

December 14, 2025

**Prelude & Announcements**  
**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vv 1,5 ELW 257

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'ly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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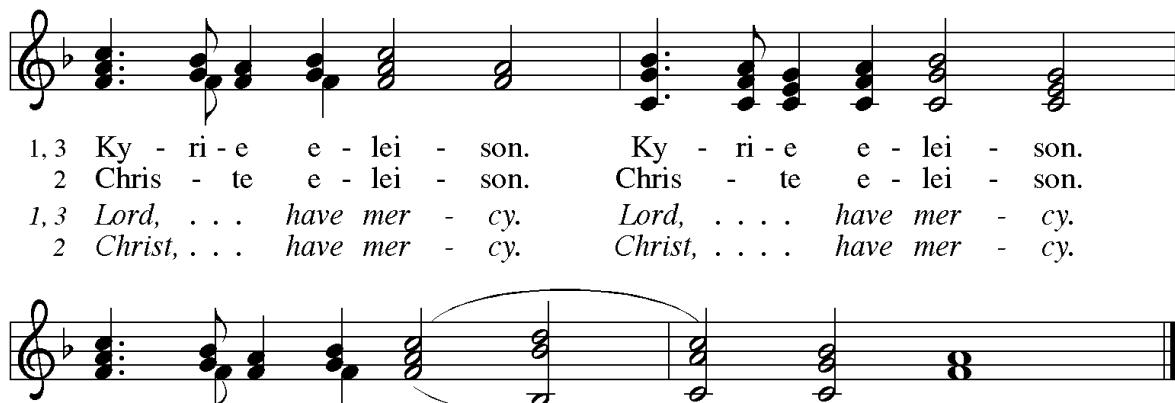
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## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

### Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

For jealousies that divide families and nations,  
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,  
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Let Us Enter In



1 Let us enter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
2 Let us enter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us enter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us enter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us enter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us enter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us enter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us enter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us enter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing - Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de -feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of restoration, Save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. **Amen**

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Handbells

### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
    come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread  
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

After the reading concludes:  
Word of God, word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

name. (hm)

*The gospel is announced.*  
The holy gospel according to John the 4th chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL John 4:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR AARON D. WERNER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY DAY Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming vv 1,2,4 ELW 272**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Matthes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition the congregation responds: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

## To You All Hearts Are Open

To you all hearts are open, to you all desires known. To you there are no secrets, almighty God; we come to you.

*Last time*

(Prayers of intercession continue)

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

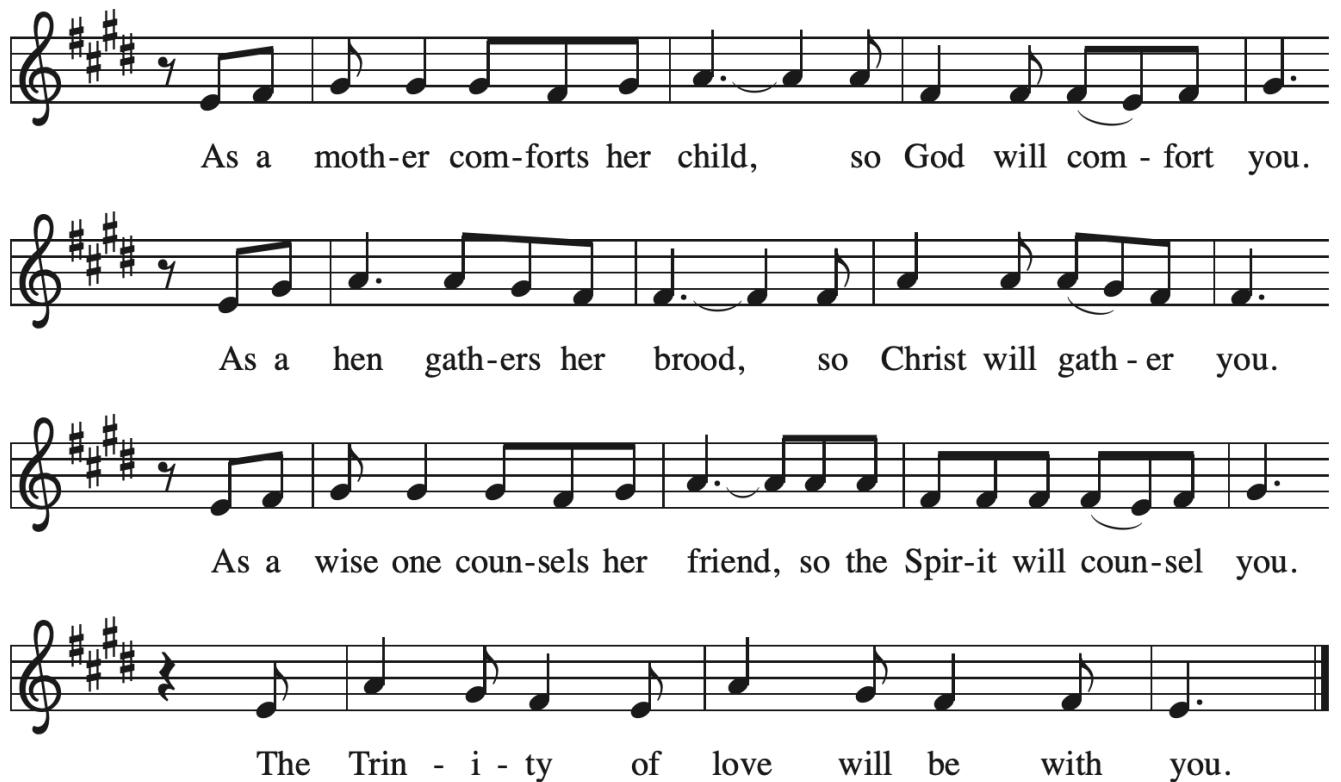
*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

## OFFERING SONG

## As a Mother Comforts Her Child



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God,  
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,  
that we may rejoice and be for the world  
signs of your kingdom come.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

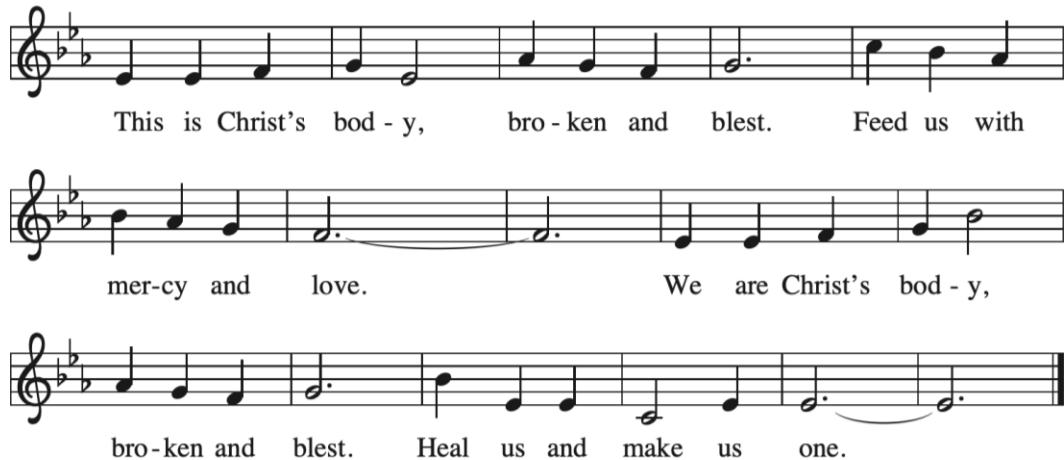
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you. Those of you communion at home, please join us.

### Communion Hymn

#### This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with  
mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

## FAMILY OF COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the side aisle and remain standing as you gather around the altar railing. When everyone has gathered at the railing, you may kneel or remain standing. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the center aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar railing.*

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

vv 1,4

### The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur-dened free;  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.



to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.  
and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host,  
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,  
welcome the stranger,  
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Leader  
C

G C F C

God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun -sels guide, up - hold you,  
G C F G C

with a shep -herd's care en - fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.

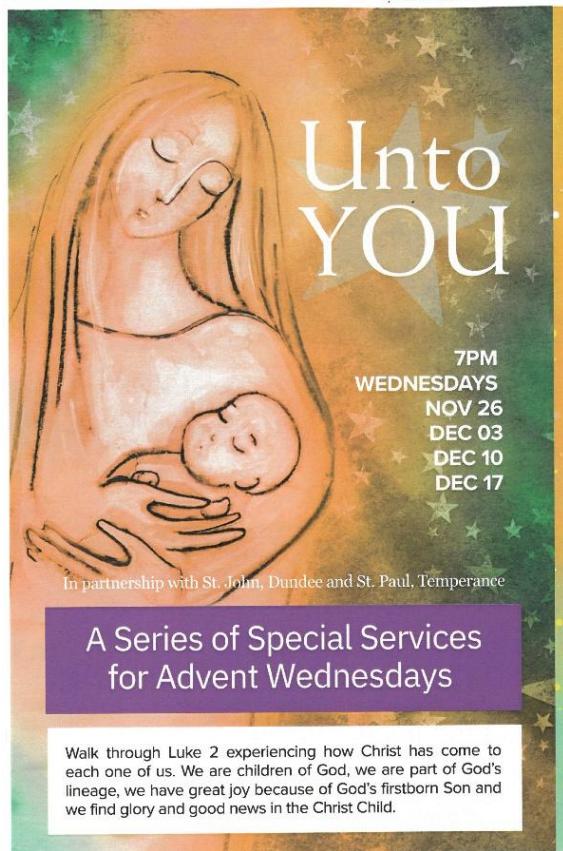
Congregation  
C F C G

Till we meet, \_\_\_\_\_ till we meet, \_\_\_\_\_ till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
C F C G C

Till we meet, \_\_\_\_\_ till we meet, \_\_\_\_\_ God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**



Today is name tag Sunday! Please fill one out and put it on!

This morning we welcome Brandy Gerber, who is filling in for our organist Ray Smith. Be sure to thank her for sharing her talent with us.

Please **send one Christmas card** for your entire Prince of Peace family. Your card will be displayed in the Narthex, with the others.

Local Events...

Dec 14 – Old Time Christmas Carol Sing Along @ St. Paul Lutheran Church 7771 High St in Maybee @ 1 :30 PM. Spend a relaxing hour singing traditional carols of old featuring musicians from St. Paul's on piano, organ and trombone! Refreshments follow. The event is free. Contact Sandra Lentner [s.lentner@chartermi.net](mailto:s.lentner@chartermi.net) if you have any questions.

Dec. 19 – Roast beef dinner @ E Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church, 6272 W Albain Rd. Monroe. Meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans or corn, applesauce or coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage & dessert. Adults \$12; kids 5-10 \$8; kids 4 & under free. Carry-out available! Proceeds benefit a different Monroe County charity organization each month

Dec 19 – John Tyner Chorale presents its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Fri Dec 19 @ 7:30 PM. The performance will be held in IHM Motherhouse Chapel 610 W Elm Ave Monroe, MI 48162. It's modeled after the Christmas Eve service that has taken place in Cambridge Cathedral in England since 1918. It includes scripture readings by various pastors and community leaders from the Monroe area with carols performed by the congregation and others by the John Tyner Choral. This style of service has been used widely around the world. The event is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be collected for the benefit of the performers and the IHM Chapel Concert Series.

**Serving our congregation this morning:**

Acolytes – Brent Jennings and Elijah Werner

Advent Candlelighter & Reader – Lindsey Griffith and Evelyn

Altar Guild – Barb DeLand, Kelsey Creguer and Cheryl Stotz

Fellowship Hour – Kim Stotz w/donations from Chris Knaggs

Liturgical Minister – Betty Nickel

Media – Kelsey Creguer

Organist – Brandy Gerber

Special Music – Children's Handbells will play *Still, Still, Still*

Ushers – Nick Hearl, Head Usher; Erin, Clara & Oliver

**Schedule:**

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Children's Handbells Play  
Fellowship Hour – 10:00 AM  
SS Program Practice – 10:15 AM  
Christmas Caroling to Homebound – 11:00 AM  
Monday: Dartball – St. Paul's Temperance @ PoP – 7:30 PM  
Tuesday: Alcohol Anonymous - 7:00 PM  
Wednesday: Advent Mid-Week Worship Service – 7:00 PM  
Thursday: Pickleball – 6 PM  
Saturday: SS Christmas Program Practice

**Coming Soon**

Sun Dec. 14 – Christmas Caroling to Homebound – 11 AM  
Sun Dec. 21 – Sunday School Christmas Program – 9 AM  
Wed Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 10 AM, 7 & 11 PM  
Thurs Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – no services  
Sun Dec. 28 – Lessons & Carols – 9 AM  
Wed Dec 31 – New Year's Eve – No Services  
Sun Jan 04 – “Un” Decorate the Sanctuary  
Tues Jan 06 – Adult Bible Study Resumes  
Sun Jan 11 – Sunday school & Catechism Resume  
Sun Jan 18 - Milestone

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# *Christmas*

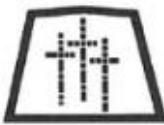
## EVE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

10:00 AM - FAMILY SERVICE

7:00 PM - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

11:00 PM - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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ELCA Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

The December Noisy Offering collected on  
will go to ELCA Disaster Response.