

Northland Lutheran Church LCMC

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SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

Purpose Statement: "To worship God, spread His Word, witness for Christ, welcome all, serve them and grow the community of believers through the power of the Holy Spirit."

TODAY AT WORSHIP

Projector: Craig Anderson
NO Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
4th Sunday in Advent

Wednesday, December 25th
NO Confirmation

Thursday, December 26th
AA Meeting 7:00 PM.

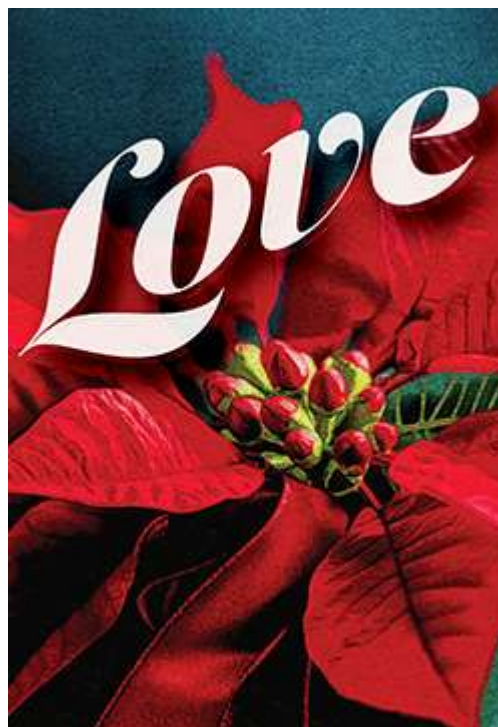
NEXT SUNDAY, December 29th

Projector: Kevin Dahle
NO Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

**Pointsetta's in memory of loved ones
from:**

Betty Gunderson Daniele Oligney
Roger & Pat Olson Bill & Barb Lashua
Sally Van Epre Pat Melum
Diana Anderson Amber Olson

**We need volunteers to assist Pastor
with Scripture reading. Sign up sheet is
in the Narthex**



Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00PM
Christmas Day Service @ 10:00AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE

For Information regarding church rental, weddings, baptisms, membership or to have an announcement put in the newsletter or bulletin please contact the office at 715-445-2956 or northlandchurch@hotmail.com. You can contact Pastor William Stukenberg @ 262-441-0513 Parish Secretary Dianne E. at 715-677-4683 or Pam D. at 715-412-0136

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Opening Hymn

O Come all ye Faithful
#45 Green Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Reading – LOVE

Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 33

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Pastor: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

People: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
(Printed)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 16: 1-6

To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.² All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.³ Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.⁴ The LORD works out everything to its proper end— even the wicked for a day of disaster.

⁵ The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.⁶ Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.

Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel

John 3: 11-18

Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of

heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.^[g] ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,^[f] ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”^[g] ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

Hymn

What Child is This
#40 Green Hymnal

Message

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was

crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Please respond with: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that our ever-faithful and all-powerful God would give us grateful hearts that His Son has come in the flesh to save us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For proper fear and love of the Lord, that the mighty God who has exalted us to be His children would preserve us by His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For congregations where numbers are small and resources scarce, that God, who

raised up the King of all from little Bethlehem, would provide for their needs also and remind them that the same King dwells among them in His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For women unable to conceive or who suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, that God would be their rock against despair, provide them with consolation and purpose in Christ, and restore them to exult in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our leaders, that Christ Jesus, who shepherds His flock to the ends of the earth, would grant them wisdom, courage and integrity let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the nations of the world, especially those involved in war, that they may have peace and that we may dwell secure, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind or body, that Christ, our Immanuel, would be with them in their trials and grant health and healing in accord with His perfect will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly the King of the nations. He who formed us of clay took on our human nature that He might save us. He came to His own and was rejected by them, yet You established Him as the true cornerstone, tested and precious, that whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His coming in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the

Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: Our Father who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Closing Hymn

The Lord's Prayer
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