

Welcome!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is truly a special place. We are a growing congregation with a long history of service in our community. We have opportunities for everyone to connect and deepen their faith in Jesus, such as small groups, music ensembles, service teams, and much more. So jump on in and join us in ministry!

Our church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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Communion at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Communion for all who wish to receive it is offered at all weekend services.

Worshipers who are physically unable to come forward may receive communion in their seats (please let the usher know). Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also offered at each of the communion stations at all worship services.

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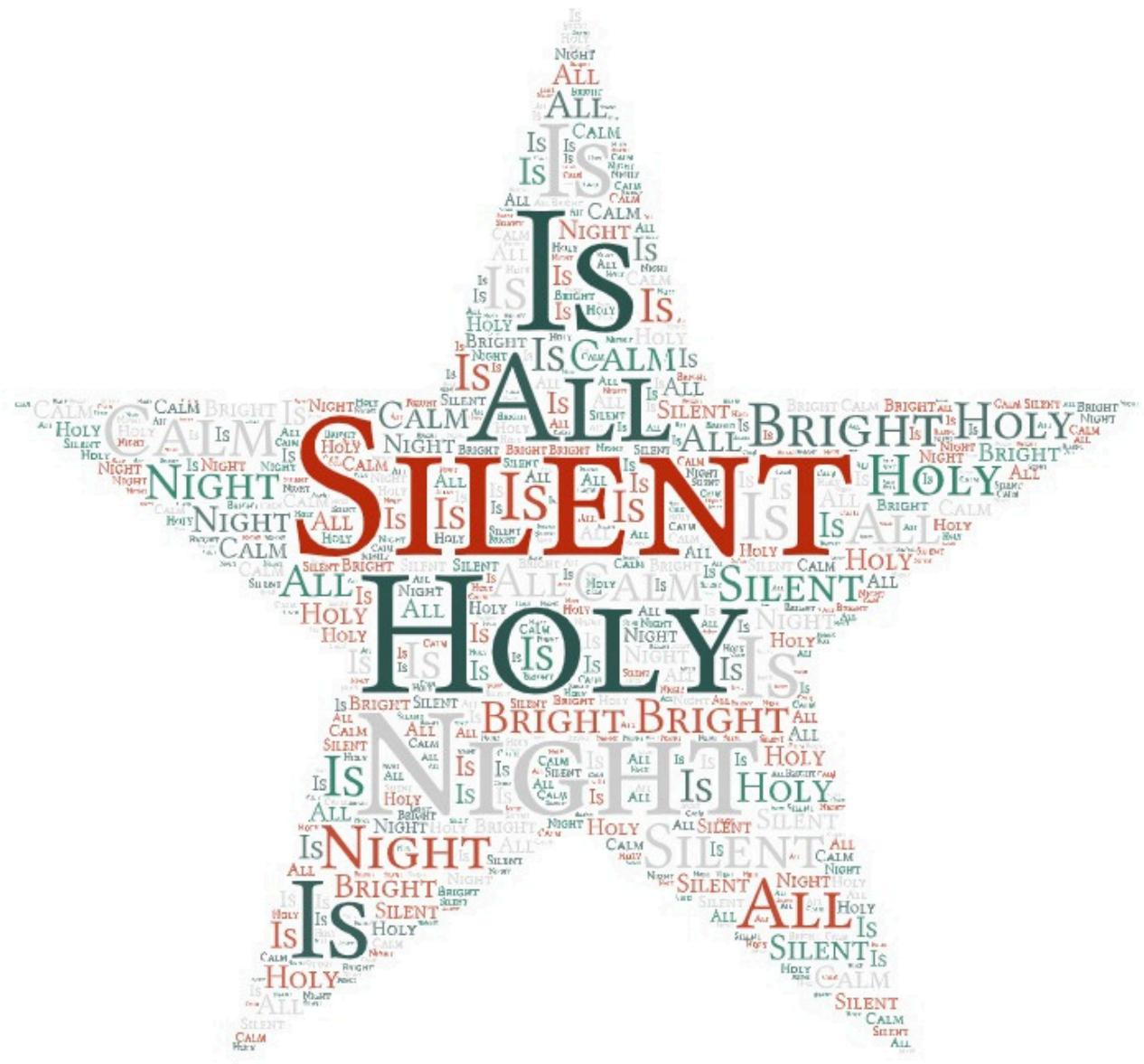
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GLORIA DEI

LUTHERAN CHURCH



A SONG BORN IN STILLNESS

"Silent night, holy night..."

Few hymns calm the heart the way this one does. Its melody slows our breathing; its words invite us into a moment of stillness. And perhaps that is exactly why this hymn endures—because it captures something essential about the night Jesus was born.

When God stepped into human history, He did it quietly. Not with trumpets. Not with armies. Not with fanfare. He came in a silent night.

Leader: On this holy night, in the stillness of Bethlehem, God came near.

People: We gather to worship the One who brings peace to our world and light to our darkness.

Leader: The child born in a manger comes to quiet our fears.

People: The Savior wrapped in cloths wraps us in God's love.

Leader: Let our hearts be still and our spirits be open.

People: For on this silent night, Christ is born.

All: Glory to God in the highest! Let us worship the Lord.

Opening Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful" ELW #

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,
who on a silent and holy night revealed to the world the radiant light of Your Son:
grant that the peace and stillness of His birth may calm our hearts, and that His
pure light may shine through our lives; so that, guided by Your grace, we may
reflect His love in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer List

COMFORT

- Family & friends of Stephanie's husband: friend of Valorie Stokes
- Family & friends of Charlotte Gray: Aunt of Key Lehr
- Family & friends of Larry Bridell: Pam Kerns

THANKSGIVING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 24th ~ 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- December 24th ~ 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 28th is the Last Day to turn in donations for 2025 yearly statements.

Prayer List

HEALING

- Lenior: Ralph Jacob
- Jessica & Joahans Seidler
- Karen Calnan
- Jerry Shireman
- Kevin Engles: Pam Kerns
- Elizabeth Long: niece of Bob Long
- Jennifer Shireman
- Lona Efaw
- Patrick Borders: Pam Kerns
- Richard Heath: brother of Cheryl Christensen
- Mary Henderson : Pam Kerns
- Bill Stancil: Jo Ellen Witt
- Ellie Bargmann
- Jeff Voth: Kay Lehr
- Jeff Boomgarden
- Starla Bargmann: Ellie Bargmann

MILITARY

- Wounded Warriors: Gayle & Rena Mason
- Brandon Curtis: Mark Sherbo's nephew
- Dawn Michael: Cheryl Christensen
- Mylo Lassiter: Nephew of Mark Sherbo
- Danny Webster: Mary Engebretson

CONCERN

- For Students finishing the school year: Mason family
- Those traveling during holidays
- Mary Weekley: Pam Kerns
- Dan & Lorrie Wolf

Isaiah 9:2-7

- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
- 3 You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
- 4 For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Leader: Into a weary world, a child was born.

People: Into the darkness, God sent His light.

Leader: The night was silent, yet heaven could not stay quiet.

People: Angels filled the sky with songs of peace and joy.

Leader: "Do not be afraid," they proclaimed.

People: For unto us is born this day a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Leader: Shepherds hurried to see the miracle of God's love.

People: And we, too, come with wonder and hope.

Leader: On this holy night, the light of Christ shines upon us.

People: And the darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the One who brings peace to every heart.

All: Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is born! Glory to God!

TITUS 2:11-14

11 The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

"Angels We Have Heard On High" ELW

THE HOLY GOSPEL**LUKE 2:1-14 [15-20]**

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

8 Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ...

Important Dates!**Every Day**

Nativity Display

Monday - Friday

9:30 am Grandpa Coffee Day Care

Tuesday

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday (Christmas Eve)

5:00 pm Christmas Family Service; 7:00 pm Choir Practice; 8:00 pm Christmas Candles Service

Thursday & Friday

Office Closed for Holiday

Saturday

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday

9:00 am Worship; ***Last Day to turn in 2025 offerings**

Altar Flowers

Dec 21 Give thanks for the birth of Jesus the Christ child.
~ Armand & Jo Matthews



Poinsettias Dedications

In loving memory of Roger Lehr ~ Kay Lehr

*In loving memory of parents Adelino & Alzia Tavares, Bill & Ann
Worthington ~ John & Mary Ann Tavares*

To the glory of God ~ Jodi Fox

*In loving memory of Mary Lou, Lynda, and Howard Sortland
~ Kurt Sortland*

In loving memory of Esther and Carl Beireis ~ Kurt Sortland

*In Honor of Our Parents and Tillie's Grandparents
~ The De Leons (Treva, Tillie & Ricardo)*

*In Memory of Our Grandparents ~ The De Leons
(Treva, Tillie & Ricardo)*

*In Memory of Celso De Leon ~ The De Leons
(Treva, Tillie & Ricardo)*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-14 [15-20]

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, 19 and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.]

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*" ELW #

OFFERING PRAYER:

Silent night, holy night, Jesus, Lord, bless our gifts tonight. In the calm of Your love shining bright, may these offerings share Your hope and light. Guide our hearts as we give— this we pray, Lord, in Your love. Amen.

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.

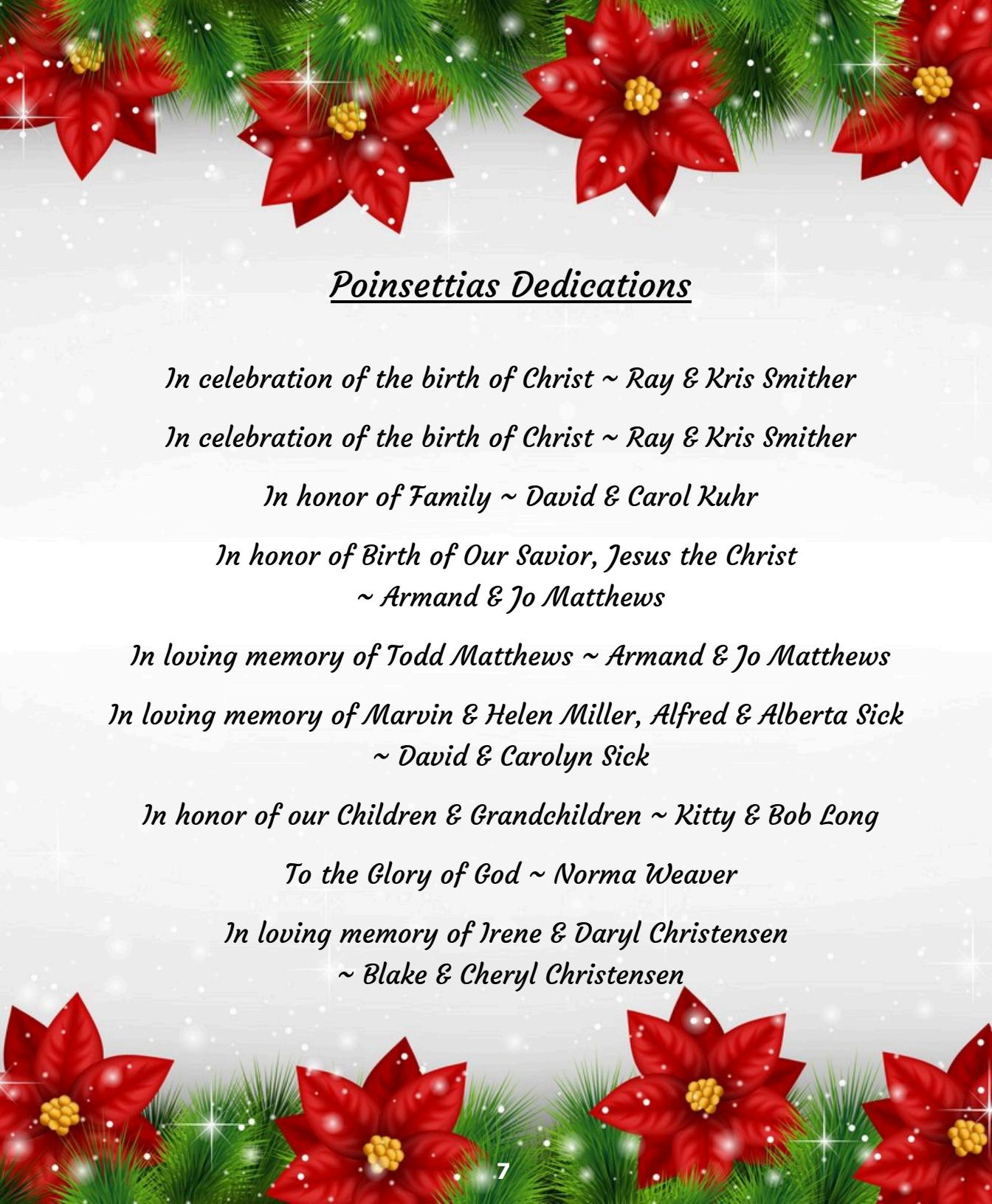
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

A:

*Each petition ends with,

A: "Hear us, O God," C: " Your mercy is great."



Poinsettias Dedications

In celebration of the birth of Christ ~ Ray & Kris Smither

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In honor of Family ~ David & Carol Kuhr

*In honor of Birth of Our Savior, Jesus the Christ
~ Armand & Jo Matthews*

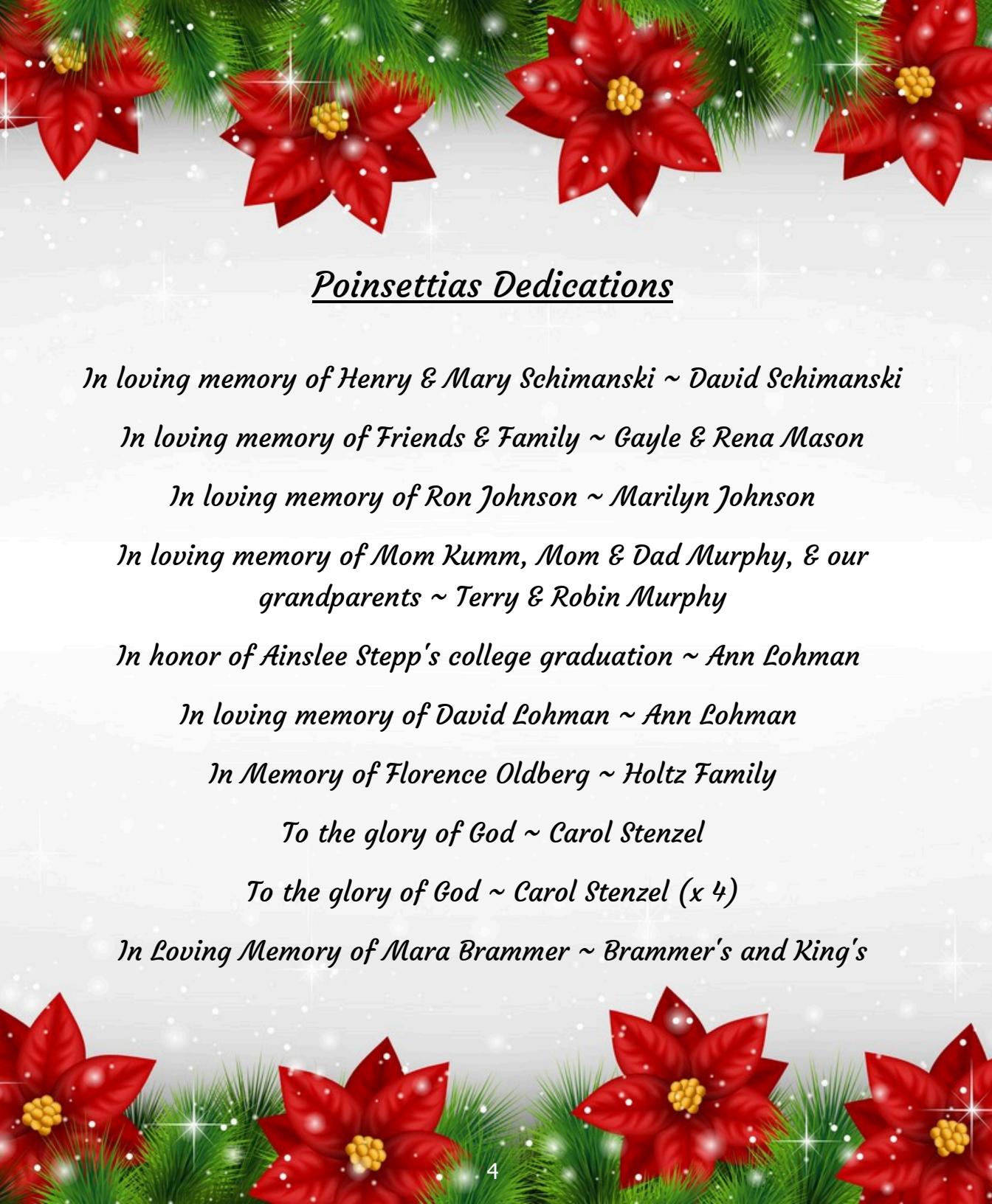
In loving memory of Todd Matthews ~ Armand & Jo Matthews

*In loving memory of Marvin & Helen Miller, Alfred & Alberta Sick
~ David & Carolyn Sick*

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren ~ Kitty & Bob Long

To the Glory of God ~ Norma Weaver

*In loving memory of Irene & Daryl Christensen
~ Blake & Cheryl Christensen*



Poinsettias Dedications

In loving memory of Henry & Mary Schimanski ~ David Schimanski

In loving memory of Friends & Family ~ Gayle & Rena Mason

In loving memory of Ron Johnson ~ Marilyn Johnson

*In loving memory of Mom Kumm, Mom & Dad Murphy, & our
grandparents ~ Terry & Robin Murphy*

In honor of Ainslee Stepp's college graduation ~ Ann Lohman

In loving memory of David Lohman ~ Ann Lohman

In Memory of Florence Oldberg ~ Holtz Family

To the glory of God ~ Carol Stenzel

To the glory of God ~ Carol Stenzel (x 4)

In Loving Memory of Mara Brammer ~ Brammer's and King's

Pastor

As Jesus shared bread with His friends, offering Himself for our redemption, so now we give You thanks for this holy meal and for the mystery of grace that meets us here.

People: Holy night, lifted sight—feed us with Your love.

Pastor

Therefore, with angels and shepherds, with Mary and Joseph, with all who have sung through the ages, we join the unending hymn:

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

COMMUNION

Hymns:

"What Child Is This" ---Gloria Dei Choir

"Away In The Manger"

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader:

Gracious God,

You have fed us at Your table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

As we leave this holy meal,
send us out as bearers of Your light,
messengers of Your peace,
and witnesses to Your love made flesh in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CANDLELIGHT LITURGY — “The Light Shines in the Night”

“Silent Night, Holy Night” sing twice

BENEDICTION — “Go in the Light of Christ”

May the quiet joy of this holy night fill your heart with peace,
your home with hope, and your life with the light of Christ.
As you go from this place, may the One born in the manger
guide your steps, calm your fears,
and shine through you into the world.

Go in peace.

Go in hope.

Go in the radiant light of Christ.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Joy To The World”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Together With Christ.....We Care!



Poinsettias Dedications

*In loving memory of our parents, John & Bonnie Sherbo,
Marian Crooks ~ Mark & Julie Sherbo*

In loving memory of Becky Dovel ~ Greg Dovel

To the glory of God ~ Dale & Elaine Brouk

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To the glory of God ~ Keith, Julia, & Anya Kuhn

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To the glory of God ~ May Engebretson

In loving memory of Roxanne Mead ~ The Mead families

In loving memory of Kathy McCann ~ The Mead families

In loving memory of Bob & Bobbie Nelson ~ Lloyd & Pam Kerns