

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The First Sunday After Christmas
Saturday, December 27, 2025 @ 3pm
Sunday, December 28, 2025 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” **Hymn #50**

**Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story; Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn king.

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light.**

Refrain

**Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, You have seen his natal star.**

Refrain

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One**

Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, we recount the gracious deeds You have done for us, according to Your mercy, according to Your steadfast love.

Forgive us when we lift up what we have accomplished, and don’t recognize Your hand in all that we do that is good.

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, God is with us – it is fitting that through whom all things exist, that You became the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sins.

Remind us that we are free from the fear of death through Jesus who is our redemption.

Holy Spirit, You protected and guided Jesus as a baby for He would conquer sin, death, and the devil and would set His people free.

Open our hearts to always follow Christ, “the light of the world,” that others may know the freedom that comes through the waters of baptism and faith in Him.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God, You have called us to remember all the gracious things that You have done. You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, that He would conquer sin, death, and the devil. He is the Good Shepherd for all who place their trust in Him. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we remember today the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into Your arms all children, protect and keep them from every evil and those who wish harm upon them. Lead them to the knowledge of Yourself, to the obedience to Your will, and to the praise of Your glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 63:7-9** **OT p. 679**

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SECOND READING **Hebrews 2:10-18** **NT p. 1092**

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUNDAY) **"Gifts of God"**
Mary Burce (spoken word)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"** **(vs. 1) Hymn #44**

**Infant holy, infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 2:13-23** **NT p. 880**

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")

SERMON **"He brings hope when there is none"** **Pastor David Irgens**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** **Hymn #41**

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!**

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

HOLY BAPTISM (SATURDAY)

Hughes Thomas Rogy

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

Sending Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn #60

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."**

Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumphs of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be
passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to
him.

Praise the LORD!

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