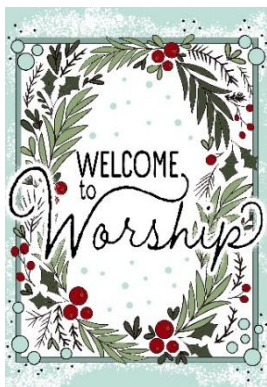


ONE
Night, ONE
Star,
ONE
Child



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve 2025 Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m.



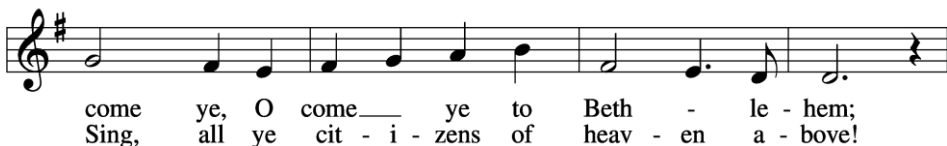
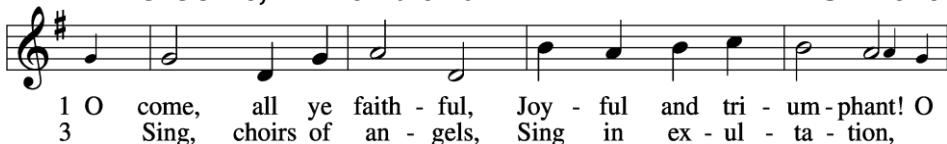
WELCOME VISITORS: *We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.*

We welcome our
Guest Musician John Uttech
on the Trumpet at Faith

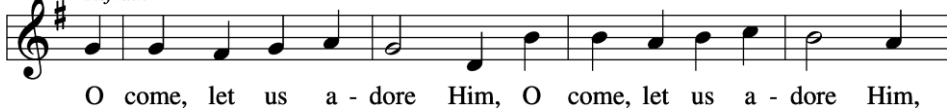
RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LSB #379



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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

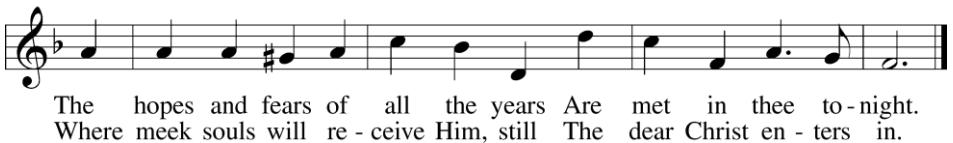
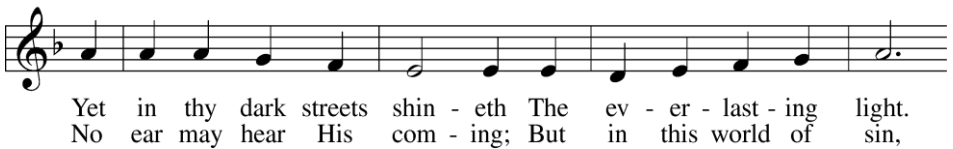
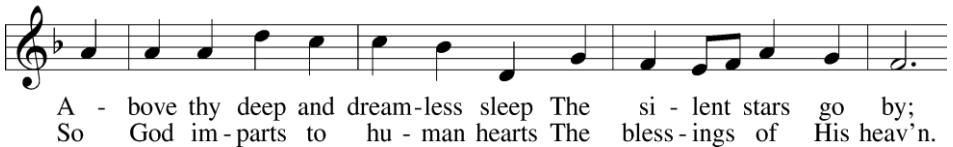
Pastor: Unto Us A Child Is Born! Unto to us a Son is Given!

People: He is Christ The Lord!

Pastor: Come let us Adore Him!

People: Christ Our Savior Is Born!

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LSB #361



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Pastor: No ear may hear His coming,

People: but in this world of sin,

Pastor: Where meek souls will receive Him still,

People: The dear Christ enters in.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

[P]: On this holy night, we gather as the shepherds did on the night that Christ was born, in both silent awe and joyous praise of our great God, the Maker of heaven and earth. As we consider the birth of our Savior, we recognize our great need for Him. We confess before God and one another that we are by our very nature sinful and unclean. We examine our lives according to the perfect Law of God, and recognize

our many failings against God and one another. Indeed, we sin and we all fall short of the glory of God. In humble adoration, we bow before Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, who was sent to be our substitute, sacrifice, and the atonement for all our sins, as well as the sins of the whole world. Let us silently and privately confess our sins unto God our Savior.

*A moment for silent and private confession
and personal reflection*

C **God, forgive me, a sinner...**
(singing)

4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice! Because of the wonders of His love, God, through His Son Jesus Christ, has paid the full price for all your sins. Your sins are entirely forgiven and washed away by Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. By grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, God gives you the greatest gift of eternal life.

C Amen! Precious Jesus, You were conceived for me. You were born in a manger for me. You grew up for me. You suffered and endured so much for me. You died for me, even on a cross. You overcame sin, death, and the devil for me. Thank You for Your great sacrifice. Thank You for Your great love for me. Thank You for the greatest gift of the forgiveness of all my sins and the gift of eternal life. There is now no condemnation for me. Because You, Almighty God, remember my sins no more. Now dear Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend, please work so mightily in me to produce real fruit in keeping with real and daily repentance. Amen!

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Joy to the World"*

LSB #387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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THE COLLECT PRAYER

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with you, His servant.
P Let us pray.
C Almighty God, in our joyful remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, grant us to

receive Him so faithfully as our Redeemer, that we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

✠ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ✠

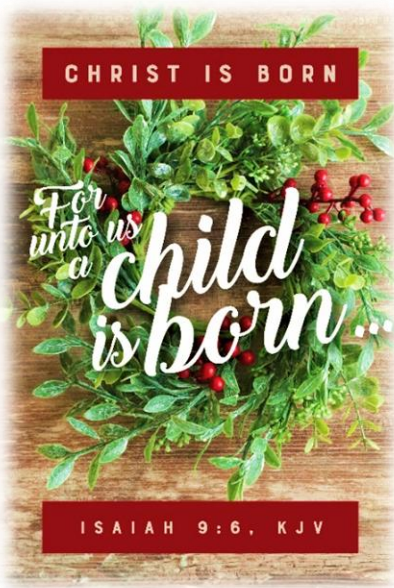
- P** “I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.”
- C** “I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.” *Psalm 119:15-16*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2-7 ESV

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on

the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



- P** “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,
- C** “**but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.**”
(1 Thess. 2:13)

MUSICAL SELECTION

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices” (Faith only)

Misty Vogel and Melvin Kuehn (St. John’s only)

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And

he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.



"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;"

Colossians 1:19 KJV

HYMN "What Child Is This"

LSB #370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Unto Us
a Child is Born



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-20 KJV

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this shall be a sign

unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it,

they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



- P** “a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!”
- C** “But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28)



SERMON HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB #380



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin’s womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, “Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!”
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im-man-u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry to the new-born King!”

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✠ SERMON ✠

**✠ AS THE WISEMEN DID, SO TOO WE BRING OUR
FINEST TREASURES TO THE SON OF GOD ✠**

MUSICAL SELECTION (*Faith Only*)
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

✠ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ✠

✠ 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.



❖ LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ❖

The Pastor will pass the flame from the Christ Candle to the ushers, who will distribute it down the center aisle to the congregation. Pass the flame to the person next to you, tipping only the unlit candles.

Service will continue when all candles have been lit.

❖ CHRISTMAS HYMN MEDLEY ❖

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

LSB #366

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”
The world in sol-ern still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.

"Away in a Manger"

LSB #364

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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"Angels We Have Heard on High"

LSB #368

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

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“The First Noël”

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that
was so deep. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may; Re -
mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas Day, To
save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray. O
ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

LSB #363

(Choir sings opening selection in German)

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
peace, Sleep in the heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

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*(Please continue to hum the tune
of Silent Night while the Benediction is given.)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up
His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C *(singing)*

“Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”

P Go forth in peace and serve the Lord!

C **Amen!**



Congregation Sings:

**We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry hristmas,
And a Happy New Year!**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas, and a blessed New Year.**

**We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!**

*Candles may now be extinguished.
We ask that you please keep your candle upright
to avoid dripping wax on the floor or yourself.
Ushers will dismiss the congregation by row.*





Poinsettias

Special thanks to all who supported the Poinsettia Fund to help decorate the Faith sanctuary and narthex for the Advent and Christmas season.

- † In memory of Otto and Selma Porath from the Mark Porath family
- † In memory of Lydia Goetsch from James Goetsch
- † In memory of James Schlueter from Judy Schlueter
- † In memory of Diane Calmes Ostrowski and Geneva Calmes from Joe Clmes and Gayle Klotzbuecher
- † In memory of Harold Rusch from Joyce Rusch
- † In memory of Lloyd and Doris Grueneberg and Leonard and Lavine Woller, and in honor of Lillie and Steven's engagement and upcoming wedding from the Leon Bartelt family
- † In memory of Bruce and Judy Schield with love from daughter Sarah and Matt Thomas, Ben, Madison, Nate and Owen
- † In honor of Mary Bolder and her friend Karen Love from Dale and Linda Janisch
- † In memory of Cindy Luedtke from Tim and Vickie Bartelt
- † In memory of Bruce Hein from Carol Hein
- † In memory of Norman and Mabel Marquardt from children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
- † In memory of Cindy Salzman from Sherrie White
- † In thankfulness for the blessings of the season from Chris and Debbie Stogbauer
- † In honor of the Newborn King, several gifts from anonymous givers



the joy of



giving

***Thank you** to everyone that purchased items for Pine Crest residents and **Thank You** to Barry & Cindy Krenz delivering the gifts to Pine Crest.*

*Faith's Angel Tree blessed 24 children plus one mom. These people will have a lot brighter Christmas thanks to our generous congregation! Again **thank you** to Barry & Cindy for delivering those gifts to Thomas Jefferson Elementary in Wausau.*

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FROM THE YOUTH GROUP to all who purchased boxes of fruit from their 2025 Fruit Sale. The proceeds will be used for our Youth Events planned in 2026.

THANK YOU FROM THE LOVES! *On behalf of Kim and I, we would like to deeply thank you all for your kind, thoughtful, and generous gifts. They brought joy and comfort, and are dearly appreciated. As the Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 1:3-6 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*