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Ministers: All the People of God

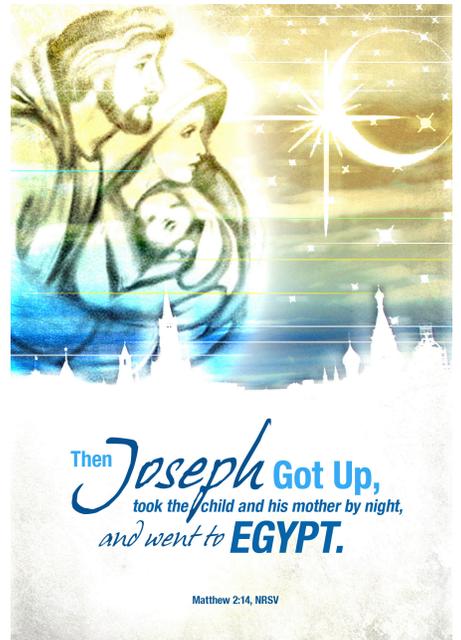
First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

Thank you for being the Body of Christ gathered here this morning.

It is good to be together. Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.



Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (to the tune of "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #295)

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: (sung): **We confess we're captive to our sin And cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you In thought, word, and deed.
By what we've done and left undone. We've not loved you with whole hearts;
We've not loved our neighbors well.**

**For the sake of your son, Our Lord Jesus Christ
Have mercy upon us. Forgive, renew, and lead
Help us to delight in your will And walk in your ways.
To the glory of your name. Evermore and evermore**

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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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

Special Music

Jeremiah 23: 1-4

Reader: Julie Brown

How terrible will be the Lord's judgment on those rulers who destroy and scatter his people! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the rulers who were supposed to take care of his people: "You have not taken care of my people; you have scattered them and driven them away. Now I am going to punish you for the evil you have done. I will gather the rest of my people from the countries where I have scattered them, and I will bring them back to their homeland. They will have many children and increase in number. I will appoint rulers to take care of them. My people will no longer be afraid or terrified, and I will not punish them again. I, the Lord, have spoken."

Psalm 13

How much longer will you forget me, Lord? Forever? How much longer will you hide yourself from me? How long must I endure trouble? How long will sorrow fill my heart day and night? How long will my enemies triumph over me?

Look at me, O Lord my God, and answer me. Restore my strength; don't let me die.

Don't let my enemies say, "We have defeated him." Don't let them gloat over my downfall.

I rely on your constant love; I will be glad, because you will rescue me.

I will sing to you, O Lord, because you have been good to me.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Announcement: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 2: verses 19 -23 **Glory to you, O Lord**

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go back to the land of Israel, because those who tried to kill the child are dead."

So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went back to Israel.

But when Joseph heard that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. He was given more instructions in a dream, so he went to the province of Galilee and made his home in a town named Nazareth. And so what the prophets had said came true: "He will be called a Nazarene."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon - Christian Britton

Hymn of the Day

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#275

- 1) Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born king.

- 2) Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. *[Refrain]*

- 3) Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen his natal star. *[Refrain]*

- 4) All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. *[Refrain]*

Apostle's 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

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

Offering

*You may put your offerings in the basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary -
or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net --
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

The Meal

The Preface (to the Tune of "O Come All Ye Faithful" # 283)

Presider: The Lord be-e with you,

Congregation: **And with you, His servant.**

Presider: O come, let us lift our hearts unto-o the Lord.

Congregation: **With hearts up lifted, thanks to Him we render;**

With joy we come before Him, in gratefulness implore Him

With thankful hearts adore Hi-im, e-evermore

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Thanks the praise be to You, heavenly Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old your faithful people waited for the day of your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and you sent Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

The Sanctus (to the tune of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #270)

Congregation: **Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!**

Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!

Hail, hosanna, God most high; blest is he who now draws nigh.

In the name of God the King; hallelujahs glad we sing;

Hail, hosanna praises due; be forever, Lord, to you.

The Words of Institution

Presider: On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord took bread, 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."

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (to the time of "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" #282)

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, Most holy be Your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth - In heav'n the same.

Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You In grateful love we bow;

And Your's the pow'r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.

The glory Your's; Your praise be sung By angel hosts and men

In ev'ry land, by ev're tongue Forevermore! Amen.

Invitation to Communion - Presider: This is the Lord's table, so all are welcome!

Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

Lamb of God (to the tune of From Heaven Above #268)

O Lamb of God, You take away The sin of all; now hear us pray.

And grant us from our sin release; Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!

Communion Hymns: 272, 277, 281

Post Communion Blessing

Thanksgiving (to the tune of God Rest You Merry Gentlemen)

O, thank the Lord and sing his praise, What he hath done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice And proudly bear his name
Who leads his thankful people forth His promises to claim.
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy O, tidings of comfort and joy!
Lord, let Your servants go in peace, Your word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the saving work Which for the world You willed;
The glory of your chosen ones As light for all revealed.
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy O, tidings of comfort and joy!

O, praise to God the Father And praise to God the Son.
And praise to God the Spir-ir-it Most bless-ed Three in One.
As 'twas is now, and e'er shall be While endless ages run!
O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy O, tidings of comfort and joy!

Prayer

Benediction (to the tune of Angels We Have Heard on High # 289)

Presider: May the good Lord bless and keep Cause his face on you to shine Look on you with favor deep
Granting you His peace divine.

Congregation: **Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!**

Sending Hymn

"Joy to the World"

#267

- 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3) No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	12pm	Al-Anon
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Carlton Christy (at the request of the Graffs). Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Robin Smith (Graff's niece), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece)

Announcements:

Giving Update: November Actual Giving - \$ 19,283.68 November Budget - \$ 17,083.33 November Variance - \$2,200.35 YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of November 30, 2025 is (\$10,825.14)

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

It's Annual Meeting time again:

All committee reports **must** be submitted by 12/31/2025 (alc.churchoffice@gmail.com)

The church council will be approving the budget on 1/13/26 and will be available to membership after that for review.

The annual report will need to be printed by 1/14/25. Our annual meeting is 1/25/26

The church is selling the organ. It is an Allen organ model no. MDS16. We are asking \$300.

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Loretta 509-447-3440

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If it is an emergency and you cannot contact Pastor Bob, Pastor Tom Inch, Zion-Deer Park interim is available He can be reached at 509-398-0258 and inchworm57@live.com.

Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and afrederick2018@outlook.com

