



December 24th, 2025 Christmas Eve

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Poinsettias given in memory and in honor of:

Sarah Meissner by Ray & Randi Anstine family, Marti Meissner; Laura Schroeder, Brogan Thoms Wilson, Larry Athens, and Joan Kroepel by Eric & Julie Athens; Ramonda & Sonny Athens, Cindy Athens, and Abby Penning by Eric & Julie Athens; Mel Baack and Our Parents by Dianne Baack; Steve Bates by Phyl Bates; Lee & Lorena Becker by Jay & Kim Becker; Don & Deloris Bohlken by Dean & Leann Bohlken; E. Duane Lassen and Ervin & Sadie Lassen by Ron & Twila Borchers; In honor of Kylee Britt & Will Roder, deployed military by Britt family; James Brownmiller by Joyce & family; Robert & Evelyn Dirks by Doug & Karen Carlsen; James & Verna Carlsen by Doug & Karen Carlsen; Christopher & Ron Mortensen and Shawn Cook by Dale Cook family; Marilyn Cook by Dale Cook; Glenda Haverhals by Dale Cook family; Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Heimgartner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Cronin, and Ron Cronin by Jo Ellen Cronin family; Ryan Nagy by Karon Dorr; Merle Wilken by Jean Wilken and families; Brooke (Simmons) Goodwin, and Matt Simmons, (Marissa's Siblings) by Graham, Marissa, Jarett and Lauren Forbes; Loved Ones by Ken & Ginny Freyermuth; Loren Fuller by Mary Fuller, Darin & Kandy Fuller, Ryan Fuller and Tammy Stephens family; Glenn D. Hamann by Phyllis Hamann family; Loved Ones by Karla Hansen; William & Lillian Berkenpas by Gary & Judy Berkenpas & Bonnie Harms; Lanny Harms by Bonnie & family; Dave & Jason Heeren by Jean Heeren; Our Parents: Louis & Alice Heeren, Ernest & Genevieve Oehlerking by Mel & Donna Heeren; Arlan Heeren by Rose Heeren family; Dr. Leslie Hemmingson by Iris Hemmingson; Ronald & Helen Utesch by Iris Hemmingson; Pat Holton by Karol Holton family; in honor and gratitude of Veterans and Active Military by Karol Holton family; My Parents and Sister by Julie Hulstein; Richard & Anna Jones, Vernon & Marjorie Loutsch by Robert & Diane Jones; Oliver Scott Kellen by Codie, Emily, Norah, Ellie, Kurt, Brittany, Haisley, Glenn & Connie Kellen, Katie, Chris, Colten, Caleb, Kayla and Kali Gerloff; Marvin & Ethel Renken, and Alex Renken by their family; Loved Ones by Keith & Kristin Koerselman; Steve Kolker by Janet Kolker; Don & Babe Kolker and Hank & Bette Van Waart by Janet Kolker; Marlo Ebel, and Don & LaVonne Kommes by Scott & Paula Kommes; In honor of Jaime Koopman, deployed husband and father by his family; Lee Kramer by Diane Kramer family; Bettie Erickson by Diane Kramer family; Elmer Kruse, Leila Kruse & Maxine Salmon by Bruce & Melanie Kruse; Our Loved Ones who have gone before us by Brad & Bev Kuiken; Loved Ones by Rod & Sandy LaBahn; Todd Lancaster by Roma Lancaster; Samantha Hawkins by Roma Lancaster; Dave Hawkins by Roma Lancaster; Bonnie Klein and Tammy Popken by Roma Lancaster; Bob & Lois Lancaster by Roma Lancaster; Shaun & Lindsey Hayden by Zach & Michelle Lancaster; Norm Lang by Shirley Lang family; Estill Lang by Estill Lang family; Barney & Merlin (Beloved Pets) by Caroline Larson; Clifford & Virginia Clayton by Natasha Mairose and Carol & Dave Mairose; Merrill McNaughton by Shirley McNaughton family; Fred & Regina Borchers by Shirley McNaughton family; Genevieve & Bernard Grau, Dick & Mary Ann Miller, and Dennis Miller by Rich & Muriel Miller; Donnie Muecke, Ben, Bernice, Doug, and Larry by Marylyn Muecke family; Jerry Nelson by Jerry Nelson family; Melvin & Lois Nielsen and Gerald & Martha Nielsen by Norman & Elvira Nielsen; Walter, Alma, Wendall, Arlene, Darwyn, and Ronald Klemme by Norman & Elvira Nielsen; Our Parents: Eugene & Marian Guenther, and Lawrence & Shirley Oetken by Neal & Sheryl Oetken; In honor of Our Parents by Kent & Terri Pauling; Abby Penning by Lowell & Pat Penning; Tom Peterson by his family; Brenda Rose by Denny & Marilyn Plueger, and Katie & Gavin Detloff; Charles & Freida Plueger, and Dale & Rachel Yungeberg by Dennis & Marilyn Plueger; Garry & Jan Rachuy by the Rachuy family; John's Parents, Sister, and Lorene's Parents by John & Lorene Rexwinkel; Henry Rieken by Mary Rieken, Scott and Rich's families; Ted & Marjorie Hoffman, and Ron Roder by Jeff & Mary Roder family; Vince Roeser by Joyce Roeser; Leslie & Ramona Pecks by Dr. Monte & Ellen Russell; Pete & Irma Schietzelt, and Eddie & Reaka Baack by Dick & Jan Schietzelt; Adam Burns by Adam, Amy, Kynlee, Rylann and Aynslee Schmidt; Don & Emma Schmidt by their daughters; Jim & Ardythe Schultz by Doug & Julie Schultz; Lowell & Vivian Klemme by Doug & Julie Schultz; Harry & Lorraine Brunkhorst and Donald G. Schultz by Patricia Schultz family; Lowell Schulz, and Becky Asseln by Fern Schulz; Violet, Kenneth, and Pam Heien by Judy Schulz; Doug, Melvin & Virginia Schulz by Judy Schulz; Betty Schulz, and Terri Meyer by LeRoy Schulz; Loved Ones by Rod & Rhonda Tammen; Mike Tyler by Pam Tyler; Jake & Verna Van Oort by Kyle & Kari Van Oort; Albert & Elda Wiener, Ernie, Tom, Randy, James, Mike, Carmen, Glenda, Darrell Wiener, and Don Muecke by Janet, LaVonne, Lee, Arlene Wiener, and Marylyn Muecke; Rita Zinnel, Joe & Philomena Steffensmeier and Harold & Helen Zinnel by Todd Zinnel.

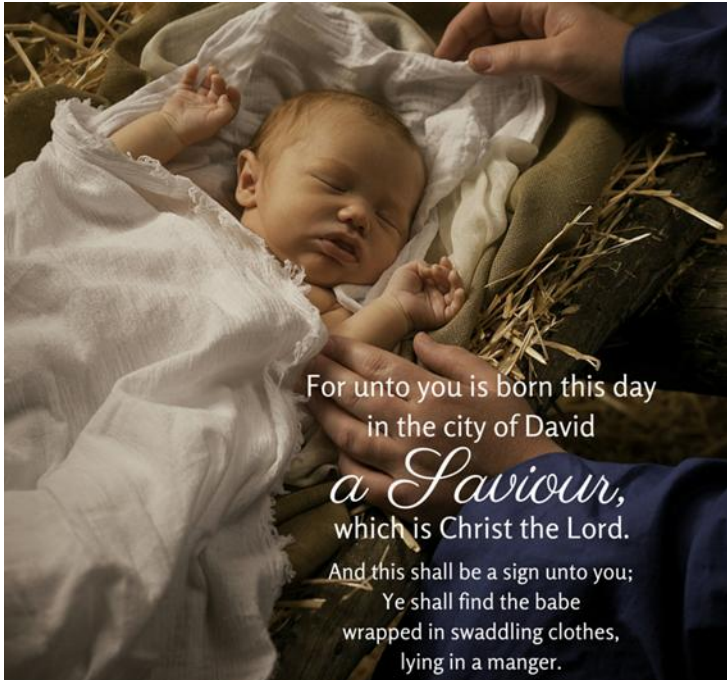
Remember These People in Prayer: Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Hallie Bunkers, Grace Galles, Brielle Schorg, Nash, Kent W., and Diane K.; **Ongoing Prayers:** Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Norm Nielsen, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Kathryn, Jen, and Kathy; **Deployed:** Jaime Koopman, Kylie Britt, Blake Erdmann, Brent Jarvis, Mitch Lang

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Sympathies to the family of Harry Kibler, who passed away Dec. 21st. This is the brother-in-law of Julie Hulstein.

		Wed Dec 24	Thurs Dec 25	Fri Dec 26	Sat Dec 27	Sun Dec 28
<div>Poinsettias may be taken home after the 8 pm service.</div> <div></div>		Office Closes at noon 1 pm Contemporary Christmas Service 3, 5, 8 pm Traditional Christmas Services 7:30 pm Brass Prelude	9:30 am Christmas Day Worship	Building Closed		Noisy Offering 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Fellowship Hour

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First Reading: : Titus 2:11-14 ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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

Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 96

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Second Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors

rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Gospel: John 1:1-14 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.