

**December 24, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**

# Christmas Eve Family Worship

(with songs and stories for children)

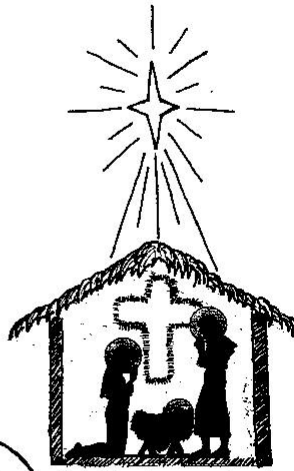
**“Away in a Manger”**  
Gods gift to mankind wrapped in his love!

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given, and  
he will be called wonderful  
counselor, mighty God,  
everlasting father, Prince  
of peace.

Isaiah 9:2-7

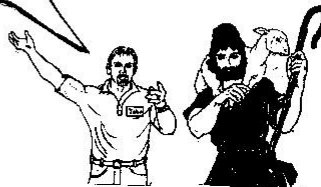
For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only  
son.

John 3:16



Look! There  
he is just as the  
angels have said.  
Thanks be to God.

Robinson  
Dec. 2009



**United Lutheran Mission Statement**

***“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him,  
to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”***

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◆ = Congregation Stands    P = Pastor    A = Assistant    C = Congregation

**PRELUDE** (a time for meditation prior to worship)

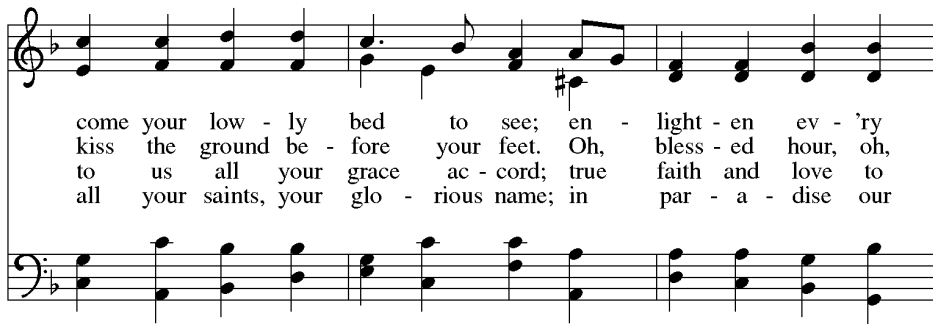
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

◆ **HYMN**

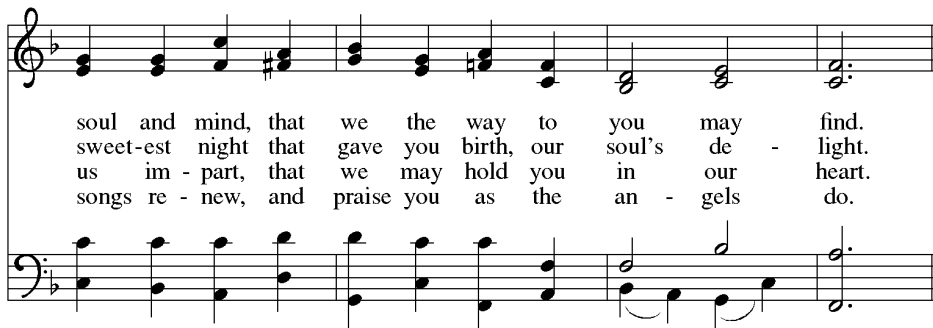
*“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”*



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and  
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and  
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and  
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry  
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,  
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to  
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.  
sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.  
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.  
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Bronson, 1694-1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845-1925, alt.  
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMA, Johann A. F. Schulz, 1747-1800

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◆ **GREETING**

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.**

◆ **KYRIE (Spoken)**

A Kyrie eleison:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison:

C **Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

◆ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



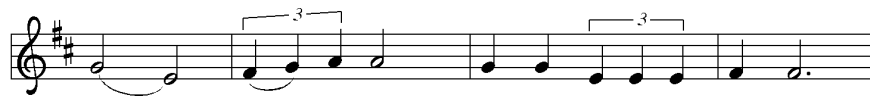
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

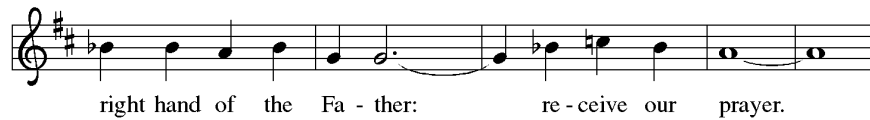


Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

◆ OPENING PRAYER

**C** Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that Jesus would be made known to us each and every day so that we could follow Him in joy and happiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Congregation may be seated)*

HYMN

*“Joy to the*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions 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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

*World”*

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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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## RESPONSIVE READING

P Who shall come in the fullness of time to gladden the hearts of men?

**C Who shall bring new joy to the world and the poor and the lonely defend?**

P Who shall come on a cold winter's night, when the world is hushed and still?

**C Only the silent stars keep watch as a promise is fulfilled.**

P Jesus is come, newly born. He has come to a stable rough with sod.

**C It is gentle Jesus, Prince of Peace, the blessed Son of God**

P We welcome him with joyful hearts, oh come, Emmanuel, come.

### *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

- 1) Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star,  
Dancing in the night,  
with a tail as big as a kite,  
with a tail as big as a kite.
- 2) Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song,  
High above the tree,  
with a voice as big as the sea,  
with a voice as big as the sea.

## SCRIPTURE

*Luke 2:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,

to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn

s o n  
a n d

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin-ing  
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
rev - `rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a

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manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Refrain*

night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional  
Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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>4</sup>‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known

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what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*(Children are invited forward)*

**STORY**

**CHILDREN'S SONG**  
*Noel*

*"The First*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.  
 Music: THREE: KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

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for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

## STORY

*(Children may return to their seats)*

*“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

- 3) Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
 Do you know what I know?  
 In your palace warm mighty king.  
 Do you know what I know?  
 A child, A child  
 Shivers in the cold;  
 Let us bring Him silver and gold,  
 Let us bring Him silver and gold.

- 4) Said the king to the people everywhere,  
 Listen to what I say!  
 Pray for peace, people every where,  
 Listen to what I say!  
 The child; The Child,

Sleeping in the night;  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.

## **SCRIPTURE**

### *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet <sup>6</sup>“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**SONG**  
*Orient Are”*

*“We Three Kings of*

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

SCRIPTURE

Mark

l:1-8

The

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

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ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in  
 t h e

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  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

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.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

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,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

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prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

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!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893  
 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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 w i l l  
 p r e a r e  
 y o u r  
 w a y ;  
<sup>3</sup> t h e  
 v o i c e  
 o f o n e  
 c r y i n g  
 o u t i n  
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wildernes:Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”, <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with\* the Holy Spirit.’

**SONG**  
*Baptist’s Cry”*

*“On Jordan’s Bank the*

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

## ◆ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each Petition will end with the Pastor saying, “Lord in your mercy”  
 The Congregation will respond by saying “Hear our Prayer”*

### OFFERING

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

P For the times when we forget about you, O God.

**C Forgive us, Lord.**

P When we are tempted to think we are self-sufficient.

**C Forgive our sin, O Lord.**

P When we pull ourselves away from life and the ones we love.

**C Heal our brokenness, O God of life.**

P When we find all hope to be gone and the future very dark.

**C Restore us with your Spirit, Creator God, and put within us a new attitude that springs from your gift of eternal life.**

### WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

P In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak his Word to you: “I am the living bread from heaven—and if you eat from me, you will never die. I am the water of life—if you drink from me you will never thirst again. I am the way, the truth, and the life—if you come to me you will have life and have it abundantly.”

**C These words of Jesus are for us and for all time. We are loved with an everlasting love. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. Our sin is forgiven. Praise God!**

### WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

sisters in P We declare ourselves to be children of God and brothers and Jesus Christ.

**C We have come to share in the table that Jesus has promised us.**

through P He took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news his dying and rising for us.

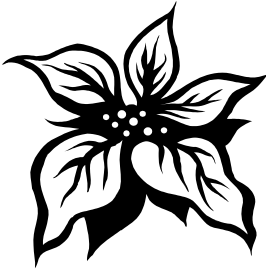
Christ with **C We are here to celebrate the Good News and the presence of us!**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P This is the Victory Feast of God.

sin, for **C This is the feast of the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for all my sin.**



**POINSETTIAS ARE PROVIDED  
BY THOSE LISTED BELOW,  
“TO THE GLORY OF GOD” . . . and  
AND AS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

<i>Mrs. Tom Novak</i>	<i>To honor my loved ones.</i>
<i>Larry &amp; Carolyn Keil</i>	<i>In honor of Grandchildren Mykala, Levi, Ben, Sam Hannah, Sarah, and Isabella &amp; John.</i>
<i>George &amp; Jo Hill</i>	<i>In memory of George’s father, Arwood Hill</i>
<i>Steve, Susan , David &amp; Stephanie Frack</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Arthur &amp; Marjorie Borchert grandparents, and Duane Frack</i>
<i>John &amp; Cindy Robinson</i>	<i>In honor of the beauty of the season and our grand children, Elena, Marisol, Mason, &amp; Mara.</i>
<i>Marlyce Benjamin</i>	<i>In memory of Don</i>
<i>Myron Neemann</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Fred &amp; Laurine Neemann</i>
<i>Harlan &amp; Adelaide Low</i>	<i>In memory of Adelaide’s parents, Harvey &amp; Erna vonSeggern</i>
<i>Harlan &amp; Adelaide Low</i>	<i>In memory of Harlan’s parents, Charlie &amp; Alpha Low</i>
<i>Bud &amp; Janice Nelsen</i>	<i>In honor of children and grandchildren</i>
<i>Ernie &amp; Debbie Thomas</i>	<i>In memory of parents, Ernie &amp; Ella Thomas, Ilene Davis and Reuben &amp; Rosella Adler</i>
<i>Randy &amp; Kathy Tichota</i>	<i>In loving memory of our parents, Jim Tichota and Robert and Darlene Bauer</i>
<i>Rich &amp; Lou Litzinger</i>	<i>In memory of our parents</i>
<i>Frank Kerkemeyer</i>	<i>In memory of Franz Kerkemeyer</i>
<i>Melody Buck</i>	<i>In honor of brother and sister-in-law, Ken &amp; Trish Buck</i>
<i>Lee Loschen</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>

<i>Ken &amp; Dee Neeman</i>	<i>In honor of our grandchildren</i>
<i>Jim Landstrom</i>	<i>In memory of Delores</i>
<i>Ron &amp; Jan Lubben</i>	<i>In memory of Andy Lubben, Dick &amp; Clara Lubben, John &amp; Cleo Epley &amp; Rick Lubben</i>
<i>Jim Malone, Shannon Hanson Ashley Hanson</i>	<i>In memory of Ava Malone</i>
<i>Lloyd &amp; Shirley Thomsen</i>	<i>In memory of Rickie Geitzenauer, Ardy Jacobsen and other loved ones.</i>
<i>Roberta Endorf</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones.</i>
<i>Kara Blobaum</i>	<i>In memory of Sue Simpson</i>
<i>Jim &amp; JoAnn Shuey</i>	<i>In memory of our parents and daughter, Dynette</i>
<i>Marv &amp; Cathy Jaques</i>	<i>In memory of Seth, Emily &amp; Robert</i>
<i>Sharon Rippe</i>	<i>In honor of my family and in memory of my parents and parents-in-law.</i>
<i>Debra Wetzel</i>	<i>In honor of my children, Michael and Sarah</i>
<i>Charmain Satree</i>	<i>loved ones, are precious and their memory is everlasting. Blessings!</i>

**Thank you to all who have contributed Poinsettias to enhance the beauty of the Sanctuary.**  
Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Day worship service

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided today, by *Paul & Luanne Schwartzkopf* to the Glory of God and to a glorious Christmas season.

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**CELEBRATING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Throughout the season of Advent, we have celebrated, as a time of preparation for the arrival of God's Son, into our hearts. During the four Sundays of Advent we have used the Advent Wreath. This wreath forms a circle. Circles have no end. Eternity is like the circle, and our life with God reflects this.

- ◆ On the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 . . . we lit the *Prophecy Candle*, which reminds us of the prophets who spoke of the coming of the Messiah.
- ◆ On the Second Sunday of Advent, December 2 . . . we lit the *Bethlehem Candle*. Micah spoke of the birth of God's Messiah 700 years before Jesus was actually born. As we lit the second candle, we were reminded that God is in control of every detail of our lives.
- ◆ On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 9 . . . we lit the *Shepherd's Candle*, which reminds us of the first witnesses who heard the **Good News**.
- ◆ On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 16 . . . we lit the *Angel's Candle*, which symbolizes the messengers of God, who came from heaven to announce the birth of our Lord and Savior.
- ◆ On this day, a fifth candle is lit. This candle, placed in the center of the circle, is the *Christ Candle*. It tells us that the One who is the light of our darkness has been born. We celebrate that light today, by sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.