

UNITED WE SING "Welcome to our World"

PRAISE TEAM SONG

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please note: We will pass the offering at this time and bring it forward during the following song. You may also use the online GIVE link on our website at umcluverne.com or use our mobile app at any time.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, in unison,

God of mercy and grace, we pray that the gifts we offer this morning might be used to bring some compassion to the chaos that is our world. We give these gifts in love, hoping they will heal some of the hurting; and as they do, make the crooked road straight for the coming of the Christ. May the hills that separate us from sisters and brothers be made flat and may the valleys of our isolation be raised up, so we will be ready to welcome the Christ as one. In that holy name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 3:1-6)

UNITED WE SING "Joy to the World"

#246 UMH  
VERSE 1

BENEDICTION

UNITED WE SING "Joy to the World"

#246 UMH  
VERSE 2

POSTLUDE

Please be sure to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Potluck



Special thanks to all those who helped make this service possible...

The Sanctuary Care Committee, the Praise Team, our Family Ministry team and of course thank you, Moms and Dads and Grandpa and Grandmas who have brought your children today to share this very special service where we begin the time of welcoming our Savior Jesus Christ. These moments are so very precious in bringing to life the person of Jesus to our children, who is important for all of us to hold close, especially in such times as we are experiencing right now. Jesus is the gift we all need.

Be Blessed!

Luverne United Methodist Church  
Hanging of the Greens Service  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025



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Lay Reader: Laura Hollaren  
Host: Roger Carlson  
Power Point: Reegan Gabrielson

Sound: David Vis  
Coffee: Riley and Journey Anderson  
Gift Cards: Christine VonHoltum  
Trustee: Beth Fick - December 8-14, 2025

## WELCOME

## WHO LOVES JESUS

UNITED WE SING     *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

#234 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR DORIE

## CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsively*

L: May the Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

L: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

C: **We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.**

L: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

C: **We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.**

L: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

C: **May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.**

## SPECIAL SERVICE PRAYER

## THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

UNITED WE SING     *"Emanuel"*

PRAISE TEAM SONG

## CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

## LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS

UNITED WE SING     *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

#240 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## THE PARMENTS AND ADVENT COLORS

UNITED WE SING     *"O Come, O Come Emanuel"*

#211 UMH

## ADVENT CANDLES AND CANDLE LIGHTING

UNITED WE SING     *"Silent Night"*

#239 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

SPECIAL KIDS MUSIC (VIDEO)     *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"*

#251 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2  
FOR ALL TO JOIN

## THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

UNITED WE SING     *"Deck the Halls"*

SEE INSERT

## THE WRITTEN WORD FOR US TODAY

Isaiah 9:2-6  
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## THE CHRISTMAS TREE

UNITED WE SING     *"O Christmas Tree"*

SEE INSERT

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

UNITED WE SING     *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

#224 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## THE NATIVITY

UNITED WE SING     *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#230 UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

UNITED WE SING     *"We Three King of Orient Are"*

#254UMH  
VERSES 1 AND 2

## THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

SPECIAL MUSIC     *"Mary, Did you Know?"*

ANISSA VIS

## SPECIAL PRAYER, *in unison*

We long for your coming, O God. But we are often unprepared for you to come, because we have not always lived as your people. Many times in our lives, we have disobeyed your will. We have not always done what we should have done. Sometimes we have done what we should not have done. Sometimes we have failed and sinned. We implore your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our faith. Thanks be to God for his ever faithful and always present gift...In the name of Jesus, the Christ who loves us, AMEN.