



**Second Sunday in Advent  
Holy Communion  
December 7, 2025: 9:30 a.m.**

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

# GATHERING

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP:** "Revival" Robin Mark

*The congregation may stand as able.*

**GATHERING TIME:** "Emmanuel" Steve Angrisano

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

**C: let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

## CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v. 1

ELW 240



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 11:1-10

L: A reading from Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

**GOSPEL WELCOME:** "African Alleluia" John Ylvisaker

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON:**

"The Fourth Commandment"

Pastor David Fleener

**SERMON** “Spiritual Housecleaning”

Pastor David Fleener

*The congregation may stand.*

**SONG OF THE DAY:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vv. 1-4 *ELW* 257

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**C: Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION MOMENT & OFFERING** *Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.*



### **MUSICAL OFFERING:**

"Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel" Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

*The congregation may stand.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.

**C: Amen.**

<b>MEAL</b>
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### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

P: Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

*The congregation may be seated*

**LAMB OF GOD:** "Lamb of God" McKinney

**COMMUNION SONG:** "All Who Are Thirsty" Brenton Brown

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION:**

**SENDING SONG:** "Blessed Be Your Name" Matt Redman

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of December 7, 2025

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also contact Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at [pastor@shalomlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@shalomlutheran.org).

**COMMUNION:** Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. We trust Jesus when he says that it is his body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive communion today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. There will be a basket for used cups. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

**HOSPITALITY** servers for Dec 14 are Joann Garland, Pam McCormick, Randy & Leann Hoffbeck.

**JOIN US FOR CAROLING** on December 14th at Edgewood, at 2 p.m.

**SIGN UP SHEET:** There is a sign up sheet in the Community Room for meals for the Advent services. There are two Wednesdays left. You can set up, serve, or clean up.

**BOOK WORM CLUB** have their Holiday Luncheon on Monday December 8th at 11:30 am at Travelers Inn.

**CONFIRMATION** does not meet, but Shalom youth are to attend worship services on Wednesday evenings during Advent.

**FLOWERS** Envelopes are available in the narthex to donate to the flower fund for Poinsettias until December 21.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Family of \*Phyllis Strand, \*John & Carrie Carlberg, \*Bob Hildebrandt, \*Dave & Mary Owen, \*Gerry Kingsburg, Bill Malvin (Dave Malvin's Father), \*Delores Martin, \*Evie Raguse, \*Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, \*Jeanette Priebe, \*Bonnie Anderson, \*Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), \*Skeeter Kingsburg, Ben DeLong (brother of Chrissy Oachs) Rod Miller (Geri's Brother). *\*Shalom member*

<b>Jan/25—Oct/25 Activity</b>
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<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Surpl/(Deficit)</u>	
\$ 53,466	\$ 65,875	\$ (12,409)	Building Fund
\$ 204,698	\$ 225,538	\$ (20,840)	General Fund

The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved with a budget of Offerings equal to the congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$106,226.

# Shared Ministry

## Shared Ministry

12-07-25

12-14-25

Acolyte	Mara Malvin	Caedyn Whipkey
Assisting Minister	Nola Smith	Deb Kramer
Communion Assist	Carol Hedlund	Amber Whipkey
Communion Assist	Angie Erickson	Amy Klimek
Greeters	Linda Fenelon	Renae Hills
Greeters	Connie Facciotto	Rachel Buse
Lector	Tam Bukowski	Joann Garland
Musicians	SOS Band	
Proclaim/FB Live	CJ/Kim/Julie	CJ/Kim/Julie
Ushers	Fritz Bukowski	Lona Neubarth
Ushers	Sherri Endreson	Craig Neubarth
Counters	Renae Hills	Vic Dale
Counters	Al Anderson	Renae Hills

## THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

<b>Sunday</b>	12-07	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH
<b>Monday</b>	12-08	6:00 pm	Garden Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	12-09	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Dartball Outreach & Caring Y/Ed Property Runestone Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	12-10	5:15 pm 6:30 am	Meal Advent Service
<b>Thursday</b>	12-11	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Quilting Bible Study Altar Guild Worship Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	12-14	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship in-person or online Hospitality Radio Ministry