

SILVERSTREET LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRIST IS THE WORD. LIVE IT!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

The congregation of Silverstreet Lutheran Church welcomes you and invites you to worship with us. The liturgy and hymns are found in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), the green book in the pew racks. Additional hymns are sung from the blue book, With One Voice (WOV).

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Prelude: "Where the Promise Shines," Raney Silent Prayer
Adult Choir and Young Women's Ensemble, Jon Henry Gibson and Helen Shealy-Handbells

***Processional Hymn:** "All Earth Is Hopeful" WOV #629

***Call to Worship:** (Luke 1, Micah 5)

Leader: Rejoice in the presence and love of Christ.

All: We rejoice in the one who lives in our hearts.

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ brings justice and peace to our world.

All: We rejoice in the one who calls us to justice and peace.

Leader: Rejoice with faith and hope.

All: We rejoice in the one whose promises are true.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

All: Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Leader: God of mercy,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

Leader: God of might,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

Leader: God in our midst,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

Leader: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

All: Amen

***Greeting and Kyrie**

LBW pg 57

***Prayer of the Day:** (in unison) Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(The congregation may be seated)

THE LIGHTING OF THE LOVE ADVENT CANDLE

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," vs 4

LBW #34

Responsive Litany

Leader: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

Leader: When we longed for the silence to be broken,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

Leader: When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

Leader: When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding,

All: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.

The Candle Lighting-Dean and Kay Long

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," refrain

LBW #34

HEAR GOD'S WORD:

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Pew Bible pg 1445

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7 (read responsively)

Pew Bible pg 919

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Pew Bible pg 1873

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

***The Verse:** “Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?”

LBW pg 62

***The Gospel is Announced:** Glory to you, O Lord”

*Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Pew Bible pg 1588

***Response to the Gospel:** “Praise to you, O Christ”

Children’s Sermon: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,” vs 4

WOV #630

Message

Alana West

***Sermon Hymn:** “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

LBW #35

***Apostles’ Creed**

LBW pg 65

***Sharing of the Peace:** Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory: “Go, Tell It On the Mountain,” arr. Cherwien

Anthem: “I Still Believe in Christmas,” Betsy Smith, soloist

***Offertory:** “Create in me a clean heart...”

LBW pg 65

***Offering Prayer:**

Leader: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

All: Amen.

***Lord’s Prayer:** (sung by congregation)

*Blessing: Leader: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever.

All: Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

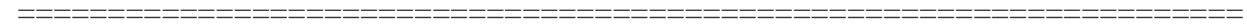
LBW #44

***Dismissal:** Leader: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude: “The First Noel,” Mary Grace Bryant

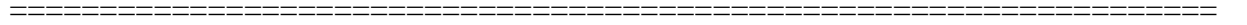
Silence for Reflection

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please remember the following in your prayers:
 Shirley Fant, Tayler Grace Kinard, Eric Longshore, Gerald Dominick, LueVester Davis, Robert Dorroh, Wanda Coleman, Pat Malcom, Marlene Moore, Brianna Neel, Peggy Longshore, Nancy Crone, Brenda Lester, Clayton Smith, Judy Bobb, Elizabeth Hayes, Clay Beck, Dianne Hunnicutt, Clarissa Hendrix, Johnny Sligh, and Louella Brehmer.



Offering and Attendance
 December 15, 2024

	Sunday School: 16	Worship: 96	
Current:-----	\$	1,231.00	
Sunday School:-----		15.00	
Memorials:-----		70.00	
In Honor:-----		20.00	
Needed Weekly:-----	\$	2,187.00	



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Leader:** Kim Crone
- Acolyte:** Peyton Piersol
- Christmas Eve:** Harper Piersol
- Next Sunday:** Harper Piersol
- Crucifer:** Cooper Piersol
- Christmas Eve:** Mary Grace Bryant
- Next Sunday:** Cooper Piersol
- Lay reader:** Helen Shealy
- Christmas Eve:** Katherine Cook
- Next Sunday:** Lessons and Carols

Altar flowers: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Johnny and Mary Ann Hayes.
Next week: Terry and Kim Crone

Ushers for December: Jay Piersol*, Bryan West**, Jerry Willingham and Alicia Willingham
Offering counters for December: George Piersol* and April Bryant
Securing the church for December: George Piersol

As a reminder, in order to be considered an active member of Silverstreet Lutheran Church, you must contribute and commune at least once each calendar year.

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Announcements and Upcoming Dates

Please let Mary Willingham know of any corrections or additions that need to be made to the 2025 SLC Yearbook.

All committee chairpersons are asked to have their end-of-year reports ready for inclusion in the 2025 Yearbook and turned into the office or Mary Willingham no later than today.

2025 altar flower calendar is in the narthex.

Committee Treasurers are asked to prepare their books for review/audit by the Audit Committee. Please turn those over to a members of the Audit Committee no later than January 12.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 6:00 p.m.

2025 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex.

Next Sunday will be a Service of Lessons and Carols beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Membership Committee will meet today in front of the organ box following the worship service in order to elect 2025 offices. (TC, Cayce, Casey, Dalton, Clay, and Alana)

The Children and Youth Committee will meet in the Conference Room next Sunday following the worship service to elect 2025 officers. (Shannon Bowers, Katherine Cook, Jessica Piersol, Christopher Smith, Clay Smith, and Brandy Wix)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2024

Christmas Eve
 Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14
 Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 29, 2024

A Service of Lessons and Carols