

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4th, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion,

¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates
 and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders
 and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth,
 a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶ God gives snow like wool,
 scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs.**

Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸ The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – C: **Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia.**

(Ps. 98:3)

Gospel – John 1:[1-9] 10-18

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 112

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS	
Worship Leader	Lauren Aldred
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OSLC Calendar of Events:

January 4, 2026	12:30 – Second Sunday of Christmas worship service; Lauren Aldred will lead worship.
January 11, 2026	12:30 – Baptism of Our Lord Holy communion service with Rev. Wendy McRae
January 18, 2026	12:30 – Second Sunday after Epiphany worship service with Lauren Aldred

Youth Group: Sundays, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29 at 2640 Goheen Street, use back basement entrance.

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10AM- Noon, use back basement entrance

Greeters- Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Starting in January we are looking for volunteers to arrive before the service to greet visitors.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for
Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief
of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
⁸See, I am going to bring
them from the land of the
north
and gather them from the
farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the
lame,
those with child and those in
labor together;
a great company, they shall
return here.
⁹With weeping they shall
come,
and with consolations I will
lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks
of water,
in a straight path where they
shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to
Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord,
O nations,
and declare it in the
coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel
will gather him
and will keep him as a
shepherd does a flock."
¹¹For the Lord has ransomed
Jacob
and has redeemed him from
hands too strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing
aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant
over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and
the oil,
and over the young of the
flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a
watered garden,
and they shall never
languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women
rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the
old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into
joy;
I will comfort them and give
them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill

of fatness,
and my people shall be
satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1: 3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth

in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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GOSPEL READING - John 1:[1-9] 10-18

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into

being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out,

"This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ