52—December 21 to December 28, 2025**

- 12/21 Morning Reading: Revelation 12—Evening Reading: Micah 4, 5
- 12/22 Morning Reading: Revelation 13—Evening Reading: Micah 6, 7
- 12/23 Morning Reading: Revelation 14—Evening Reading: Nahum
- 12/24 Morning Reading: Revelation 15—Evening Reading: Habakkuk
- 12/25 Morning Reading: Revelation 16—Evening Reading: Zephaniah
- 12/26 Morning Reading: Revelation 17—Evening Reading: Haggai
- 12/27 Morning Reading: Revelation 18—Evening Reading: Zechariah 1, 2, 3, 4
- 12/28 Morning Reading: Revelation 19—Evening Reading: Zechariah 5, 6, 7, 8

**This QR code** goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



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**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Aishia Duncan, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kerspie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner and Kennedy Williams.

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)*

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS**

**Sunday, December 28 ~ Ante Communion**

Revelation 20:1-3, 11-15 and Matthew 2:13-18 “All Things New”



## Lutheran Chapel Poinsettia Dedication Christmas 2025

Judy Anton	In memory of Bill Anton
Ron and Ann Behringer	In memory of our parents
The Bell Family	In memory of Ma Bell
Pauline Bradley and Family	In memory of B.T. Bradley
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Adam DeLuca	In memory of Hanna DeLuca
Charles and Ann Edwards	In memory of Blanche and Dwight Edwards
Sylvia Fogle	In honor of my sisters, Shirley, Myra and Rebecca
Sylvia Fogle	In honor of Scott and Beth Swindler
Sylvia Fogle	In memory of Jerry Fogle
Sylvia Fogle	In memory of Charles and Bleeka Robinson
Crown and Kate Hoffman	In memory of Helen Hoffman
Crown and Kate Hoffman	In memory of Ruth Rasp
Philip L. and Debora Jamison	In honor of our loving daughters, Ashley and Sarah Jamison
David and Susan Lewis	In memory of our parents
Ken and Ann Marie Lentz	In honor of our grandchildren, Morgan, Ellie and Conor
Ken and Ann Marie Lentz	In memory of Thad Lentz
Dan Lineberger	In honor of Linda Hamilton
Dan Lineberger	In honor of Jennie Williamson
Dan Lineberger	In memory of Gloria Lineberger
Dan Lineberger	In memory of Kay Lineberger
Dan Lineberger	In memory of Tonya Dowdy
Pat Lindler and Family	In memory of Gary Lindler
Roger and Jeanette Myers	In memory of Garrison R Myers
Roger and Jeanette Myers	In memory of Calvin and Edith Moore
Charles and Carolyn Niemeyer	In honor of our grandchildren
Charles and Carolyn Niemeyer	In memory of our parents
Elizabeth Seabrook	In honor of our grandchildren, Troy, Brooks, Bailey, Mason, Harrison, Maddie, Walker and Avery
Elizabeth Seabrook	In memory of Bill Seabrook
Lucinda Thornburg	In memory of Bob Thornburg

*\*Repeated names indicate # of poinsettias purchased*

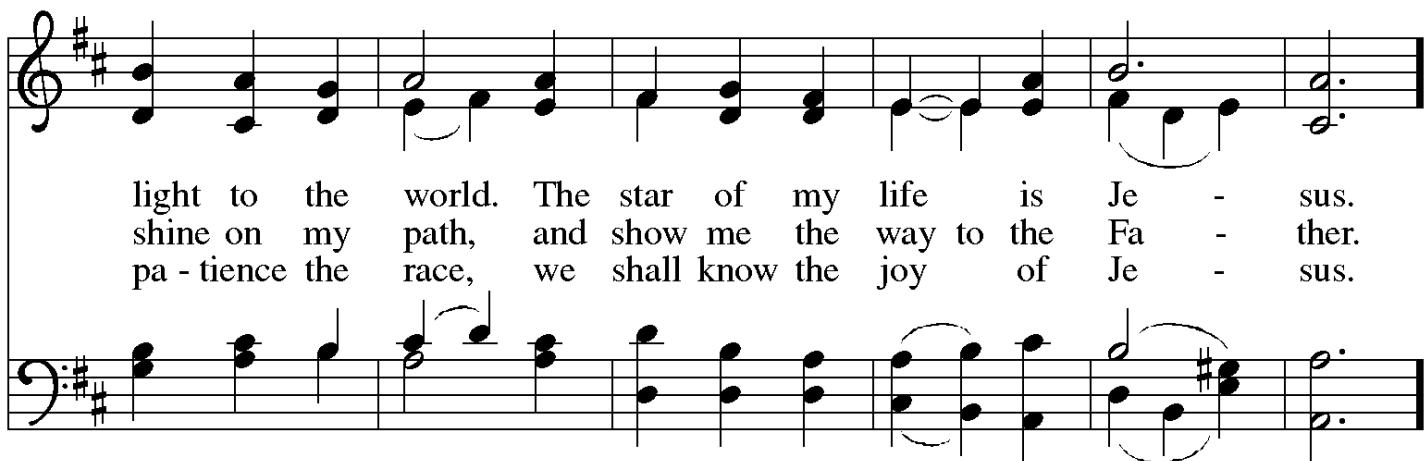
# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je sus. When we have run . . . with



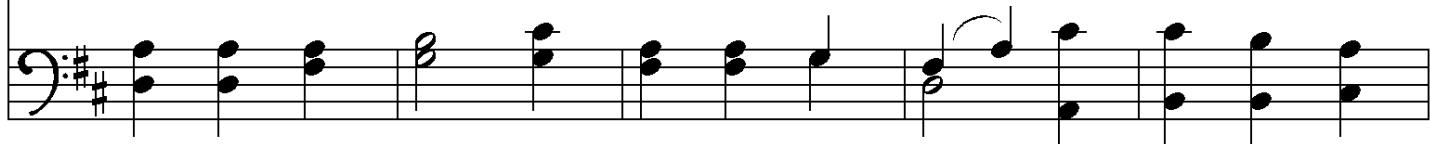
light to the world. The star of my life is Je sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je sus.

(Continued)

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

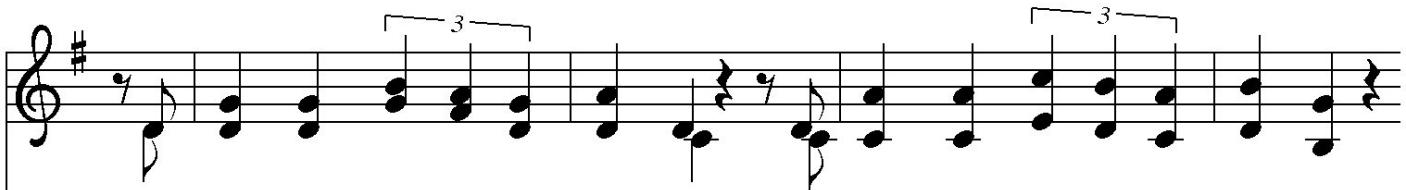


cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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# He Came Down



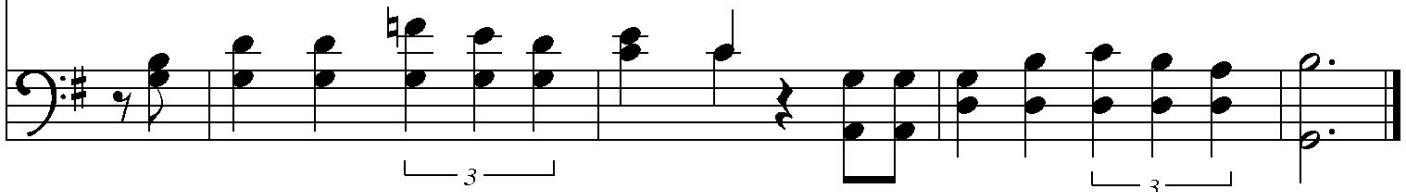
1 He came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy;

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hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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