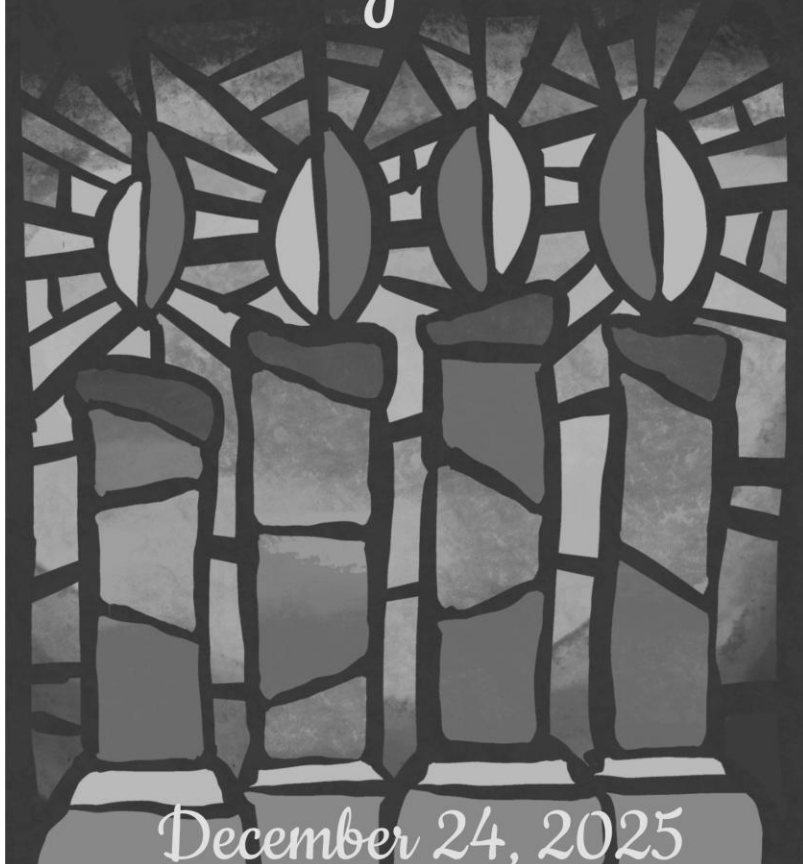


# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



December 24, 2025

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**4:00 pm**

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*Worship Service:* Sundays at **9:00 a.m.**

***WELCOME TO ALL*** guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

**Those serving in December**

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Manz

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**Fellowship:** Ron & Julie Dlouhy

**Elder:** Tim Huegel

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**PASTOR MANZ' OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Monday           Vacation

Tuesday          Vacation

Wednesday       Vacation

Thursday         Vacation

Friday            Vacation

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**PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS**

The twenty-fifth day of December.

In the 5,199th year of the creation of the world, from the time when in the beginning

God created Heaven and earth;

from the flood, the 2,957th year;

from the birth of Abraham, the 2,015th year;

from Moses and the going-out of the people of Israel from Egypt, the 1,510th year;

from the anointing of David as king, the 1,032nd year;

in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the 194th Olympiad;

from the founding of the city of Rome, the 752nd year;

in the forty-second year of the rule of Octavian Augustus, when the whole world was at peace, in the sixth age of the world:

Jesus Christ, the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, having been conceived by the Holy Ghost, and nine months having passed since His conception was born in Bethlehem of Judah of the Virgin Mary, having become Man.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Flesh.

*Please stand and face the Cross*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* .....LSB 379

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*Sit*

The people who walked in darkness  
 have seen a great light;  
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
 on them has light shined.  
 You have multiplied the nation;  
 you have increased its joy;  
 they rejoice before you  
 as with joy at the harvest,  
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
 For the yoke of his burden,  
 and the staff for his shoulder,  
 the rod of his oppressor,  
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
 and every garment rolled in blood  
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
 For to us a child is born,  
 to us a son is given;  
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
 and his name shall be called  
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
 Of the increase of his government and of peace  
 there will be no end,  
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
 to establish it and to uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time forth and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*.....LSB 366

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

*Stand*

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1–20 KJV*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.<sup>2</sup> (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)<sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.<sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)<sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

<sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.<sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.  
<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.<sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.<sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
<sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.<sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.  
<sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.<sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.  
<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.  
<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED** *p. 206i*

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*.....**LSB 380**

**SERMON**

*Stand*

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Sit

**OFFERING**

Stand

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Sit

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Stand

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*Be seated. Confirmands will light the congregation’s candles.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Silent Night, Holy Night*.....LSB 363

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