

**December 28, 2025**  
**Oak Lake Lutheran Church**  
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**AS WE GATHER:** We are happy that you are worshiping with us today.  
Today's worship service is being led by Hila Dipman.

L: Leader C: Congregation \*Please stand as you are able

### **Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**Way Back** **Hila Dipman**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

#### **\*The Call to Worship**

L: Advent is Latin for coming. It's been a time of expectant waiting, like a child waiting for their birthday. Henri Nouwen says, "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.

L: Let us pray together: **"Lord, in this holy time of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little child. We behold his glory and are bathed in its radiance. Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you, shepherd, innkeepers, wise (wo)men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen"**

\*Gathering Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers **LBW, Pg 25**

#### **\*We Hear from God's Word\***

First Lesson	Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalms page 288 LBW	Psalms 148
Second Lesson	Hebrews 2:10-18
*Holy Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23

**Advent is Coming: A reading** **Hila**

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**HYMN OF RESPONSE: What Wondrous Love is This?** **LBW, Pg 385**

#### **"A Parable"**

**"Into the Darkest Hour" by Madeleine L'Engle**

**Hymn: "We Three Kings"** **WOV, Pg 646**  
**Presentation of the Three Wise Ones**

**Devotion: "After Christmas, then what?"**

**Carol Choices**

## OFFERING

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** C. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

\*Sending Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

LBW Pg 70

## \*Benediction

L: When the song of the angel is stilled  
C: **When the star in the sky is gone**  
L: When the kings and princes are home  
C: **When the shepherds are back with their flock**  
L: The work of Christmas begins:  
C: **To find the lost; To heal the broken**  
L: **To feed the hungry: To release the prisoner**  
C: **To rebuild the nations; To bring peace among brothers and sisters**  
All: **To make music in the heart.** Howard Thurman

## --ANNOUNCEMENTS--

We welcome all to worship today. Please join us after the service for conversation and our monthly potluck. We always have plenty to share! Members, especially, greet our visitors and invite them to your table.

Newsletters please check your email for the January 2026 copy. Printed newsletters are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please take one to a neighbor who is unable to attend services.

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