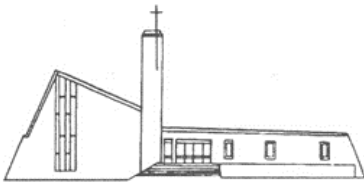




Worship Bulletin

**FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 2025**

PASTOR SCOTT STROHKIRCH



Welcome! WE PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR PRESENCE!

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship UP together
so we can leave IN peace and with hope in our hearts
as we follow Jesus OUT into the world.

FIRST TIME VISITOR?

Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and sign the narthex Guest Book.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Please stand as you are able for parts of worship indicated.

AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS

- Large print and children's bulletins
- Personal hearing receivers

WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs

Several of the past few week's services are available in the tract rack in the narthex for those who do not have access to worship services on YouTube.

CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM, BATHROOM & CHANGING TABLE

The Children's Play Room in the main hallway is available for parents with small children. Families with small children may also use the Fireside Room, if they wish, during the service. Audio of the service can be heard in both of these rooms. Changing tables are available in each of the bathrooms. "Busy Bags" on the back pew in the sanctuary are also available for your use. Please return to the back pew after the service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Closed Friday (Holiday hours may vary)

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or somebody you know is hospitalized or dealing with an illness and would like a visit, please call the church office. The hospital or nursing home personnel are not able to notify us that you are there.

1st Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Announcements

Stand

Opening Hymn 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

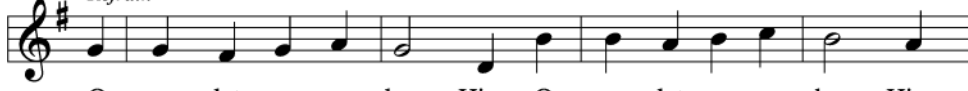


come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Service of the Word

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

Hymn of Praise 380 Hark! The Herald Angles Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



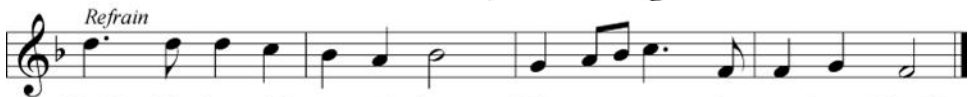
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 63:7–14*

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,

¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Galatians 4:4–7*

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

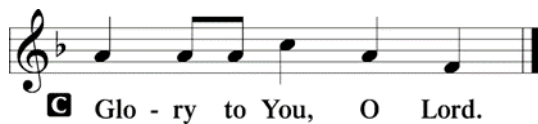
Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:13-23*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

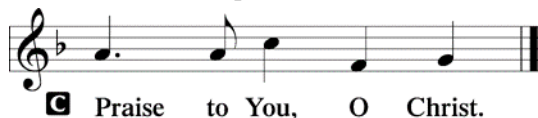
¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.



Apostles Creed *(on screen)*

Be seated

Hymn 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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Sermon

Offering / Offertory 361 vs. 1-2 Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

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Prayers

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

(each petition concludes...Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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The Sending

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Your prayer list for the week of December 28, 2025

For Disciples at Berea...

New Prayers for...

Rick Michaelis (*recovery, recent pacemaker surgery*), **Sue Ortner** (*recovery, recent stroke*)

Ongoing Prayers for...

Recovery & Healing

Terry Jesme (*healing, recent surgery*)

Health Concerns**General Strength, Healing, Comfort, Hope**

Dale Zook (*recovering, regain strength*), **Randy Lusk** (*healing*), **Lynn Schuster** (*healing and recovery - recent surgery*), **Ryan Reichow** (*strength, healing*), **Jayden Davis** (*recent cancer diagnosis*), **Syler Gaustad** (*health and support*), **Lauri Kaufman** (*transition to new treatments*), **Paul Cordes** (*ongoing health*), **Barb Lusk** (*ongoing heart condition*), **Jan Sunday** (*ongoing health*), **Darlene Lehrke** (*healing, ongoing health*), **Bob Trushenski** (*ongoing health*), **Elaine Olson** (*ongoing recovery and health*), **Ginny Banks** (*ongoing health, strength*), **Gail Amundson** (*ongoing treatments*), **Heather Falak** (*Jeff & Diane Banks daughter - cancer treatments*), **Doris Christianson** (*in hospice care*)

For Friends and Family...

New Prayers for...

Ongoing Prayers for...

Recovery, Healing, Strength, Protection

Nathan Lindquist (*Dwight & Delores' grandson – beginning chemo treatments*), **Clay Frazier** (*Adam's dad, upcoming heart surgery*), **Denise Jesme** (*Terry's SIL – recent diagnosis of lung cancer*), **Wayne Anderson** (*neighbor of Carol Lean – late stages of cancer*), **Audrey** (*Cathy Carlos' mother – in end of life care*), **Al Koesters** (*Kathleen's father - rehab and recovery*), **Delaney Anderson** (*Jack Carlos' cousin – now in PT after recent hospitalization*), **Parker Dahl** (*Eleven year old boy and an acquaintance of the Dillons - struggling, lost his mother recently*), **Donald Dohrer** (*Carol Lean's brother – ongoing health challenges*), **Diane Davis** (*former member - ongoing cancer treatments and lung issues*), **Anita Marso** (*Carol Lean's sister – healing*), **Avella** (*former Berea Child Care student – continued healing*), **Mel and Wanda Leber** (*Diane Banks parents – both diagnosed with cancer*), **Keith Gartland** (*Alexis Gartland's uncle – cancer treatments*), **Doug Gillespie** (*Friend of Jerry Gatz – cancer treatment*)

Health Concerns

Joan Kadin (*Congestive heart failure*)

Also...

Be present, we pray for our **missionaries: Chris & Michele Hickey, Josh & Ruth Wagner** and all those who witness for Christ in their daily lives.

We pray for our **Children's Care Ministry** team.

We pray for all **deployed military personnel and their families, including Hannah Bordenave, who is currently deployed**, asking God's blessings for protection and strength of spirit.

We pray for all our **elected leaders, those who seek healing of our community and those who protect us** during these challenging times.