

# Northland Lutheran Church LCMC

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**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
Communion  
Men's Ministry

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

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Confirmation  
6:30-7:45 PM**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025**

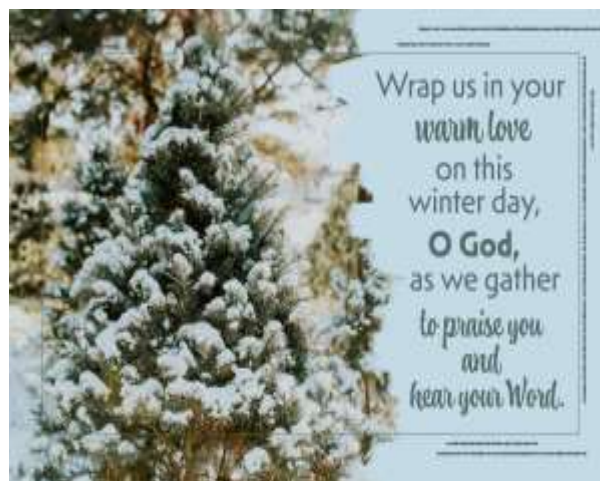
AA Meeting 7:00 PM.

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 12**

Projector: Bruce Mitchell  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Monday January 13  
Town of Harrison  
6:30 PM**

**January 14, 2025  
Annual Meeting reports Due**



**January 19, 2025  
Annual Meeting**

**Please plan on staying. We need to have a Quorum to vote on items.**

**Chili Lunch Provided**

## 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

### Be thou my Vision

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call to Worship ...Taken from Psalm 16

**Pastor:** I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**People:** LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

**Pastor:** I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**People:** I will keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**All:** You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### Hymn of Praise

### More Precious than Silver

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Proverbs 1: 1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup> for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; <sup>3</sup> for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

<sup>4</sup> for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—<sup>5</sup> let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—<sup>6</sup> for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. <sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### Hebrews 1: 1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

## Gospel

### Mark 4: 1-20

Again, Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It

sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

<sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,

“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,

and ever hearing but never understanding;  
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!””

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word. <sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of

wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

## Hymn

## Remembrance

## Message

## Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## OFFERING OFFERTORY

## Prayers for the church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For humble and grateful hearts enlightened by the Gospel, that we would always bow down and worship the King and willingly offer Him the most precious gifts we have to give, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the Church, that God's people may be united under God's holy Word, live in harmony and peace, and labor together to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders, that they may serve honorably; for pastors and missionaries, that they may proclaim the saving truth of God's Word without fear; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, that God would endow them with justice and fill them with wisdom, compassion and care; and that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nation of Israel, that you would give her leaders direction according to Your perfect will and that you would bring the nation the peace promised that can only be found through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who need the comfort of the Lord's presence, healing according to His will, relief of suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, that You would sustain the weary with Your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with

peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Preparing for Communion**

### **Confession and Affirmation of forgiveness**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your

ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by the authority of His Word, I affirm the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen

## **Words of Institution**

### **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

**Communion** distribution (intinction)

## **BENEDICTION**

### **Closing Hymn**

### **The River is Here**

Thank you, Northland brothers and sisters in Christ, for your generous outpouring of LOVE! Our neighbors, friends, and family members residing at The Living Oaks and Willows will be enjoying your kindness this Christmas and into the New Year. They'll receive the 117 gifts of pj's, slippers, socks, towels, t shirts, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, cotton shirts, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, coloring books, shower gel, bubble bath, body lotion, soaking salts and bath sponges. Your love and caring will certainly be felt by all!

Again, thank you for being so kind in sharing love and joy.

Your sister in Christ,  
Kathy Q