

***Post Communion Blessing** p. 72

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **C: Amen.**

***The Benediction**

Pastor: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, +bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:** **It Came upon the Midnight Clear** **LBW 54**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest!
C: And peace to God’s people on earth!
Pastor: Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Dave Lamar Carolyn Pinos Emma Rosman
Cheryl Sherbine Keith Sherbine

Today, Jack Seymour, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

Sunday School will resume next Sunday, following church service.

Christmas decorations will be taken today. Social hour to follow. Thank you all for your help.

Next social hour will be following church on Sunday, February 1. If you would like to bring something, please sign up on the sheet posted on the door in the Narthex. Thank you.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday, January 5th, at 6:30 pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting, January 18, 2026.

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

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Worship Sunday at 9:00 am

First Sunday of Christmas January 4, 2026



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.

Within the gospel reading’s profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God’s grace and truth..

Setting I

Prelude

***Announcements:**

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

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

Pastor: God's grace upon grace flows over you. +Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!. **Amen.**

***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.**

***Hymn of Praise: This is the feast ...** **p. 60**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20

L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God
(Read Responsively)

***The Verse** p. 62

C: Praise to you O Christ

***Hymn of the Day** **Of the Father's Love Begotten** **LWB 42**

***Nicene Creed** p. 64

Pastor: Hear us, O God **C:** Your mercy is great.

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

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; 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 to 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 of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the 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 Sung to "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

***Invitation to Communion:**

Pastor: God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

Distribution by Intinction

Communion Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly LBW 44