

Announcements

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow (Dec. 25), Friday, Dec. 26 & Thurs., Jan. 1 for New Year’s Day.

2025 Christmas Offering: Good Samaritan Community Benevolence Fund

Through Sun., Jan. 4, 100% of your gift will go directly to fund qualified emergency needs in the Rochester area. The funds are administered by Pastor David & Jim Klepper.

Missions Speaker this Sunday: Lori Braatz - Missionary in Honduras

Lori is a full-time missionary supported financially by Evangel, who will be deploying to Honduras in Jan. 2026. She will speak at both services and share her story/answer questions at the Drop-In class in-between services. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about her journey and learn more about the work God has called her to do.

Prayer Concerns

- Roy Albrecht had a stroke on Dec. 16 and is home recovering.
- Barb Fritsche will have back surgery on Mon., De. 29.
- Sandy Hart continues to recover from abdominal surgery.
- Paul Johnson fell and broke his right leg. He had surgery on Dec. 19 to place a metal rod.
- Kristie Kassel had surgery to remove an ovarian cyst on Dec. 17.
- Deanna Schmudlach had surgery on her arm on Dec. 22.

Continued Prayers

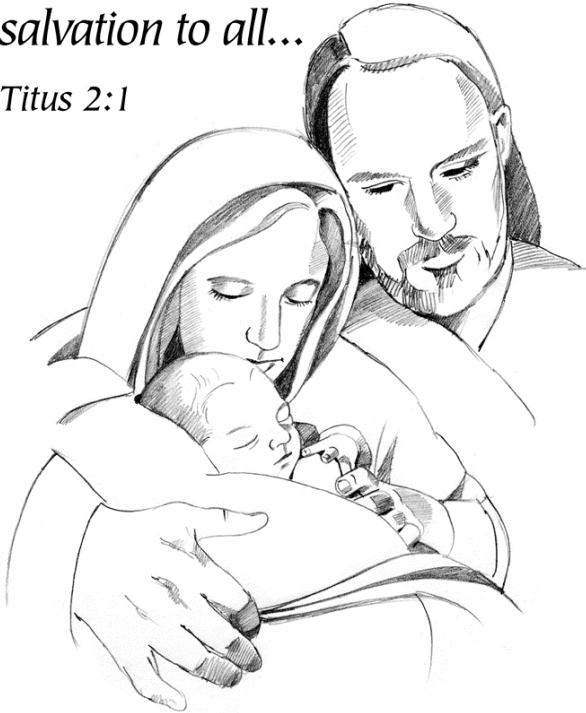
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| • Wayne Blagsvedt – Mobility issues | • Cody Evans - College student           |
| • Jeff Copeman – Memory issues      | • Payton Evans – College student         |
| • Bob Craven – Stroke recovery      | • Elois Fanning – Mobility issues        |
| • Karen Craven – Stroke recovery    | • Dale Fiek – Memory and mobility issues |
| • Carson Eide – College student     | • Sylvia Fishel – Multiple health issues |
| • Josh Elgin – College student      | • Abbey Flodstrom – College student      |

Poinsettias – In Honor & Memory

- Gary Hebrink, in memory of Fay Drescher.
- Evangel Senior Choir, in memory of Harold Wright, Deanne Kisrow, Tom Tempero, Loyce Brown, Neill Heusinkveld & Sue McRoberts.
- David & Reese Werner, in honor of Jesus' birth - Hallelujah!
- Jim & Pat Cooper, in honor of their children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.
- Gene & Hailey Long, in memory of Barb Schroeder.
- Hal & Jane Kossman, in honor of David, Mark, Jill & their grandchildren.
- Pearl Hulsebus & family, in memory of Jim Hulsebus.
- Sandra Hart, in memory of loved ones.
- Roger Erickson, in memory of Christine Goodall.
- Paul & Carol Johnson, in memory of their grandparents.
- Visual Arts Committee, in memory of Barb Schroeder.
- Marilyn Bastian, in memory of Wayne Bastian.
- Leon & Linda Gregg, in memory of choir members who have passed to glory.
- Elaine Schmidt, in honor of those who raked leaves for seniors.
- Myrna Kroening, in memory of her husband, Curt Kroening and son-in-law, Kim Tabbert.
- Ed & Linda Manthei, in honor of all church staff.
- Roberta Broadwater, in memory of Ronald Broadwater.
- Ethel Renner, in memory of Harry Renner.

For the grace of God has  
appeared, bringing  
salvation to all...

Titus 2:1



Welcome to  
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December 24, 2025

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
**2:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm**

GATHERING                      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

PRELUDE “O Holy Night”

WORSHIP PREPARATION: Reflect on how Jesus brings light and life in the midst of darkness and winter.

# WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING CAROL: “There’s a Song in the Air” .....#249 (vs.1-2)

***READINGS AND CAROLS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD***

LIGHT

Scripture & Reflection: Matthew 6:22-23

Carol: “There’s a Song in the Air” ..... #249 (vs.3-4)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

DARKNESS

Scripture & Reflection: Isaiah 59:9-10

Carol & Canticle: “Canticle of Light and Darkness”.....#205 (Response 3, sung)

GOD IS LIGHT  
 Scripture & Reflection: 1 John 1:5-7 & Exodus 13:21  
 Carol: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"..... #211 (vs.1,6) with Antiphons

THE PROMISED MESSIAH IS GOD’S LIGHT TO OUR DARKNESS

Scripture & Reflection: Isaiah 9:1-2

Carol: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”.....#218 (vs.1,3,4)

Memory Verse

THE LIGHT OF JESUS' BIRTH  
 Scripture & Reflection: Luke 2:4-7  
 Lighting of the Christ Candle  
 Choir Anthem: "Come, Let Us Adore Him".....Hallquist & McDonald

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

Scripture & Reflection: John 8:12

Carol: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”.....#240 (vs.1,3)

Offering: “Special Christmas Offering” Evangel’s Good Samaritan Fund

\*Doxology & Offertory Prayer: “What Child Is This” .....#219 (refrain only)

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY

Scripture & Reflection: Revelation 21:23

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....#230 (vs.1-2)

"Canticle of Hope".....#734

WE CAN HAVE THE LIGHT OF JESUS  
 Scriptures & Reflection: Ephesians 5:14 and 2 Corinthians 4:6  
 Special Music “Shine on Us” (Phillips, Craig & Dean)

WE REFLECT JESUS' LIGHT

Scripture & Reflection: Matthew 5:14-16	
Carol: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain".....	251 (vs.1,3)
Children's Message.....	Jim Klepper & Clancy Crave

***CANDLELIGHT SERVICE***

RECEIVING THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT  
 Scripture & Reflection: Luke 2:8-20  
 \*Forming a Circle and Candle Lighting  
 \*Carol: "Silent Night".....#239 (vs.1-4; verses 3-4 a capella)

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

## \*ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE	“Noel”	Traditional
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We will end this service with a Candle lighting ceremony. Everyone is asked to pick up an unlit candle as they enter the service. Later in the service, the congregation will be invited to take their unlit candles and form a circle around the sanctuary. Candles will be lit from one to another as we sing the final carol. Battery operated candles will also be available.

**\*Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.**

Special Music Singers:	Instrumental:
Jim Klepper, Helen Duff & Clancy Craven (2:30p & 4:30p)	Tom Burson, Organ
Jim Klepper, Helen Duff & Becky Pierce (6:30p)	Brian Nass, Piano

Scripture Readers:  
Roger & Janet Guderian 2:30p, Patrick & Samantha McDonough 4:30p, Helen Duff & Becky Pierce 6:30p

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor	Mike Aakre, Office Administrator
Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth	Stephanie Mettler, Youth Director
Clancy Craven, Assoc. Director of Connections & Growth	Pam Wright, Choir Director
Fant Steele, Media Technology Coordinator	Tom Burson, Organist

### Memory Verse

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
-Isaiah 9:6*