



First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025 - 10:00am

Pastor Peter Johnson

**Lakeside Community Lutheran Church
Webster, WI**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING

**Denotes stand as you are able*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.
We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.
We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.
Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High ELW 289**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers.
As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm
and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

We hear God's word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not act deceitfully,"
and he became their savior
⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,

who commanded, and they were created,
⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over
earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and
praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Child Is This

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*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.

*THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for
the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Response:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you,
O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Let The Vineyards**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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;**

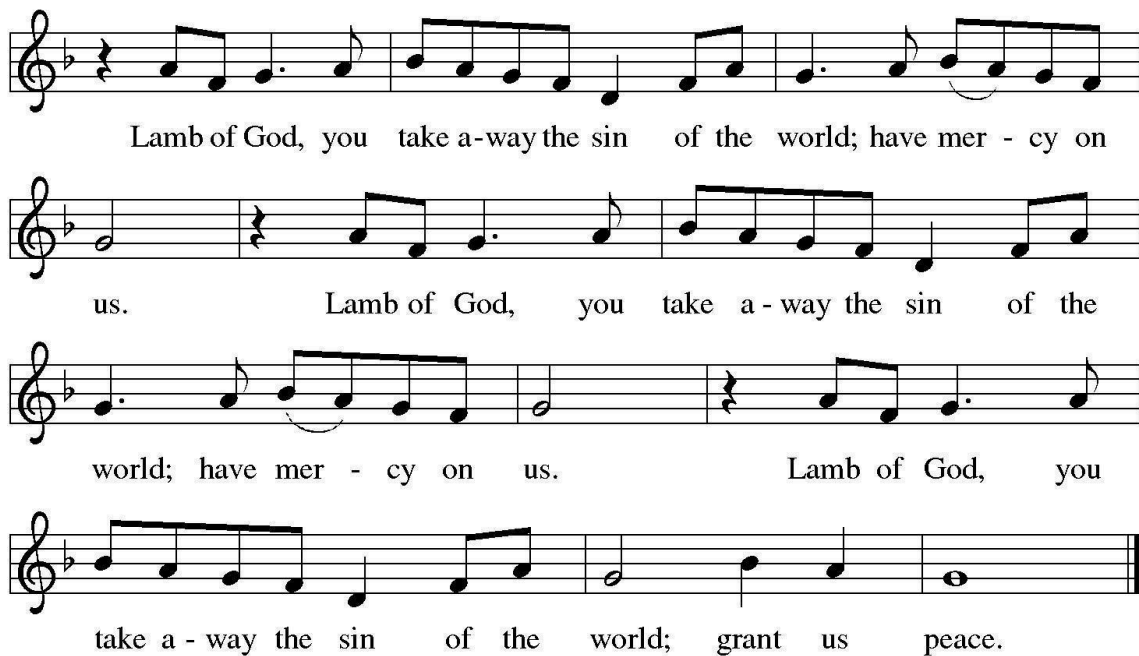
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table is set. The meal is prepared.
Come, ALL are welcome to the feast!

COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

The First Noel

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.
Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.
Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

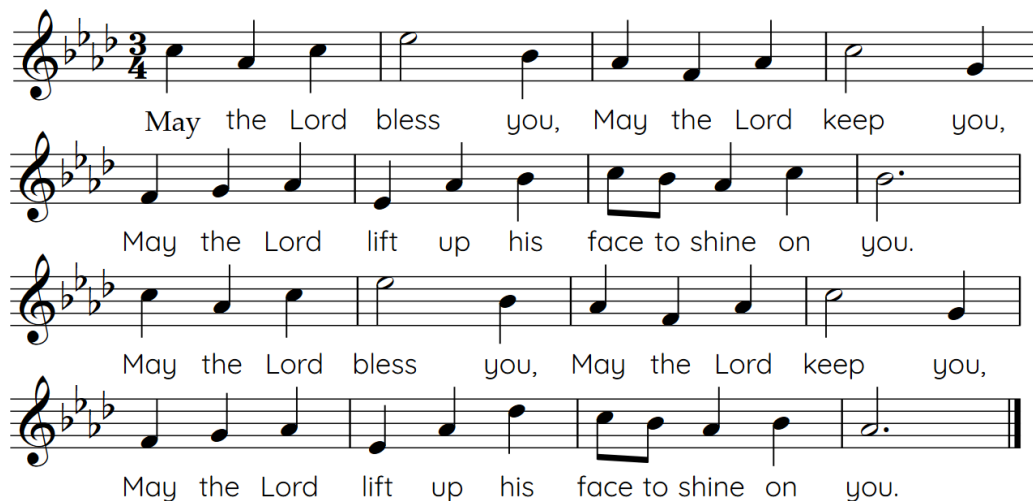
CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

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BENEDICTION SONG

May the Lord Bless You



May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Let us together lift up a prayer of thanks for today's participants:

Pastor Peter Johnson; Organist Judi Wilson; Producer, Tim Smith;
December Conveners, Pat & Daryl Sulander; and Shepherds, Ken &
Dotty Busby, Sandie Fisher, Steve & Marilynne Gallman, Mary Heenan,
and Dave Speidel.

**Watch your email for cancellation of church services due to inclement
weather. Notifications will be sent the Saturday before by 6PM.**

The ADRC noon meals are back up and running! Sign up in the narthex
24 hours in advance and Mick Peterson will call ADRC to make your
reservation. Meals are served most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays at 11:30 am.

Please take note of Lakeside's new phone number: (715) 624-4664.

This Week at Lakeside:

Monday, Dec. 29	11:30 am - ADRC*
	6 pm - Yoga
Tuesday, Dec. 30	9 am - Mission Quilter
	11:30 am - ADRC*
Wednesday, Dec 31	9 am - Yoga
Thursday, Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Friday, Jan. 2	11:30 am - ADRC*
Sunday, Jan. 4	9 am - Sunday School
	10 am - Worship with Holy Communion

**Sign up sheet in Narthex*