

# Northland Lutheran Church LCMC

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## **Sunday, December 21, 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**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Projector: Carl Thompson**

No AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship

**4th Sunday of Advent**

There are seats open on our council. If interested, please contact Carl Thompson, Jessie Glodowski or Dianne Erickson.



**Wednesday, December 24th, 2025**

**NO Confirmation**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Projector: Dale Thompson**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight**

**Service @ 4:00 PM**

**Communion (Intinction)**

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Projector: Kevin Dahle**

**Christmas Day**

**Service @ 10:00 AM**

**Communion at the Rail**

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**AA Meeting @ 7 PM**

**Poinsettias in memory of Loved Ones  
from**

**Sally Van Epern**

**Bill & Christy Hahn**

**Daniele Oligney**

**Pat Melum**

**Russ & Elaine Wojciechowski**

**Fischer Family**

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 28th, 2025**

**Projector: Craig Anderson**

**NO Sunday School**

**10:00 AM Worship**

**Annual meeting reports due to the office  
by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Please email your reports**

### **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

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## **Opening Hymn**

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
#184 HFG**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4th Sunday of Advent Reading: Love**

**Call to Worship** Taken from Psalm 5

**Pastor:** Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
consider my groaning.

**People:** O LORD, in the morning you hear  
my voice; in the morning I prepare a  
sacrifice for you and watch.

**Pastor:** I, through the abundance of your  
steadfast love, will enter your house. I  
will bow down toward your holy temple  
in the fear of you.

**People:** Let all who take refuge in  
you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread your protection over them, that  
those who love your name may exult in you.

**Children's sermon with Miss Sally**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Hymn of Praise**

**I cannot Tell  
#210 HFG**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Deuteronomy 7: 6-13**

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in

number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup> and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup> You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. <sup>12</sup> “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. <sup>13</sup> He will love you, bless you, and multiply you.

## **1 Corinthians 13: 1-3**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,<sup>[a]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all

things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends.

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 5: 43-48**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## **Hymn**

### **In the Bleak Midwinter (Printed)**

## **MESSAGE**

## **Prayer**

## **Nicene Creed**

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 pastors, that they may faithfully preach and teach the Gospel; for the hearts of young people to be opened to hear and heed the Lord’s call to His ministry; and for all church workers in their various vocations, that they may serve us well in God’s name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For fathers, that like Joseph, they may be honorable and just men; that God would give them wisdom, patience, pride of duty and, above all, faith and loyalty to His Word; and that, knowing the heavenly Father’s true Guardianship, they may head

their households with godly forbearance, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer** For our nation and its rulers, that the Lord would bear patiently with this land despite its sin and unbelief; that God would clear away all empty shows of piety; and that He would renew genuine faith in the God's only begotten Son, that His return may not be a sign against us, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For healing for the sick, relief to the suffering, peace to the dying and comfort to those who mourn, that they would be sustained in all adversity and given patience and courage as they await the unfolding of the Lord's healing grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. By His coming in the flesh and by His blessed Word, enlighten our hearts with the Gospel, enlighten the hearts of those who sit in the darkness of unbelief with the light of saving faith, and enlighten those who dwell in the shadow of death with the certain hope of the resurrection through Him. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His coming in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His coming ; in glory at the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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**

**Go tell it on the Mountain  
#205 HFG**

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### **In the Bleak Midwinter**

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor  
earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he  
comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place  
sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered  
there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

