

Responsive Prayer

P You, O God, light our path with truth.

C Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

P In his light, draw all to the manger

C To gather in wonder with the shepherds.

P In his light, we sing

C sing for joy with the angels.

P Through the light of his life

C cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

P O loving God, show us the way.

C In the light of Christ, show the world the way of life.

Amen

Celebration of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "The First Noel" LBW 56

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing and Benediction

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" LBW 70

Dismissal

P Go in peace!

C Thanks be to God!



December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

UPLIFTED IN PRAYER

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord, for the pastor you have chosen to lead CTS. Please grant the Call Committee wisdom and insight in guiding them to this person.

Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful new windows and the story they tell. What a joy it is to look upon them. Thank you for the people who have graciously given money in order to make them possible.

Health concerns:

Members:

Blake Olson
Dallas Puls
Lonnie Svitak
Duane Theil
Gary Weich
Donna Young
Roger Young

Friends & Family

Tracy Brandt
Donna Day
Charley Hales
Lois Mueller
Mia Nowak
Boyd Reeg
Neve Richards
Millie Drey's cousin Richard



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeff Petersen, Dec. 28

Rich Olson, Dec. 29

CALENDAR

Today

10:00 Worship

11:00 Youth group

Pastor out Monday & Tuesday

Friday church office closed

Saturday

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Next Sunday, Jan. 2

10:00 Worship

First Communion

Sunday school resumes Jan. 16

Welcome and Announcements

“Joy to the World”

LBW 39

Dialogue

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined.

C We have seen the glory of Christ, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.

P For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Most Gracious God, You once caused that holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Turn our thoughts toward Bethlehem and the Christ-child. May the words of Scripture we hear remind us again of the amazing gift you have given us. May the carols we sing reveal the mystery of Jesus’ birth. May the candle we light symbolize your Son as the Light of the world. And, may all people who have known that Light be assured of God’s gracious love through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C Be with us, O Lord, in our worship today. Amen.

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” vv. 1, 4 **LBW 54**

Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Offering

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” vv. 1, 3, 4 **LBW 41**

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” **LBW 55**

Fourth Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

“What Child Is This” **LBW 40**

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” vv. 1-2 **LBW 50**

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” vv. 3-4 **LBW 50**