

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by his goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. **C: Amen.**

***Blessing**

Pastor: The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirits, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:**

The First Noel

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***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich
Emma Rosman Beni Krisko
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This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

January 5—Help is needed to take the decorations down after service. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

January 6—Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

January 12—Please have all annual reports to Karen Pohopin for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please place them in her mailbox in the back of the church. Thank You.

January 19—Annual Congregational Meeting.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2025
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune..

Altar flowers are in memory of Frank Pohopin and Wayne and Roseann Chappell by Rock and Kim.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting II

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence us kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: God with us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace, turns us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. **Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, + forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

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*Prayer of the Day: Pastor: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Verse

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*Holy Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

C: Glory to you O Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

*Passing of Peace **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

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*Offertory

"Let the Vineyards"

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: God of heaven and earth. From the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to recall of your salvation from day to day. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus

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*When our congregation gathered for worship on Sunday morning, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Gathered at the Lord's table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that "In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; is my body given to for you. Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.

*The Lord's Prayer

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*Invitation to Communion:

Pastor: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

*Agnes Dei

"Lamb of God"

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As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

"The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'

After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'

Distribution

Communion Hymn:

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

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*Post Communion Blessing