



Silverstreet Lutheran Church
December 29, 2024

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas

Joy to the world! Christ has come and Christmas is here!

Let all of creation sing praise to our God!

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

Organ and Piano Prelude: "A Joyous Christmas Medley," arr. Smith

***Processional Hymn:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

LBW #50

***Call To Worship**

Leader: Come! Look upon the baby Jesus, cradled in the arms of his mother.

All: Seeing this wondrous sight, may our hearts be comforted and our spirits filled with peace.

Leader: Come! Listen to choirs of angels announcing good news to all people.

All: Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart, not as history but as a gift.

All: Opening our hearts to this great mystery, may Christ be born in us today.

***Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

All: Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Leader: God-with us,

All: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day:** (in unison) Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

Children's Sermon: "Away in a Manger," vs 1
"Let There Be Peace on Earth," His Little Chimers

LBW #67

"We Would Worship Thee," Adult Choir

The reflections from Martin Luther are "drawn from Martin Luther's Christmas Book as translated and edited by Roland H. Bainton, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017."

First Reading: Luke 2:1-7
Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus
"What Child Is This," Women's Ensemble

Casey Lybrand
Dell Miller

Second Reading: Luke 2:8-16
Luther's reflections on the shepherds and angels
"I Love You, Lord Jesus," Children, Young Women's Ensemble, Adult Choir

Jan Piersol
Johnny Hayes

Third Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men
"The Birthday of a King," Adult Choir

Helen Shealy
Betsy Smith

Fourth Reading: John 1:1-5, 14-18
Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh
"Joseph's Lullaby," Christopher Smith

Susie Epting
Alicia Willingham

Leader: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(The congregation please stand)

***Congregational Hymn:** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

LBW #54

***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: "Still, Still, Still," arr. Manz

***Offering Song:** "I Wonder As I Wander"

WOV #642

***Offering Prayer:**

Leader: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing of joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join in the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

All: Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

(sung by congregation)

***Blessing:**

Leader: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always,

All: Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

LBW #55

***Dismissal:**

Leader: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain," Roland Smith

Ministers
Music Director/Pianist

Members of Silverstreet Lutheran Church
Mrs. Mary Ann D. Hayes

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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

Announcements and Upcoming Dates

There will be a special congregational meeting next Sunday following the worship service. All SLC members are urged to be present. The meeting is for discussion and vote on dissolution/ELCA disaffiliation PLEASE READ AND STUDY THE HANDOUT GIVEN TO YOU DECEMBER 15.

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.

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

Stewardship Committee will meet briefly following the worship service. (April Bryant, Kim Crone, Leland Epting, Dean Long, Dell Miller, George Piersol, Jay Piersol, Lindsay Piersol, and Mary Willingham)

With regret, Woolbrights Flowers and Gifts is no longer able to make altar flower arrangements.

JANUARY 8: LMM 7:00 a.m. Cooks are Jay Piersol and Nick Piersol
JANUARY 12: Church council 8:30 a.m.

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Leader: Kim Crone
Acolyte: Harper Piersol
Next week: Owen Bowers
Crucifer: Cooper Piersol
Next week: Karsen Wix
Lay reader next week: Nancy Ruff

Altar flowers: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Terry and Kim Crone.
Next week: Johnnie and Brandy Wix

Ushers for December: Jay Piersol*, Bryan West**, Jerry Willingham and Alicia Willingham
Ushers for January: Casey Lybrand*, Cayce Lybrand**, Terry Crone, and Shannon Bowers

Offering counters for December: George Piersol* and April Bryan
Offering counters for January: Christopher Smith* and Jan Piersol

Securing the church for December: George Piersol
Securing the church for January: Christopher Smith

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 5, 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Offering and Attendance
December 22, 2024

Sunday School: Worship: 78
Current:-----\$
Sunday School:-----
Needed Weekly:-----\$ 2,187.00

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Worship: